

Attachment C: Comments Received via Measure A Changes Feedback Form

Name	Topic	Comments	Additional Comments
	Wildfire Prevention	I want one-third of ALL future Parks sales tax revenue to be spent exclusively on wildfire fuel reduction and I want a STOP to diverting "Parks" sales tax dollars to private farm owners. Otherwise, I will vote NO on renewing the current 1/4 cent sales tax measure in the June 2022 election.	I want one-third of ALL future Parks sales tax revenue to be spent exclusively on wildfire fuel reduction and I want a STOP to diverting "Parks" sales tax dollars to private farm owners. Otherwise, I will vote NO on renewing the current 1/4 cent sales tax measure in the June 2022 election.
AJ Ireland	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	The funding for agricultural land should be cut entirely. Why should public funds be used to support private businesses? The public cannot access or use the land so why should our tax funds go towards it?	

Albert Straus

Wildfire Prevention
Biodiversity Protection
Grants for Farmland/Agriculture

December 3, 2021

Dear Marin County Board of Supervisors & Marin County Parks -

I am a lifelong resident of Marin County and grew up on my family's dairy farm in Marshall. I disagree with reducing Measure A agricultural funding from 20% to 10% that ultimately would eliminate farmland protection through agricultural conservation easements. As someone who has spent his life farming on local land here, I highly recommend that we consider increasing Measure A funding to 50% because we still need to protect 46,000 acres of farmland which is a vastly greater need than open space.

As a long-term strategy, I believe a better use of public money is to preserve agricultural lands by investing in agricultural easements and conservation practices that mitigate climate change and enhance biodiversity. By grazing livestock, ranchers are mitigating wildfires. This grazing practice has been extremely effective and can be extended to parklands at no or minimal cost to taxpayers (as proposed to Marin Parks and Open Space in July 2021).

Scientists have published extensive studies in support of livestock farming as a primary solution to reversing climate change. Livestock grazing has been shown to benefit California's grasslands by reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire and maintaining habitat for native plants and animals. Grazing promotes soil health by restoring its carbon content, capturing carbon dioxide from the air through photosynthesis. It has been described as the most effective mechanism known to humankind in addressing global warming. (sources: Drawdown Solution #19: Managed Grazing/Rodale Institute).

Small farms have been especially hard hit by the collapse of farms across the country, which is why we need to remain committed to supporting farms in Marin County. When my father started farming in Marin County in 1941, there were approximately 200 dairy farms. When I became partners with my father on our farm in 1977, there were 64 dairy farms, and today, there are 20 dairy farms, of which 85 percent are certified organic.

We need to do everything we can to protect this region, farmland, our local foodshed, the livelihood of our farmers, and others who live and work in rural Marin. Organic farms offer farmers and others who work in agricultural jobs a living wage. Sustainable organic farming practices prioritize the health of farming for generations to come by demonstrating regenerative practices such as carbon farming, carbon sequestration, improved biodiversity, organized land management with

livestock grazing, etc., while providing high-quality organic food locally and regionally to our community.

The regional benefits of well-managed agricultural land must be considered in the proposed reallocation of funding. The California Rangeland Trust published research calculating the value and return on investment (ROI) of conservation easements on rangelands throughout the state. This research found that working rangelands produce “an abundance of ecosystem services” that are typically not factored into assessments of benefits to society at large. These benefits include:

- o Carbon sequestration
- o Watershed and riparian zone protection
- o Erosion prevention
- o Nutrient cycling
- o Pollination
- o Biological control of insect pests and invasive plants
- o Reduction of fire-prone fuel sources
- o Preservation of wildlife corridors
- o Habitat diversity
- o Aesthetics (i.e., views capes)

It was stated that the rationale for moving 10% of Measure A allocation out of agricultural land protection and stewardship is to increase funding for wildfire risk reduction. This proposed reallocation of funding ignores some crucial facts such as healthy land management is vital for regional fire protection. Well-managed rangelands reduce fire risk by diminishing fuel loads through livestock grazing and by promoting wet, green, healthy riparian zones that can act to slow a wildfire's progress.

