

City Manager

It was good news for Lubbock's future, when Saturday, August 8, voters turned out to approve all four issues in the \$13.6 million bond election designed as part of the "Disaster Recovery Package" to aid in rebuilding our city. The approved bond issues included \$7.8 million for a Memorial Civic Center; \$1.2 million for a Central Library; \$2.8 million for implementing Phase I of the Canyon Lakes Project; and \$1.8 million for General Parks Improvements. This positive expression by the people of Lubbock came just fifteen weeks after voter approval was given for \$14.0 million in Airport Improvements, and it "told the world" that Lubbock would remain a vibrant, progressive community..that our city would build back following the tornado as a stronger city and better place in which to live.

We often talk about "effective teamwork" and how important it is to good city government. The favorable vote on the \$13.6 million bond election Saturday was just another example of teamwork in action, as hundreds of citizens worked with the elected officials, city staff, the Chamber of Commerce, various civic groups and others to put the program together and pass the bond election.

Lubbock will be known as the "city that came back", and the spirit of cooperation and progressive attitude that prevails in Lubbock was recognized by President Nixon in a letter received recently by Mayor Jim Granberry. This letter is reproduced on the following page, and I hope you will read his remarks carefully. President Nixon's letter speaks well for the citizens of Lubbock, and it is a direct compliment to every city employee for being a part of effective city government.

The people of Lubbock have expressed themselves by giving elected officials the "green light" to move ahead with the rebuilding of our city. This vote of confidence means we must do the very best job we are capable of doing in the implementation of these programs. With continued emphasis on teamwork, I am sure that our actions will, as the President said, "give encouragement to every city and town in America." We can... and we will...show the world that a great city can be even greater when its citizens want it to be.

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