

# VISION 50

# Planning for a Stronger and Safer Marina

In 2025 Marina will celebrate its 50th anniversary of becoming a city. As we look ahead to the next 50 years and plan for a stronger and safer future for local residents, your input is needed.

## **New Opportunities and New Challenges**

Careful budgeting, state and federal grant funding, and revenue from new development has allowed Marina to open parks, upgrade playgrounds, and revitalize the downtown area. However, much of this funding is restricted, and leaves other critical needs unmet.

### Aging Public Safety and City Facilities

Incorporated in 1975 with a population of around 10,000 residents, Marina has since grown to over 23,000. Despite this, the city still relies on 50 year old facilities built for a city half of Marina's size, including fire stations, a police station, and aging portable city buildings that are dilapidated, unsafe, and structurally unsound.



Marina is opening new parks and planning for a revitalized downtown.



City facilities were built over 40 years ago for temporary use. Structures are decaying and plastic tarps are used to prevent roof leaks.

#### **Maintaining Rapid 9-1-1 Emergency Response**

In the last 8 years, 9-1-1 calls to Marina Fire Department have risen by over 50%, mainly for medical emergencies needing quick paramedic response. Marina's aging fire stations were built for a much smaller population and are not located near areas of population growth, resulting in longer response times. Marina can no longer meet the national standard of 5 minute emergency response times. Current 9-1-1 emergency response times of 8-10 minutes could be the difference between life and death in the event of a heart attack, stroke, accident or emergency.

## **Critical City Services Impacted**

- Deteriorating current city buildings for emergency planning, operations, disaster response, law enforcement, and services for children, youth, and seniors may not withstand a natural disaster, such as a major earthquake.
- These aging buildings pose risks to city operations, potentially hindering employees from serving residents and conducting emergency operations safely and efficiently.



Marina's public safety facilities were built to protect a much smaller city, resulting in slower emergency response times.









Aging city facilities need significant repairs or replacement to remain safe and functioning.



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### **Deteriorating City Facilities**

Thirty years ago, Marina acquired indoor recreation and swimming facilities from the closed Fort Ord Army Base. Currently unsafe and dilapidated, these facilities can be transformed into functional spaces for exciting recreational opportunities with significant renovations. Without significant renovations, demolition of these city facilities is likely.



Current old and unusable aquatics center



Current old and unusable sports center







New potential sports center

New potential aquatics center

### Planning for the Future

Plans are underway to sustain quick 9-1-1 response, keep city facilities operational, and provide quality programs. Replacing and upgrading aging facilities are not possible without an additional funding source, prompting the City of Marina to consider a local ballot measure for urgent improvements, including:

- Provide safe, modern and up-to-date fire and police stations located close to key population centers to ensure rapid 9-1-1 response to emergencies
- Replace outdated and failing city facilities with earthquake safe facilities that meet current codes for emergency operations, disaster preparedness, and other city programs and operations
- Renovate existing unused city facilities to provide year-round recreation, swimming and other safe activities for children, teens, families and seniors





New city facilities for 9-1-1 response, emergency operations, administration of city programs and services, and a community center could be located next to the Marina Library.

# Share Your Ideas and Priorities for Upgrading City Facilities!

The City of Marina is excited to celebrate a landmark 50 years of cityhood and welcome all to contribute to the City's vision for the next 50 years and beyond. Please share your ideas, priorities and questions to help shape the future of Marina.

- Please visit tinyurl.com/Vision50Survey to complete a short survey
- If you have questions, please contact vision50@cityofmarina.org or (831) 884-1211
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