



Local ballot measure: Q

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Argument in favor of Measure Q

Twenty years ago, Bruce Delgado, Ken Gray, and a dedicated group of Marina residents led the effort to establish Marina's urban growth boundary (UGB). This effort culminated in Monterey County's first UGB, which has protected Marina's quality of life. But it is set to expire at the end of 2020.

Voting for Measure Q extends Marina's UGB through for 20 additional years until 2040. Any change to the boundary requires the vote of Marina residents. Therefore voters, *not politicians or special interests*, are directly in control of the City's growth and destiny.

Both the Marina City Council AND the Planning Commission voted unanimously to put Measure Q on the November 3rd ballot because they understand how important the UGB has been for Marina.

Over the past 20 years, the UGB has protected Marina's quality of life and small-town character by:

- Encouraging economic growth within developed areas where infrastructure can be provided cost effectively, especially on underutilized land in the former Fort Ord;
- Preserving space for agriculture and outdoor recreation on lands outside the urban growth boundary;
- Protecting sensitive coastal ecosystems and natural resources from massive subdivision and resort developments; and,
- Utilizing land more efficiently, saving city funds to maintain and improve better parks, streets, public safety, and services.

But if this UGB expires—and it will at the end of 2020 unless Measure Q is adopted—these benefits to the community may be at risk! Irresponsible land use policies lead to sprawling, poorly planned development that could easily damage our beautiful and fragile coastline, strain water supplies, reduce water quality, and neglect to regenerate blighted land.

Measure Q protects our quality of life and gives Marina residents control over the City's future.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure Q!

/s/ Gail Morton, Mayor Pro Tem, Marina

/s/ Wendy Root Askew, MPUSD Trustee

/s/ Deanna Lynn, Citizens for a Sustainable Marina

/s/ Lisa Berkley, City Council Member

/s/ Nancy L. Amadeo, Planning Commissioner

Rebuttal to argument in favor of Measure Q

No rebuttal to the argument in favor of Measure Q was submitted.