Measure W: Willowgrove Endorsements

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ELECTED LEADERSHIP

Christopher Cabaldon
State Senator, 3rd District (Yolo County)

"Addressing our affordable housing crisis is the biggest challenge we face as a state, and Willowgrove is what it looks like when a community steps up to meet it on its own terms. This project didn't skip the hard conversations and public engagement: years of public meetings, an approved subdivision map, dedicated housing for neighbors too often left behind, and parks built for the whole community. Davis can lead the way in community-driven responsible growth through projects like Willowgrove — without giving up the charm and small-town feel that makes Davis unique. I am proud to endorse Measure W and hopeful Davis voters will say Yes in November."

Cecilia Aguilar-Curry
Assembly Majority Leader, 4th District (Winters)

"I've had the honor of representing Davis in the Legislature for the past decade. As a second generation family farmer, I want to protect our open space. But Yolo County's future also depends on giving our young families a real chance to put down roots here. Measure W shows we don't have to choose. By approving Willowgrove with Measure W, we can provide much-needed family housing while offsetting twice as much prime farmland. I'm proud to endorse this Measure."

Jesse Arreguin
State Senate Housing Chairman, 7th District (East Bay)

"California's housing shortage is among the most urgent challenges facing our state, and every community has a responsibility to be part of the solution. Measure W sets a standard other communities should follow: affordable housing built first; over $21 million in community parks and amenities funded entirely by the developer, at no cost to taxpayers; and a landmark commitment to housing for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities — one of the first of its kind in the region. This is the kind of responsible, community-driven growth California needs, and Davis should be proud to embrace it."

Donna Neville
Mayor, City of Davis

"I am an enthusiastic supporter of the Willowgrove project. As a council member I often hear complaints from constituents that developers, and not the community or city council, are in the driver's seat when designing development projects. That is not the case here: over the past four years, the development team formed a true partnership with Davis community members by listening to their concerns and repeatedly tailoring the project to meet those needs. The result is a project that has truly been designed by community members to meet the needs of our community. Willowgrove has the strongest and most attainable affordable housing commitment in Davis' history, a pre-approved subdivision map, which means that housing construction can happen sooner, and more than $21 million in developer-funded parks and community amenities. And, last but not least, the project includes 20 housing units dedicated for intellectually disabled adults. This, along with the other project features, truly demonstrates a commitment to inclusivity and a community that welcomes everyone."

Lucas Frerichs
Yolo County Supervisor, 2nd District

"I have been involved personally and weighing in almost every single housing development in the last 20 years in this community, and the Willowgrove project is almost unparalleled in terms of its quality. This is such an incredible moment for our community, this is the moment to get this project across the finish line."

Gloria Partida
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Davis

"Willowgrove represents the best of Davis' ideals. It's community-focused, inclusive and creates opportunities where they're needed most. On top of providing parks and amenities the entire community can enjoy, two of the project's most impressive commitments are its unprecedented affordable housing plan that requires no City funding and approved subdivision map (which significantly shortens the timeline to build). Join me in supporting this project."

Linda Deos
Davis City Councilmember

"It was a pleasure to work with the Willowgrove team and ownership to bring something truly special to Davis. Their dozens of public outreach meetings, in addition to their commitment to an approved subdivision map before the vote and unprecedented commitment to affordable housing and park amenities is rare and exciting."

Bapu Vaitla
Davis City Councilmember

"Willowgrove will be an excellent addition to our community. Davis is facing a major housing shortage. Young families can't afford to purchase their first home. Renters are struggling with high prices. Our economy and our schools are suffering for the lack of housing opportunity. Willowgrove faces these challenges squarely, offering an affordable housing plan that will get units built without funding from the city, as well as a range of affordably priced for-sale homes. In addition, their green space, parks, trails, and other amenities fit perfectly into the character of Davis. Please join me this November in supporting Willowgrove's thoughtful vision for housing in Davis!"

