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## Road Measure Now Up to Voters

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Organizers of the Fix our Roads initiative made their final plea to the City Council in late July to put the measure on the November ballot. "We now have 1518 signatures," explained Guy Atwood, Committee Co-Chair, adding they have a lot of momentum. The signatures gathered at various locations around Lafayette were a way to gauge support for a proposed \$89 flat parcel tax to be used, along with a generous three million dollar contribution from the City's reserves, to repair all the failed roads in Lafayette over the next ten years.

"How confident are you that the measure will pass?" asked Mayor Carl Anduri. Atwood replied that's a tough question but said the committee was encouraged that there has been no opposition and they've gotten lots of favorable comments. This measure is roughly half of the amount and one third of the time period proposed in a 2007 measure that barely failed - garnering just under 64% approval; 66% is needed to pass this type of measure. "Please put this on the November ballot," implored George Burt. "We don't want to be Orinda. Help us all do this together." With a unanimous vote by the City Council, the "Fix Our Roads" measure will be included on the November ballot for voters to decide.

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