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Stronger and Safer Marina: Questions & Answers

What challenges is the City of Marina facing?

Marina's population has more than doubled since the City incorporated in 1975, yet we still rely on the same fire stations, police station and city facilities that were built for a much smaller population. These aging facilities that are not structurally sound are impacting Marina's ability to maintain rapid emergency response times and provide disaster response, access for people with disabilities and other essential city services.

How is the City planning to address these urgent issues?

The City has developed plans for safe and modern facilities to:

- ◆ Ensure firefighters, paramedics and police officers can respond quickly in a disaster or emergency
- ◆ Provide earthquake safe facilities that are accessible for people with disabilities, emergency operations, disaster response and other essential city services and operations.
- ◆ Provide a modern community center and sports and aquatics centers for children, teens, families and seniors to safely access city programs and services

How might these improvements be funded?

The City Council is considering placing a local funding measure on the ballot for local voters to consider. If approved, funds from a local funding measure would be subject to strict fiscal accountability protections, including:

- ◆ Required public disclosure of all spending
- ◆ An independent oversight committee and mandatory annual audits
- ◆ A requirement that all funds must stay local to improve facilities in Marina only



 **Share Your
Ideas and Priorities!**

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
- ◆ Visit tinyurl.com/MarinaVision50 for more information



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A STRONGER AND SAFER FUTURE FOR MARINA



Upgrading Aging Essential City Facilities



Dear Neighbor,

I am honored to have served as Marina's City Manager for the past 10 years. We are fortunate to have a beautiful coastal community with an excellent quality of life and safe neighborhoods. I'm writing today about an urgent issue we must address to keep Marina safe.

When the City of Marina incorporated in 1975, the population was approximately 10,000. The current population exceeds 23,000 and yet the city still relies on the fire stations, police station and city facilities that were built for a city less than half our current size. In fact, the city is operated

from dilapidated portable buildings that are over 45 years old and were intended to be temporary when they were installed. Aging city facilities are impacting Marina's ability to maintain rapid 9-1-1 emergency response times, disaster and emergency response and other city services that are essential for keeping Marina residents safe.

Maintaining Rapid 9-1-1 Emergency Response

Over the last 8 years, 9-1-1 calls to the Marina Fire Department have increased by more than 50% with a majority of these calls requiring an Emergency Medical Technician from a local fire station. Marina's aging fire stations were built for a much smaller population and are not located near where Marina's population is growing. Marina can no longer meet the national standard of 5 minute emergency response times. Current 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.

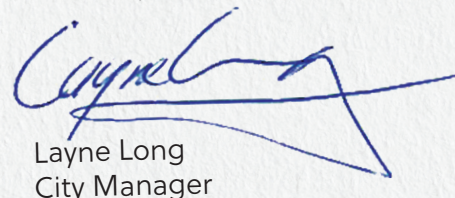
Aging Public Safety and City Facilities

Emergency planning, operations, disaster preparedness, law enforcement and other vital services currently occur in outdated and failing facilities. The temporary modular buildings, which we have been using for 45 years, have a service life of 25-30 years.

The City has developed plans for safe and modern facilities but the cost to make these upgrades is beyond what the City's current budget can support. The City Council is considering placing a funding measure on the ballot for local voters to consider which would provide funding to make Marina safer.

Enclosed is more information about the City's planning for safe and modern city facilities. As part of this planning process, please share your ideas and ask questions. Please email vision50@cityofmarina.org, call (831) 884-1211, or visit CityofMarina.org for more information.

Sincerely,

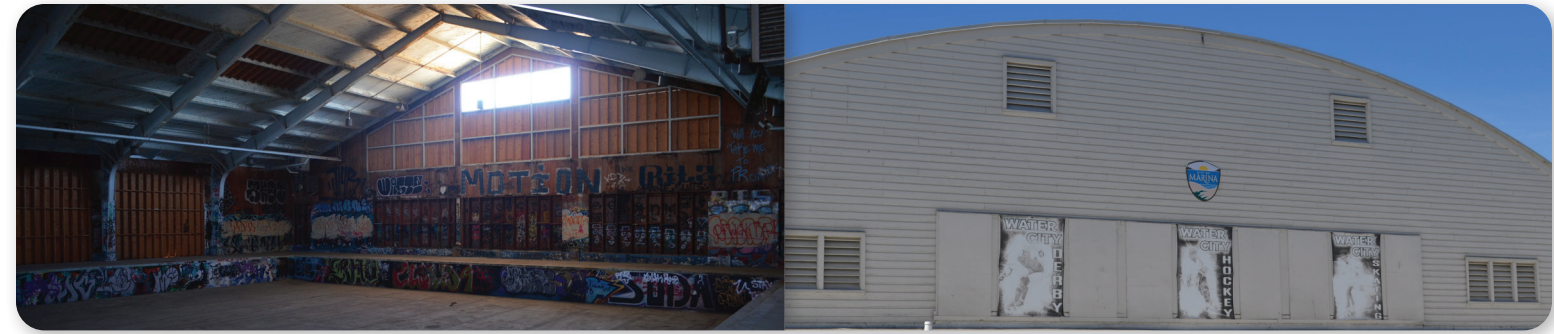

Layne Long
City Manager



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



Recreation and aquatics facilities inherited from Fort Ord must be upgraded or demolished



This rendering shows how the aging and dilapidated facilities could become modern, indoor recreation space for Marina residents of all ages.

Opportunities Cost

When the Fort Ord Army Base closed thirty years ago, Marina inherited 53,000-square feet of indoor recreation and swimming facilities. Former Water City Roller Rink was also forced to close due to safety and code issues. While unsafe and dilapidated in their current state, with significant renovations these facilities can be re-imagined into functional facilities that could offer exciting local recreational opportunities for residents.

Planning for the Future

The City of Marina is developing plans to maintain rapid 9-1-1 emergency response times, ensure city facilities remain functional and operational and provide quality city programs and services to residents. A local ballot measure could fund high-priority improvements to:

- ◆ Provide safe, modern and updated fire and police stations located close to key population centers to ensure rapid emergency services
- ◆ Replace outdated and failing city facilities with earthquake safe buildings for emergency operations, disaster response, recreation and city operations.
- ◆ Renovate existing unused city facilities to provide year-round recreation, swimming and other safe activities for children, teens, families and seniors.



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

Locally Controlled Funding for a Safer Marina

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