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Argument In Favor Of Measure K

In response to development proposals in the early 1990's Benicia residents drafted and put on the ballot Measure K. In 2003 Benicia residents voted on and approved Measure K. That citizen initiative established an Urban Growth Boundary and stated that Sky Valley, the hills north of Benicia, would remain undeveloped. Measure K runs for 20 years and expires in 2023.

The Benicia City Council unanimously (5-0) approved placing the renewal of the City's Urban Growth Boundary on the November 2022 ballot. This ballot measure (also called Measure K) would extend that protection for an additional 20 years. The language of the renewal measure is exactly the same as the current measure except for the expiration date.

The purpose of Measure K is to discourage urban sprawl, preserve open space and agricultural lands, preserve scenic views, protect and maintain the rural quality of Lake Herman Road, protect natural resources and provide for passive recreation. Measure K has done what it was intended to accomplish. The best way to continue to secure these goals is to VOTE YES on Measure K.

Measure K will continue to PROHIBIT ANY KIND OF DEVELOPMENT BEYOND THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY (UGB) EXCEPT BY A VOTE OF BENICIA VOTERS. Because Measure K prohibits the extension of water and sewer lines to homes and commercial buildings, it assures that development cannot happen beyond the UGB.

If the renewal of Measure K is approved by voters, then the area beyond our UGB will be protected from development for an additional 20 years. This means that the hills north of Lake Herman Road will be protected from development until 2043!

ONLY MEASURE K WILL SAVE OPEN SPACE beyond our city limits. VOTE YES!

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