

Letter: Napa County Green Party Supports Measure U

The following letter was sent to Napa Patch by Alex Shantz, co-coordinator of the Napa County Green Party. We welcome letters at napa@patch.com. Most are published within 12-24 hours.



Land use designation should serve the good of the whole community, not a single developer. This is why the Napa County Green Party supports Measure U.

Measure U will protect agricultural and open spaces on Howell Mountain from inappropriate urban development. It will do this by re-designating land use on Howell Mountain from “urban residential” to “Agriculture, Watershed and Open Space”. This will align those properties with land uses in the rest of Angwin. It will also preserve the rural character and culture of Angwin which is threatened by the Pacific Union College’s intentions to sell and urbanize the land.

The Angwin community has robustly demonstrated support for preserving its agricultural and open spaces and opposition to urban development. The people within the county and the Angwin community itself should determine the use of this land, not a private institution.

Napa County enjoys beautiful agricultural and open spaces. This is only because concerned citizens have participated in grassroots democracy by organizing, lobbying elected officials, and initiating county measures to protect these lands. Measure U continues this historic struggle to protect Napa County lands from urban development.

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