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It is my desire that today represents a new chapter for the City Council in addressing the issue of financing additional debt to build new soccer fields. Particularly since, we all share the cost of servicing city debt.

I sincerely desire to move forward in the best interest of the children. We must work together and fulfill the commitment made to our children.

I fully support calling for the earliest uniform election date and placing the item of new soccer fields at the Youth Sports Complex before voters for their approval as part of a package of items. I personally support the creation of new soccer fields for our children to safely play on and enjoy, but I firmly believe the appropriate way to do so is through a referendum of support by the voters.

It is a core principle of mine that the voters—taxpayers and residents—of Lubbock are, and deserve to be, the final decision makers in such matters. Doing less would be a violation of the covenant I intend to maintain with the citizens.

Going forward we must guard against approval of Certificates of Obligation bonds if timeliness is not of the essence and the issue at hand does not pertain to public health and safety.

I consider this to be a matter of *Truth in Budgeting*, and something I hope will be institutionally adopted by the Lubbock City Council.