

Your input needed on the open container ordinance

The current Open Container Ordinance allows open containers of alcohol in most parks and greenbelts.

The parks where open containers are currently prohibited are Cedar, Central, Chestnut, N Street, and Oxford Circle

parks.

This fall, the City Council will be considering modifications to the city's open container ordinance regarding open containers in city parks and greenbelts. Your input is needed as the city addresses the open container

ordinance. Please share your thoughts with us by completing a brief online survey at www.cityofdavis.org (click on Open Container Survey).

If you don't have internet access, call 757-5602 to have a survey mailed to you.

November ballot measures Davis voters asked to weigh in on four measures

What are Measures H and I?

On the November ballot, there are two measures that address the potential annexation of Yolo County by SMUD (Sacramento Metropolitan Utility District) for provision of electrical service. The ballot measures will read as follows:

Measure H

Shall the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) annex into its service territory the Cities of West Sacramento, Davis and Woodland and the contiguous unincorporated area of Yolo County for the purpose of providing electric service, subject to the terms and conditions specified in the order adopted by the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) on June 7, 2006, ordering such annexation?

Measure I

Shall the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) replace Pacific Gas and Electric Company as the electric service provider for the Cities of West Sacramento, Davis and Woodland and the contiguous unincorporated area of Yolo County?

LAFCO placed key conditions on the annexation, including:

■ New SMUD customers in the annexation area will pay the cost of annexation through a surcharge anticipated to last between 5 and 10 years.

■ The rates during the surcharge period will be at least 2% or more below PG&E rates then in effect.

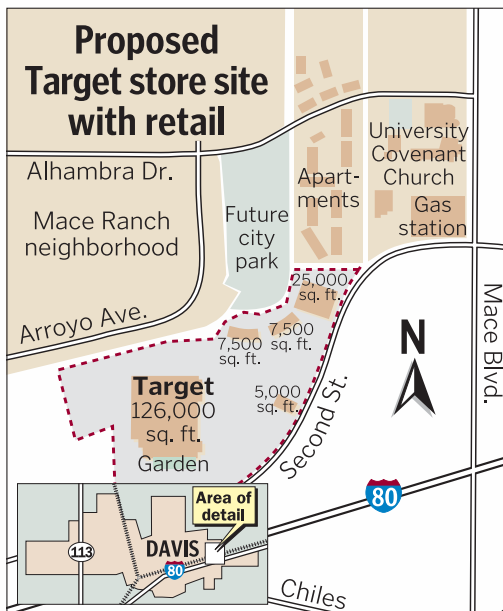
■ At the end of the surcharge period, Yolo customers will move to the SMUD rates which are currently 30% lower than

PG&E. For more information on Measures H and I, see the City's website at www.cityofdavis.org.

What is Measure K?

The Target Store proposal (also known as Second Street Crossing) is located on approximately nineteen acres of undeveloped property on the north side of Second Street, just west of Mace Boulevard. The proposal consists of a general merchandise store (proposed Target) of approximately 127,000 square feet plus a 10,000 square foot garden center, and up to 46,000 square feet of additional retail and restaurant oriented buildings on the site. The proposal underwent final review by the City Council in June, 2006.

In June, the City Council certified the Environmental Impact Report, approved the project entitlements, and voted to place the project on the ballot for citizen vote. If approved by a majority of the voters voting, Measure K would ratify Ordinance 2259. Ordinance 2259 includes a Development Agreement between the City and the developer, amendments to the City's General Plan and East Davis Specific Plan to establish a new designation of "General Retail" for the entire nineteen acre site, and establishes a site-specific planned development zoning designation. One general merchandise store up to 140,000 square feet would be permitted with a conditional use permit. If Measure K does not pass, the Ordinance will not go into effect.



SHAWN COLLINS/ENTERPRISE MAP

For additional information please visit the City of Davis web site at www.cityofdavis.org/target to view project plans and reports.

What is Measure L?

The City Council has placed an advisory measure on the November ballot. An advisory measure is not binding; it merely provides the City Council feedback from the public. The measure reads as follows:

ADVISORY VOTE ONLY:

Should the City of Davis consider adopting choice voting, also known as instant runoff or preference voting, as the system to elect City Council members?

The City currently uses an "at-large" plurality election system. Choice voting, also known in different variations as "preference voting," "single transferable voting" or "instant runoff voting," allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference. A voter's first "choice" candidate may win sufficient first place votes to be elected, or if the voter's first choice candidate receives so few votes that the candidate is eliminated, that vote may be "transferred" to his or her second choice, and so on.

Choice voting is not allowed in General Law cities, such as Davis, as per state law. Choice voting is only permitted in charter cities, if the charter includes this form of voting, or through legislation at the state level. To become a charter city requires a majority vote of the people on a specific charter.

For more information on Measure L, see the City's website at www.cityofdavis.org.

