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I know I speak for all City Council when I say "thank you" to everyone who voted in yesterday's midterm elections. The turnout of over 4,800 voters, representing 70% of the registered voters in Madeira, is a testament to this community's commitment to the democratic process and to having everyone's voice heard on all of the candidates and issues on the ballot. I also want to thank everyone who voted both for and against Issue 16/ Madeira Earnings Tax Increase. We now have a clear direction and there are no "winners" or "losers" on an issue like this. The vote offered everyone the opportunity to evaluate how much money to spend on our streets, storm water systems and parks. We asked because we wanted to know what YOU thought and wanted. The results stated that the majority of voters are satisfied with how the community is maintained and that the approach to budgeting for both services and maintenance of infrastructure within the existing tax structure is being accomplished to the needs of the majority of our residents. Unfortunately, elections, for both candidates and issues, can be way too contentious and divisive in our current political environment. We do not want our community divided, but rather, we want it unified to further support our high rankings and excellent reputation among all communities and neighborhoods in the Greater Cincinnati area. Again, thank you for taking the time to vote and your commitment to Madeira! We look forward to continuing the work for EVERYONE in our great city.

Traci Theis
Mayor

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