

Dear Neighbors,

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We hope you are well and enjoying the vibrant community we share. As a group of volunteer, concerned residents, the **Yes on Measure G/BMK Neighborhood Alliance** has come together to educate the community about the need to raise funds for maintenance, replacement and reconstruction of our marine infrastructure now that Bond Measures E & F have expired.

TOP 10 REASONS TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE G

1. **BMK's marine infrastructure is aging** and is in continual need of repair and restoration - as is common in marine environments.
2. We must **continue to invest in BMK'S unique waterfront community** by replacing the expired funding from Bond Measures E and F, which lapsed in 2022.
3. To provide flood control to **safeguard against the higher risk of potential flooding**. See video of the locks at www.keepbmkthriving.com
4. If action isn't taken to maintain our locks, lagoons, levees, creeks, and parks, our **property values will decline**.
5. **Trusted experts advised BMK's elected CSD Board** to identify, prioritize, and budget proposed future projects. Listed on www.bmkcsd.us
6. The CSD Board has **a fiduciary and ethical duty** to make decisions for the long-term interests of the community. Projects will be managed by a **community oversight committee**.
7. **100% of Measure G - Parcel Tax funds go directly** toward the projects. Over the 21 years, a Bond Measure would cost **over \$12 million more than a Parcel Tax** due to interest and admin fees. Each resident would pay about \$1,000 more annually, or \$21,000 more over the duration.
8. Measure G funds are **legally required** to be spent on specific project categories, as outlined in the Measure.
9. Of the \$31.5 Million this Parcel Tax will raise, \$5 Million is allocated to the Novato Creek.
10. A **single parcel tax** to address all marine infrastructure needs is **more efficient** than the process of passing separate bonds or taxes for individual projects.

WHAT DOES **MEASURE G - PARCEL TAX** COST?

- **\$150/monthly** or \$1,800/annually per parcel. Measures E and F previously cost on average \$110/monthly.
- As in the past, the annual rate will increase over the life of the measure. Measure G will increase 2.5% annually.
- Measure G - Parcel Tax **expires in 21 years** or in 2045.
- In comparison to other waterfront communities that pay between \$500-\$900 per month in HOA fees, **Measure G - Parcel tax at \$150 per month is an absolute bargain to maintain and improve our beautiful unique marine community.**

WHY SHOULD A PARCEL TAX APPLY EQUALLY TO ALL RESIDENTS?

- The HOA assessments paid by some residents are for the upkeep of their buildings as well as landscaping and **resident-use only amenities** such as a pool area, resident park and dock.
- Single-family homeowners are **personally responsible** for maintaining and improving their homes and properties, such as docks, roofs, and yards.
- **The entire community is equally responsible for caring for our marine infrastructure. The funds raised by Measure G will benefit the ENTIRE community.**

*In BMK, **we value communication** and the sharing of information that benefits everyone. Recently, we've seen information circulating that questions whether **Measure G - Parcel Tax** is the right vehicle to raise the funds needed. As we share perspectives, **it's essential to ensure the accuracy of the information we exchange**, as misinformation can unintentionally cause confusion and impact the harmony of our community. **After taking the time to understand the facts, we know Measure G - Parcel Tax is the answer.***

We need every BMK resident to **VOTE YES on MEASURE G** on the March ballot to support the needed funding for our **precious waterway infrastructure.**

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