

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE Q

This measure was placed on the ballot by petition signed by the requisite number of voters. If approved, Measure Q would amend the City's General Plan to keep the Urban Limit Line ("ULL"), enacted by the voters in 2002, in place until 2040.

The General Plan is the City's long-range plan for physical urban development. The ULL is the portion of the General Plan that sets a boundary beyond which residential, industrial, or commercial development is prohibited.

The voters adopted the City of Watsonville's current ULL in 2002 as "Measure U." Watsonville's ULL has not changed since 2002. Measure U was incorporated into various sections of the City's General Plan. This Initiative would amend those portions of the General Plan.

This Initiative requires voter approval to change the ULL, prior to 2040, except that the City Council may change the ULL (without voter approval) if: 1) the change moves the ULL closer to the City boundary; 2) the change is necessary to comply with state or federal housing law; or 3) the change is required to prevent an unlawful taking of property.

Measure U required the approval of specific plans for subdivision or other development approvals in the Buena Vista and Atkinson Lane areas. This Initiative proposes to remove the specific plan requirements.

Measure U phased urban development within the ULL from 2002 through 2022 or 2027, depending on the area. These phasing provisions expired in either 2010 (Atkinson Lane) or 2016 (Buena Vista). This Initiative proposes to delete these phasing requirements.

Measure U imposed land-use restrictions in Area A (Buena Vista), Area B (Atkinson Lane), Area C (south of Corralitos Creek), Area D (east of East Lake Avenue), Area E (Villages), Area F (Ow, formerly known as Manabe-Burgstrom), and Area G (west of the Westerly ULL) areas, and required voter approval for changes to the restrictions until 2022 or 2027, depending on the area. This Initiative proposes to remove land use restrictions for Areas C, D, and G, and reorganize and amend the land-use restriction language for Areas A, B, E, and F in the General Plan, but does not change dates for the voter approval requirement.

This measure conflicts with Measure S. Both measures cannot be approved. This Measure will be approved if it receives a simple majority of "yes" votes and Measure S does not. If both measures receive a simple majority of "yes" votes, the measure with the most "yes" votes will be approved.

A "yes" vote is a vote to adopt the provisions of Measure Q.

A “no” vote is a vote against adopting the provisions of Measure Q.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure Q. The full text of Measure Q is printed in the Voter's Information Pamphlet and is also available on the City of Watsonville's website at: <https://www.cityofwatsonville.org/2388/Measures---November-8-2022>. If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the elections official's office at (831) 768-3040 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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