

## **Continue to protect our agriculture**

September 24, 2012

I am writing to express my strong support of Measure U, a ballot measure that will protect Angwin's natural beauty and its rural, agricultural character.

Just as we, the voters of Napa County, have voted to protect agriculture in the past through Measures J and P, this new measure deserves our support.

Angwin is home to Pacific Union College, which has been trying to develop in a significant way some of its open space into residential housing.

Rather than working with its neighbors and community in arriving at a workable plan for this rural community, the college has, unfortunately, attempted twice now to sell its land to housing developers for residential development. This type of development would entirely overwhelm this small community.

While preserving key agricultural farmland in Angwin, it is important to note that Measure U would allow the college to build anything that it might need to serve more students, in the form of dormitories, classrooms, faculty housing, etc.

Measure U is in solid agreement with all of the policies of the Napa County General Plan to preserve Angwin as a "rural community."

We hope that voters in Napa County will agree that Angwin must be protected from large-scale development. Please vote "yes" on Measure U.

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