

North Bay Bohemian

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Development Dismay

Angwin, with a permanent population of just 1,500, is an unincorporated area with limited infrastructure. Angwin's wells are being dug deeper. PG&E says Angwin's electrical is almost maxed out. Napa County has not budgeted road improvements for the one lane in and one lane out of Angwin.

Eight years ago, Angwin residents began fighting a Pacific Union College housing development. Pacific Union College's board—18 of 21 live outside California—voted to sell their agricultural land for the college to expand. A large housing development on Howell Mountain would rip Angwin and the upper Napa Valley at the seams, and cost all taxpayers of Napa County.

Yes on Measure U, backed by Save Rural Angwin, believes the PUC has the right to sell its land. But does the college have the right to change the character of a community? Can this college cause an explosion in population, resources and way of life so they can have more money in the bank?

Vote yes on Measure U and preserve Angwin and Napa County ag land and open space. Protect Angwin from large-scale development that would ravage a community and tax its people's resources—in more ways than one.

—Paula J. Peterson

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