Josh Chapman
Davis City Councilmember

"This is a premier affordable housing plan that sets a new standard for future developments in Davis. With 250 deed-restricted affordable units built right out of the gate without relying on city loans, Willowgrove proactively tackles our equity crisis. Just as importantly, it integrates housing for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and invests heavily in community parks designed for equitable access. It is a major step forward in building a truly inclusive Davis, which is why I fully support Measure W."

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

Greg Rowe
Davis Planning Commissioner

"I began evaluating Environmental Impact Reports for large residential projects in 1984, both in my jobs and on city commissions. In my experience, Willowgrove is the most exceptional project I have ever encountered."

Rachael Fulp-Cooke
Davis Planning Commissioner

"Housing is one of the most important challenges facing Davis, and Willowgrove is exactly the kind of thoughtful, forward-looking project that I am proud to support. The developer didn't simply do what was required; they chose to provide even more affordable homes, include homes for people with developmental disabilities, and build two lighted softball fields that will serve Davis families for generations. Willowgrove is exactly the kind of project Davis should be saying yes to, and I am proud to support Measure W."

Georgina Valencia
Davis Planning Commissioner

"Working with people of integrity creates an environment of trust, reliability, and respect. This statement comes to mind when I think about my conversations with the Willowgrove Development Team. The team listened to various stakeholder groups and made a best effort to satisfy the concerns and needs of our citizens. If you don't vote for this project you are not vested in the future of our community."

Eileen Samitz
Former Davis Planning Commissioner

"Willowgrove is an excellent project which raises the bar for good planning for Davis setting a new standard for future projects to meet. For the first time, Davis voters will be able to see the subdivision map and have certainty about what the project will actually be. It is well designed with many amenities including a beautiful park including a gym funded by the developer, generous greenspace, safe access via the existing Covell underpass, predominantly smaller houses on smaller lots, and an excellent affordable housing plan. Thanks to community input that the developers were receptive to, Willowgrove has turned out to likely be the best project ever proposed in Davis."

COMMUNITY VOICES

A sample of the hundreds of Davis residents, educators, and community leaders who support Measure W.

INCLUSIVE HOUSING

"Locating affordable housing is the number one goal for people with developmental disabilities building their independent life. Alta California Regional Center will help provide the services and supports needed to live independently. But, the first step is always finding a safe and affordable place to live. Willowgrove is creating a partnership with Alta Regional to create dedicated housing for people with developmental disabilities. This is an exciting partnership bringing equity to a marginalized community."

Cynthia True

"I support the Willowgrove development because it will include IDD housing—safe, affordable homes designed for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities so they can live independently with support. As a former special education teacher, parent, and proud member of the recovery community, I believe this project is a practical and necessary step toward making Davis more inclusive and sustainable."

Jessica Guerrieri

"My family experienced homelessness when I was young, so I understand firsthand the difference a stable, affordable home can make. A home is more than shelter; it gives us the stability to work, learn, care for our families, and take part in community life. That is why I am proud to support Willowgrove. It includes 250 affordable homes, with at least 20 reserved for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This commitment to affordability and inclusion will give more of us the chance to stay in Davis and build our futures here."

Zachariah Oquenda — Davis Police Accountability Commissioner

HOUSING & AFFORDABILITY

"I firmly believe Davis needs new housing and this specific project is a great fit for our community. This project has a strong affordable housing element, accelerated timelines to get homes ready for move in, excellent recreational and community component and so much more. The location makes perfect sense within the existing footprint of our town and is just something we are in dire need of here in Davis!"

Tanner Mohr

"To me, the Willowgrove development project checks so many of the boxes Davis has been talking about and needing for years. It's in a great location, it's a great size and it's coming at a great time for our community, which desperately needs new housing. From the beginning, the developers have been transparent about what they are proposing and have laid out a clear plan and timeline for making it happen. It is a thoughtful, well-planned project and I give it my full support."

Val Gerriets

"Housing is an essential need for our community, this project provide much needed amenities as well as community space as well to help this part of our City."

