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Driver - or not - you'll have to pay for the roads

Once upon a time California used its sales tax exclusively to fund the best educational system in America, while at the same time, using gasoline taxes exclusively to build super highways that were the envy of the world.

But then the legislatures and the governors decided that these taxes would be more useful if most just went into the general fund to pay off our lingering indebtedness.

As a result the California state school rankings dropped like Enron stock, and the roads didn't fare much better. On top of that, governors and legislatures decided that maintaining an aura of frugality was much more important than raising the gasoline tax to meet increasing population, cars and average miles driven.

Now a new finance system has taken hold. If you want to fix roads, freeways, or other transportation projects using state or federal gasoline taxes that should already be in use, you must pass a local tax in order to use the tax you already paid. It's a "tax-tax" situation in California - "We gotcha-you betcha!"

Now, instead of the high-mileage and high gas users paying proportionally at the pump and making the oil companies, Detroit, and the foreign cartels deliriously happy, now everybody, driver or not, will get to pitch in.

Even the school child whose milk money may be cut off in times of budget woes caused by the decisions of some of the finest campaign fund-raisers in the world, can join in. Every pencil, note pad, or candy a child purchases may be subject to an increased sales tax to help feed some of the largest and most subsidized corporations in the world. Eventually, these coins may be gratefully received and well used in the Middle East to guide us in determining our American way of life, war, debt and energy policies.

Even those older folks who no longer drive and who may never see the expiration date of a tax that could exceed 30 years can still join in and happily contribute. What a country, eh?

Les Rosenberger

Fairfield

Vote for Jim **Spering** for supervisor

A person has a right to support a candidate that has the wherewithal and the ability to accomplish essential tasks. Congresswoman Ellen Tausher is supporting Suisun City mayor Jim **Spering** because he has performed exceptionally well as mayor, serving on various committees that have shown remarkable results. I wholeheartedly support Jim **Spering** to succeed District 3 because he is the most informed candidate.

Spering has been in the trenches, using problem-solving techniques and decision making processes that have played a positive role. These are traits that District 3 requires.

I met pering in 1986 when he announced his candidacy for mayor of Suisun City. The late Pastor Claybon Lea, then the pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, was impressed with Jim **Spering's** willingness to listen.

Spering has an ongoing success rate being a leader and has rightfully earned and deserved the respect of Solano County. I have the confidence to elect him as my supervisor because he is a self-sufficient man.

General George Patton sometimes was not well-loved, but he was respected for his effective military leadership.

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This county and District 3 is in dire need of innovative leadership. **Spering** is a person who will look toward the future and will be an independent thinker.

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I would be proud to have **Spering** as my supervisor and I urge other voters to elect a candidate that is a dedicated, public servant, business owner, and most importantly, a dedicated family person.

Vote for Jim **Spering**, Board of Supervisors, District 3.

Edward Hall

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Vote for Marc Tonnessen for assessor

I have known Marc Tonnessen for nearly 20 years, and I have had the opportunity to have him work for me as a real estate appraiser. This provided me with the vantage of working with him on a daily basis, and to become familiar with his analytical problem solving skills, along with his organizational and management skills. It is from working with him and having his represent me and my company, that I am endorsing him for Solano County Assessor Recorder. Marc Tonnessen's departure from my firm to public sector employment was my loss and Solano County's gain.

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