In Marin County, protected farmland (54,000+ acres) encompasses nearly three times as much land (19,000 acres) as that protected by the county as parks and open spaces. In March 2020, Marin County passed Measure C to “fund proactive, state-of-the-art wildfire prevention and preparedness efforts.” Measure C, supported by 70.8% of Marin County voters and approved for 10 years, provides more than \$19 million annually for the sole purpose of preventing and mitigating wildfires in Marin County.

Measure A, in contrast, is designed to “protect the parks, open spaces, and farmland that make Marin an extraordinary place to live, work, and play.” With Measure C monies devoted to wildfire protection, we don't need Measure A funds to duplicate these efforts and divert funds from Measure A's core goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

		Albert Straus Organic Dairy Farmer, Straus Dairy Farm in Marshall, California	
Alex Easton-Brown	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A created a slush fund for the benefit of a handful of property owners with no oversight or even ground rules.	
Alison Quoyeser	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals whose land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should be used exclusively for our public parks and open spaces.	
Alison Sentie	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals whose land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Alyce Bender	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Amy Allen	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Biodiversity Protection Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Please do not use the funds to support private cows in Pt Reyes or buying more MALT lands. Use the funds to protect wildlife and improve the water and air quality of our parks. Also, important to control wildfires.	

Andre Demian	Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation	NO \$ for private farmlands with taxpayer \$\$!	The crime of San Geronimo Golf course theft remains a disgrace!
Andrea Glass	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I am only for Measure A if none of the money is given to MALT or ranching at PRNS. Monies should not be diverted to these groups to promote Big Ag here in West Marin where I live in Inverness. I hike the trails by the seashore all the time and see the devastation caused by overgrazing and smell the toxic stench of cow manure. I will vote against this Measure if any money is allocated to agriculture and ranching in my/our national park here in Pt Reyes where I live!	Ranching here ar PRNS needs to be phased out NOW! It does not belong in a national seashore owned by the public--we have to be right to declare what's wanted by the public and 93% of us voted in the Parks Survey to do away with ranching and its terrible carbon footprint during this time of drastic climate upheava! The people have spoken and when the Parks sent out their survey before the unwanted ROD decision was made 93% of the public indicated that it is time for the ranchers who were paid off generously to leave--our souls and water are in crisis conditions here due to cattle grazing--the allocated funds for Measure A should go towards cleaning up the degraded lands and water and no more to ranching and Big Ag supported by MALT!

<p>Andrew Giacomini</p>	<p>Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Biodiversity Protection Science and Research Visitor Services and Programming Grants for Farmland/Agriculture</p>	<p>Here is how Marin County Parks describes Measure A: "Measure A protects the parks, open spaces and farmlands that make Marin an extraordinary place to live, work and play." That is exactly right, and I do not support the proposal to change the allocation to reduce the important investment in our critical farmland resources. That allocation has been vital to further our common goal of preserving a thriving and inclusive agricultural community in Marin, which benefits all of us in so many ways. As my friend Steve Kinsey has said, keeping active agriculture so close to an urban setting is tough. And once it is gone it never comes back.</p> <p>We have all worked together to help preserve agriculture in Marin and that effort reaps many benefits for all of us, including proving a vibrant local food shed for everyone with important jobs for so many people in our community, while also preserving open space forever and maintaining and restoring vital watershed and habitat for local wildlife.</p> <p>The funding provided by the existing allocation of Measure A has been a critical part of this work. And this is no time to change it. All of those funds are matched at least one to one with Federal, state and donor funds and often more than that, so this is an extremely efficient and leveraged investment.</p> <p>Despite all of our work, people are still ranching and farming on the edge. And the draught and climate change are only making matters worse. This is not the time to pull back from the important Measure A funding for ag. It is instead the time to double down on our support.</p> <p>Farmland preservation and land stewardship contribute significantly to biodiversity, fighting climate change, protecting and improving streams and waterways and preventing wildfires, all of which were considered to be important to those who responded to the survey. By continuing our existing support for land stewardship, we get all of those things plus the important contribution of open space and local food, which we all enjoy.</p> <p>And I want to point out that we have 100,000 acres of ag land in Marin as compared to 17,000 acres of park land. So, our biodiversity, conservation, fire protection and land stewardship efforts on farmland have a much larger impact as compared to those on parkland alone.</p> <p>I am disappointed with the proposal to significantly defund ag in Marin and we hope you the Commission and the Board of Supervisors will reject the suggested reallocation. I do support opening the aperture so that Measure A funds may be used more broadly to support land stewardship as well as land acquisition. But to reduce funding by 50% presents a</p>	
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Andy Morse	Money should be spent on parklands, rather on private farming expenses.	Money should be spent on public parklands, not private farming expenses.	
Anne Kehoe	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	There is a need for 20% funding to go to Ag grants.	

