

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE ##**

Protecting Contra Costa County's open space and agricultural lands, discouraging urban sprawl, and reducing future traffic congestion, are issues that matter to County residents. These issues are not new. In 1990 the voters approved Measure C: The Contra Costa County 65/35 Land Preservation Plan Ordinance, which established the County's Urban Limit Line, a boundary beyond which no urban land uses could be approved through the year 2010. In 2006 the voters reaffirmed their commitment to smart growth policies by approving Measure L, which extended Measure C's protections through 2026. Measure L is now set to expire.

Over the past 36 years, the Urban Limit Line has protected thousands of acres of open space and agricultural lands and successfully channeled growth into areas of the County most appropriate for urban development. Through Measure ##, the Board of Supervisors asks the voters to extend the benefits of the County's Urban Limit Line through the year 2051.

What does a "yes" vote on Measure ## mean? A "yes" vote will extend the term of the Urban Limit Line for another 25 years, ensuring continued protection and preservation of open space and agricultural lands. A "yes" vote will continue the existing requirement for voter approval of Urban Limit Line expansions exceeding 30 acres, meaning that the voters will continue to decide whether the unincorporated, rural areas of Contra Costa County should be urbanized. A "yes" vote will ensure that urban development occurs only in unincorporated communities with public services, such as roads and utilities, that are adequate to accommodate future growth. A "yes" vote will maintain the County's eligibility to receive local road maintenance funds under the ½-cent transportation sales tax program approved by voters in 2004.

We strongly urge voters to approve Measure ##.

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