

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE F

Measure F is being promoted as a simple check on the majority when in fact it would ensure that a minority has control and bargaining power over our elected officials.

Measure F was designed to give the minority the power to block the majority. It is very simple. If Measure F becomes law, a small, vocal group of obstructionists will be able to stand in the way of the normal democratic process that runs our city. Some who have argued for this unprecedented move even believe that we should have 100% agreement on the council to govern our city. And that might be what they ask for next. This would put the power to block any move by the City Council majority in the hands of a single person. That is the exact opposite of democracy.

Good governance means the willingness to compromise. Because Measure F would require an unreasonable burden of 80% consensus, it could stop or delay improvements to our roads, trails, parks, and bridges, and could prevent our city from solving our increasing traffic gridlock. Even approval of the City's annual budget would require a supermajority vote.

It is not true that the city can borrow unlimited amounts of money without voter approval, and Measure F wouldn't change that fact.

When a minority wields power over the majority, democracy is lost.

VOTE NO ON F

Signers:

Naomi Patridge
Richard Kowalczyk, Mayor, Half Moon Bay
Hope Atmore
Kirk Riemer, School Board Member
Allan Alifano, Treasurer, Citizens to Protect HMB