

Argument In Favor of Measure U

Vote Yes on Measure U to keep Marina safe.

Marina has grown since becoming a city **five decades ago**. Aging city facilities now **threaten public safety**.

Marina's aging **fire station and police station don't meet earthquake standards and need to be more than double the size to meet public safety operational and critical essential services functions**.

Over 80% of 911 calls to Marina Fire Department are medical emergencies, like heart attacks, strokes, and accidents. **Response times in some areas are 10 minutes, much slower than the 5-minute standard. Minutes mean the difference between life and death.** A new fire station must be built at a location that improves response times for all residents.

Many city services are delivered from temporary portable buildings installed in 1975. Fifty years later those portables are still in use, increasingly **deteriorated, have leaky roofs, are not ADA accessible and are too small to meet current workforce needs, much less future needs.**

Marina's one inadequate and deteriorating community space is used daily by both children in afterschool programs and seniors.

Voting **Yes on Measure U** will provide a **safe and up-to-date fire station, police station, and community facilities** to:

- Provide rapid 911 response to fires, medical emergencies, and disasters
- Provide facilities to meet operational and community needs
- Provide safe places for children and seniors
- Ensure emergency services remain operational in an earthquake

If not now, when will we build them? Do we pass the problem on to the next generation?

Measure U requires strict fiscal accountability and local control:

- Every penny must be used locally
- Public spending disclosure, audits, and an oversight committee ensure funds are spent properly
- No funds can be used for salaries

Please join Marina's firefighters, police officers, business, elected, and community leaders in voting Yes on Measure U to keep Marina safe.

Argument Signature Statement

A ballot argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by the printed name and signature or printed names and signatures of the person or persons submitting it, or, if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers (Elections Code §§9164, 9283, 9501.5).

No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument submitted under this article. In case any argument is signed by more than five persons, the signatures of the first five shall be printed (Elections Code §§9164, 9283, 9501.5).

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to this division shall be accompanied by the following form statement, to be **signed by each proponent** of the argument (Elections Code §9600):

"The undersigned proponent(s) or signer(s) of the:

- ☒ Primary argument for
 ☐ Primary argument against
☐ Rebuttal to argument for
 ☐ Rebuttal to argument against

ballot measure (insert letter) U at the ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Special

election for the CITY OF MARINA

(jurisdiction – name of district)

to be held on NOVEMBER 5, 2024 hereby state that this argument is true and
(Election date)

correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief."

Signatures of proponents (in order of appearance in the voter information guide):

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| (1) | Printed Name <u>CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON</u> | Title (one) <u>MPOA PRESIDENT</u> |
| | Signature <u>[Signature]</u> | Date <u>08/15/24</u> |
| (2) | Printed Name <u>Kayden Gibson</u> | Title (one) <u>MPFFA President</u> |
| | Signature <u>[Signature]</u> | Date <u>08/15/24</u> |
| (3) | Printed Name <u>Katherine Y. Biala</u> | Title (one) <u>Council member</u> |
| | Signature <u>[Signature]</u> | Date <u>8/15/24</u> |
| (4) | Printed Name <u>Elisabeth Visscher</u> | Title (one) <u>Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember</u> |
| | Signature <u>[Signature]</u> | Date <u>08/15/2024</u> |
| (5) | Printed Name <u>RANDOLPH (RANDY) HOPKINS</u> | Title (one) <u>CHIEF OF MARINA POLICE DEPT</u> |
| | Signature <u>[Signature]</u> | Date <u>08/15/2024</u> |

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| (1) | Printed Name <u>Elisabeth Visscher</u> | Title (one) <u>Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember</u> |
| | Signature <u>[Signature]</u> | Date <u>08/15/2024</u> |

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