Anne Libbin	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>I am concerned about the lack of flexibility that is introduced by setting aside a fixed 30% of the park maintenance and management funds for wildfire risk reduction. How much of current \$7.3 M maintenance and management is being used for activities which would be considered wildfire risk reduction (e.g., weed removal, fire road maintenance)? What wildfire risk reduction activities would be added under the new allocation, and what non-fire park maintenance and management activities would be reduced with the \$1 M reduction in the proposed allocation? Why is additional designated funding needed from Measure A, given the other funding (\$2.3 M from the state this year for Marin County, as well as the \$19.6 M from Measure C this year) for wildfire risk reduction?</p> <p>I also believe there needs to be further reduction in funding for agriculture, and further requirements that the funding serve public interests, rather than supporting private landowners. Given the need for additional housing in the County, there should be no further expenditure of public funds to block development on private agricultural land. Conservation easements should include conditions for public access, and/or habitat enhancement, such as wildlife corridors connecting public lands. Water quality protection is a legal and regulatory requirement for all landowners. If ranching or farming operations are not complying, then enforcement, rather than public subsidy, is the appropriate response. If there is to be public funding for water quality protection, it should go first to non-commercial, low-income landowners (for example, in San Geronimo area), rather than being designated for agriculture.</p>	The Resource Conservation District funding should remain. The reduction in the allocation for agriculture should enable additional funding for parks and open space acquisition and capital improvements. Publicly funded community gardens should be on publicly owned land, which could be acquired from agricultural land or other appropriate locations.
Anne Scanlan-Rohrer	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals whose land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces	
Barbara Boucke	Biodiversity Protection Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	To the Marin County Board of Supervisors: I urge you to continue the overall 20% allocation currently being provided by Measure A funds directed to farmland preservation and stewardship programs. Going forward, an increase in stewardship funding, overseen by MALT, within the 20% allocation, will only enhance Marin's leadership in farmland protection. To date, MALT has protected over half of Marin County's agricultural lands (including wetlands, grasslands, wildlife habitat, etc.)	Maintaining working farmlands forestalls the increasing pressure to develop 60-acre hobby ranchettes! Marin County voters passed Measure C in March 2020 -- devoted to wildfire risk reduction -- that produces almost \$20 million annually to protect our parks and open spaces. Please let Measure C do its job and let an extended Measure A continue to provide outstanding agricultural conservation and stewardship programs benefiting all in Marin County and beyond!

