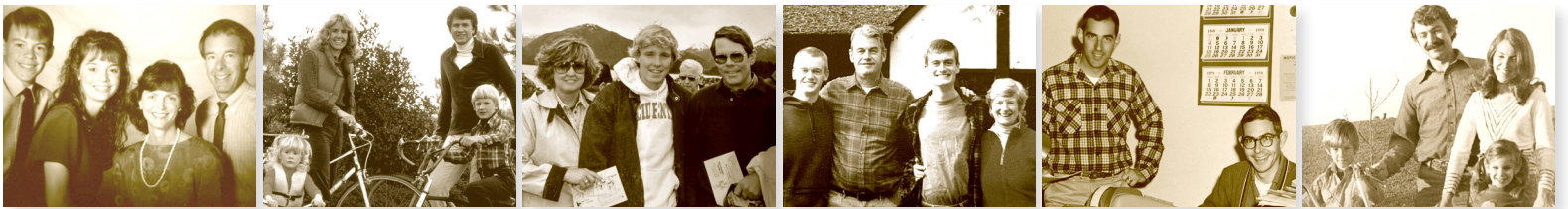


The Families Behind Village Farms

A Legacy Of Giving. A Community Built Together.

Village Farms Davis is built on the legacy of seven multi-generational local families — **The Makleys/Buzbees, Roes, Schulzes, Shepards, the families of Bill & Jim Streng and the Whitcombes** — who have deep roots in the community. For generations, they've helped shape Davis through sustainable development, environmental innovation, and a strong commitment to giving back. Their impact goes beyond building neighborhoods, supporting local causes and strengthening the community in lasting ways.



Civic & Cultural Contributions

- Development and ongoing support of the Davis Art Center
- Founding and development of the Pence Art Gallery
- Instrumental in bringing the US Bicycling Hall of Fame to Davis
- Creation of the Plaza at the Farmers Market
- Leadership roles on numerous city commissions including Finance and Budget, Downtown Planning, and Housing Element Update committees
- Decades of service on the City of Davis Building Board of Appeals
- Multiple family members serving as Davis Rotary Club leaders and members

Education & Youth

- Establishment of the Tandem Foundation, providing annual educational grants to Davis schools

- Leadership roles in PTAs across multiple schools and generations
- Creation of scholarship programs for UC Davis athletes
- Extensive involvement in youth sports, including coaching baseball, basketball, and softball teams
- Service on school bond oversight committees
- Leadership in school booster clubs and band programs

Environmental Leadership

- Design and implementation of significant portions of Davis' bike path system, integrated with greenbelts and wildlife habitats
- Pioneering sustainable housing development in the 1970s, including what was then the largest solar apartment community in the US
- Early adoption of passive solar design principles in residential development

- Formation of Trident Energy Systems in the 1970s, one of the first companies focused on solar power conservation systems
- Implementation of innovative geothermal heating and cooling systems
- Recognition with multiple environmental awards including the City of Davis' Environmental Recognition Award, the Partners for a Cleaner Davis Award, and California EPA's Waste Reduction Awards
- Leadership in early recycling and waste reduction programs
- Integration of natural wildlife habitats within residential developments throughout North Davis

Housing & Development

- Creation of many homes designed with sensitivity to Davis's unique character
- Development of innovative student housing communities
- Leadership in affordable housing initiatives

- Ongoing commitment to sustainable building practices
- Support and oversight of homeless housing solutions including Paul's Place

Philanthropy & Community Support

- Creation of an organic farm providing fresh produce to local food banks and UC Davis students
- Substantial support of Davis schools through various foundations
- Long-term support of UC Davis athletics and programs
- Active involvement with Davis Community Meals and Housing
- Support of numerous local organizations including the Yolo Food Bank, CASA, Yolo Crisis Nursery, and Progress Ranch
- Significant contributions to arts organizations including the Mondavi Center for Performing Arts and Davis Shakespeare Ensemble

For generations, these seven Davis families have shaped the community through farming, education, building, and civic leadership. Since the 1970s, they've advanced sustainable development, bike paths, solar innovation, habitat protection, and support for local institutions. ***Their legacy is not just building neighborhoods, but building community — an enduring commitment carried on by future generations.***



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A LETTER TO OUR DAVIS NEIGHBORS

From the Seven Local Families Behind Village Farms Davis

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We want to write to you personally, as your neighbors as well as the applicants bringing forward the Village Farms Davis project.

We are seven local, multi-generational families with deep roots in this community. We grew up here, raised families here, and have spent decades invested in the people and places that make Davis feel like home.

But we also carry a responsibility tied to the future of this infill land located in the heart of North Davis. The first generation of our families helped shape the greenbelts, bike paths, and parks woven into everyday Davis life. They were among the first to bring residential solar technology to the region. They inspired integration of ponds and natural habitat into neighborhoods like Northstar.

This project has been decades in the making. Children have been born; parents and grandparents have passed. We have kept going because we believe Davis deserves a chance to welcome the next generation, as it welcomed us years ago.

Many of us were fortunate enough to build our lives here. Today, it's far harder to do. Young families, first-time homebuyers, teachers, and local workers are increasingly priced out of the community they serve. Village Farms is our attempt to help change that, with a diverse range of homes at every income level.

Giving back has always been part of our values. We've long supported local schools, sports programs, and nonprofits. Our small urban farm has donated more than 500,000 pounds of fresh organic produce to local food programs. We believe communities thrive when neighbors invest in one another.

Village Farms Davis carries on our family legacy in its design: with habitat, greenbelts, trails, bike crossings, and a new community park that will serve as an incredible amenity for every surrounding neighborhood.

We understand there are questions about growth and whether this fits the Davis we love. Those questions deserve respect. We simply hope people will see this effort for what it is: an attempt to help Davis welcome the next generation while preserving what makes this place so special.

We humbly ask you to vote Yes on Measure V by June 2nd.

With gratitude for this community and its future.

Warmly, The Families Behind Village Farms Davis

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