

Dear Patients:

voters will have an opportunity this to vote on the issue of whether our community continues to provide us with fluoridated water. The decision is yours. As medical and dental professionals, we want to provide you with reliable information. As you know, the quality of information on the Internet can vary from very good to very bad. We are confident that the following websites will provide you with accurate and dependable information.

The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (CDC) reports that water fluoridation reduces tooth decay by about 25% over a person's lifetime. The CDC's website provides a lot of information on the safety and effectiveness of fluoridation: www.cdc.gov/fluoridation



The **American Academy of Pediatrics** manages the website for a coalition called the Campaign for Dental Health. This website provides a lot of helpful information about community water fluoridation: www.iLikeMyTeeth.org/fluoridation

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Delta Dental of Michigan has a brief video exploring how fluoride in water helps children and adults protect their teeth from cavities:

www.deltadentalmi.com/Wellness/Oral-Health-Resources/Oral-Health-Videos.aspx



Michigan is the birthplace of community water fluoridation. The **National Institutes of Health** has a brief report explaining how children in Grand Rapids demonstrated the powerful impact of fluoridation:

www.nidcr.nih.gov/oralhealth/topics/fluoride/thestoryoffluoridation.htm



The **American Dental Association** has a web page that shares a variety of helpful resources, including statements from recent U.S. Surgeons General who have endorsed community water fluoridation:

www.ada.org/fluoride

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Sincerely,