



Local Ballot Measure: U

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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.

/s/ Christopher Johnson, MPOA President

/s/ Kayden Gibson, MPFFA President

/s/ Katherine Y. Biala, Councilmember

/s/ Elisabeth Visscher, Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember

/s/ Randolph (Randy) Hopkins, Chief of Marina Police Dept

Rebuttal To Argument In Favor of Measure U

Measure U is a multimillion-dollar mistake. It is an attempt to convince Marina's voters to write a blank check for projects that lack critical study and important details, proposed at a time when households are under immense financial pressure. The city council piggybacked a civic center onto a recommendation for a new fire station without careful planning or community involvement. No formalized plan for the civic center was ever presented for public review and comment. Comprehensive data was never provided. The city ignored citizens' requests for crucial details about location and specific facilities that would be included in a new civic center, instead resorting to evasive answers and marketing tactics.

Measure U and its proponents claim that aging city facilities threaten public safety yet they provide no supporting documentation. Their statement that fire department response times are "much slower than the 5-minute standard" is misleading and disingenuous because there is no such California or Federal government standard. It simply doesn't exist!

The city has promised strict fiscal accountability and local control while using scare tactics, evading citizens' questions and withholding important financial data about the bond. It has been ambiguous and evasive on citizen requests regarding total costs which, by the city's own calculation, amounts to \$98,912,943. The city has asked voters for trust while doing nothing to earn trust. Marina deserves better. Our community deserves a transparent and accountable government that respects its citizens. Vote NO on Measure U.

/s/ Nancy Fortman, 36 Year Marina Resident

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/s/ John Sanders, 40-year Marina Resident

/s/ Grace Silva-Santella, 35 Year Resident Marina, Retired Planning Commissioner

/s/ Frank O'Connell, 45 Year Resident/Retired City Council Member