

## San Marcos, Texas

<http://radionb.com/news/local-news/article36179/san-marcos-texas-voters-force-end-fluoridation-61-polls>

### San Marcos voters force end to fluoridation with 61% at the polls

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(San Marcos, Texas) - More than two and a half years into their most recent fluoride-free movement, San Marcos residents turned out in the November 3rd election to pass Proposition 1 to end the near 30-year practice of fluoridation. This was San Marcos' first-ever citizen-led charter amendment offered to voters, gathering 61% of the ballots cast. The measure passed in 18 of the 19 city

voting precincts.

In spite of the City's resistance [to the referendum initially, coalition leader Sam] Brannon believes the will of the voters will ultimately be embraced by city officials. "Being known as a 'clean water city' will actually be a selling point. San Marcos will be the first city between Austin and San Antonio that has stopped adding what the EPA refers to as hazardous waste to our drinking water. That's a bright-line distinction between this community and those that surround us.

'Clean water' is a unique market advantage, if they're wise enough to use it." San Marcos joins El-

approved a referendum Nov. 3 to halt the practice.

The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, which runs the water plant, stopped adding the fluoride on Thursday. It will take a few days for the additive to be completely gone from the city supply, officials said.

"To be clear, the water supply has some naturally occurring fluoride. However, we will not put additional fluoride into the supply," Jerry Sharp, manager of the San Marcos water treatment plant, said in a statement.

<http://www.mystatesman.com/news/news/local/san-marcos-shuts-off-the-fluoride-spigot-at-water-npL5D/>

### San Marcos shuts off the fluoride spigot at water plant

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By Staff - American-Statesman staff

SAN MARCOS — The crews at the San Marcos Water Treatment Plant have stopped adding fluoride to the city's water supply, following the will of city voters who

<http://www.sanmarcosrecord.com/opinion/voters-were-not-%E2%80%98misinformed%E2%80%99>

### San Marcos voters were not 'misinformed'

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Dear Editor,

It seems to me that there are larger issues that get lost in the back and forth of the merit or harm of adding various forms of fluoride to water: ethics and choice. We can choose whether or not to buy genetically modified food but we only have one public water supply.

Local doctors have appeared in this forum to speak in favor of fluoridation based on alleged health benefits. Local activists have spoken out against fluoridation based on alleged harm. Both sides can produce studies proving their point, but I think we have learned not to be overly influenced by "studies." Fat is bad for you . . . fat is good for you . . . a little alcohol is good for you . . . a little alcohol is bad for you . . . how can we really know for sure?

We expect our city to regulate essential public utilities such as water, sewage, garbage, and electricity. This is necessary when so many people live in a small area. Chlorine is essential to maintaining a sanitary water supply. Fluoride is not. And if a doctor prescribed a medication but I declined to take it and he forced it upon me, would he not be violating the ethics of his profession?

On November 3rd, I and other San Marcos voters spoke resoundingly to end the practice of adding fluoride to the water supply. I was not "misguided." I made a conscious choice based on principle. Anyone who wants fluoride in their water is free to buy their own.

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