Adam Mayberry — AIA

SCHOOLS & FAMILIES

"As a teacher at Patwin Elementary, I see firsthand why Davis needs affordable and family-friendly housing like Willowgrove to keep our schools vibrant and healthy. Many of my students and coworkers love Davis but have to live somewhere else. People should be able to live where they work and go to school."

Brooke Agee — Teacher, Patwin Elementary

"As a parent, I care deeply about the future of Davis. I'm voting Yes on W because I believe we need more housing choices, parks, and neighborhoods that allow families of all stages to build a life here while preserving what makes Davis special."

Noel Friend

PARKS & COMMUNITY

"As the president of DYSA I personally support Willowgrove because it brings much needed housing for our families. It will also bring additional sports fields for the young women of our town."

Chris Sinclair — President, Davis Youth Softball Association

"Willowgrove is the rare project that delivers what Davis needs on many fronts. It's the right location and the right size, and most importantly the right time for Davis. The recreational and athletics space will benefit our whole community, not just those who live there."

Susan Lovenburg

"I'm proud to enthusiastically endorse Willowgrove because it reflects the kind of thoughtful, sustainable growth our community needs. The project combines a strong commitment to affordable housing with community benefits that everyone can enjoy, including new ball fields, walking paths, and a beautiful public park."

Judy Ennis — Davis City Council Candidate

PLANNING & TRANSPARENCY

"The Willowgrove project is now more critical than ever to ensure Davis can successfully navigate its systemic housing shortage. Because the developers have already secured a Tentative Subdivision Map, approving this project guarantees an accelerated construction timeline that could see housing occupancy begin as early as 2028. We need this for the survival of Davis' future."

Sharleen Agvateesiri — Yolo County Association of Realtors

RESPONSIBLE GROWTH

"Willowgrove is a thoughtfully designed infill project that will help Davis grow in a responsible way. Join me in supporting Measure W!"

Beth Brock — Davis Resident

PARTIAL LIST OF ENDORSEMENTS

CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS — STATE & COUNTY

- **Christopher Cabaldon** — CA State Senator
- **Cecilia Aguilar-Curry** — CA State Assembly Majority Leader
- **Jesse Arreguin** — CA State Senate Housing Chairman
- **Lucas Frerichs** — Yolo County Supervisor, 2nd District

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- **Donna Neville** — Mayor
- **Gloria Partida** — Mayor Pro Tem
- **Josh Chapman** — Councilmember
- **Bapu Vaitla** — Councilmember
- **Linda Deos** — Councilmember

DJUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION

- **Hiram Jackson** — Board President (endorsement in progress)
- **Lea Darrah** — Trustee
- **Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald** — Trustee
- **Joe DiNunzio** — Trustee

- **Shelton Yip** — Yolo County Board of Education, Trustee Area 4

DAVIS PLANNING COMMISSION

- **Greg Rowe** — Davis Planning Commissioner
- **Rachael Fulp-Cooke** — Davis Planning Commissioner
- **Georgina Valencia** — Davis Planning Commissioner
- **Vince McLaughlin** — Davis Planning Commissioner

FORMER ELECTED OFFICIALS

- **Dan Carson** — Former Davis Councilmember
- **Eileen Samitz** — Former Davis Planning Commissioner
- **Tom Adams** — Former DJUSD Trustee
- **Alan Fernandes** — Former DJUSD Trustee

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- **Cynthia True**
- **Chris Theg**
- **Dr. Molly DeSantis**
- **Jessica Guerrieri**
- **Sara Kadoch**
- **Heather Jones**
- **Noel Friend**
- **Braydon Holtzinger**
- **Tanner Mohr**
- **Susan Lovenburg**
- **Jan Agee**
- **Val Gerriets**
- **Greg Francis**
- **Nora Roos**
- **Jan Roos**
- **Cristina Buss**

- **Breidi Truscott-Roberts**
- **Bonnie Mintun**
- **Alan Brownstein**
- **Arthur Silen**
- **Gayna Lamb-Bang**
- **Benicio Orsua**
- **Elaine Roberts Musser**

ORGANIZATIONS

- **Davis Chamber of Commerce**
- **Yolo County Association of Realtors**