Barbara Salzman	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Biodiversity Protection acquisition of open space lands	Parks improvements and maintenance percentage should be increased so that it can cover wildfire prevention activities when needed and science and research and other needed Acquisition is essential for maintaining biodiversity, intact native habitats that are dependably protected,	
Barbara Wing	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation	We feel, in our family that it is imperative to restore, maintain, and educate the Marin public about the importance of land stewardship and how viable our open spaces, whether used for agriculture or recreation, to respect and preserve the land not only for our current and future generations, but to protect and preserve the balance for wildlife, including both flora and fauna of our rural landscapes.	
Bear McGuinness	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Science and Research Visitor Services and Programming Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	The money that we are paying in taxes to care for public land should NOT be going to MALT or any private landowners. Our public lands are already threatened by invasive plants, erosion, nitrogen runoff and fecal contamination from ranches, irresponsible visitors, and more? Let the money go toward caring for the park. We need more and better trail maintenance, education programs including signs, habitat restoration, beach cleanups. We need to treat public land and habitat with the love and respect they deserve. Stop talking about the threat of climate change and biodiversity loss and do more to protect us all.	
Ben Arons	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Biodiversity Protection Science and Research Visitor Services and Programming Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Tax dollars should go to public lands not private	Fire basement should be number one in the mines and hearts of Palmer in the presidents

Beverly Alexander	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Ag it's not necessarily the best way to protect land. In terms of climate change, protecting wildlands and restoring land to its original condition is much more beneficial than raising methane producing animals.	
Beverly Rodgers	Wildfire Prevention	Wildfires are the major threat to our lives in the county - all monies should be spent on containing them, not on other issues - and CERTAINLY NOT ON AGRICULTURE LANDS AND FARM PRESERVATION.	
Bill Paisley	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I demand that one-third of ALL future Parks sales tax revenue be spent exclusively on wildfire fuel reduction and to STOP diverting "Parks" sales tax dollars to private farm owners. Otherwise, I will be prepared to vote NO on renewing the current 1/4 cent sales tax measure in the June 20, 2022.	
Brad Keyes	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I don't really even understand why we need a new survey after we already completed the first survey. The public clearly expressed our opposition to funding MALT and any agricultural stewardship or ranching interests. Once again, I want to express my firm opposition to any Measure A funds going to private ranching interests. I will strongly campaign against any measure that does so, and if Director Korten includes money for ag in this ordinance, and it loses, I will call for his resignation. He should know better than to be in bed with corrupt organizations like MALT. I am not supportive of any of my tax money going to agriculture or ranching or MALT or Marin RCD or for carbon sequestration or regenerative farming or any funding of "research" on private ranches.	
Brian Hunt	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture. Biodiversity Protection	No Measure A funds should be allocated to agricultural stewardship or private ranching. No public monies AT ALL should go to "agricultural" lands, or beef ranches or farms or dairies. This sentiment applies to all MALT business beneficiaries as well	
Bruce Helmberger	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I will be voting against this measure if any of the funds are used for the support of agriculture.	

Bruce Vogen	Wildfire Prevention	<p>I'm in favor of CO\$T's position on Measure A Renewal: CO\$T calls for any Measure A renewal measure to set a specific annual acreage target for fire fuel reduction AND set aside at least 33% of the sales tax dollars for wildfire fuel reduction. This new, specifically dedicated percentage could be readily achieved by reallocating funds from the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% would come from eliminating farmland preservation spending (primarily Marin Agricultural Land Trust, "MALT") which receives 20% of current sales tax dollars • 6% would come from half of the 13% of current sales tax dollars dedicated to land acquisition • 7% would come from half of the 14% of funding that now goes to the broad category of vegetation management 	I will vote no on Measure A renewal if CO\$T goals are not reflected in the measure.
Bryna Holland	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Please remove funding for MALT easements and instead invest the funds in the beautiful Marin parks that are used by Marin citizens. Thank you for your service to the community.	
Carol Denney	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds should be used for parks and open spaces for the public to enjoy, not for private farms and ranches the public cannot set foot upon. Please listen to the people not the profiteers.	
Carsten Andersen	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>I think measure A should eliminate any AG purchase money. There county is in excellent shape but needs a lot more funds allocated to fire prevention. The county looks after 19,000 acres or so, but only effectively maintains about 1,000. There rest is a serious fire hazard. Look around McNears park as an example. Tons of flammable tree debris everywhere from eucalyptus trees!</p>	
Charles Dilworth	Wildfire Prevention	Proactive wildfire prevention is far and away the best use of Measure A funds.	
Charles Gay	Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts	NO on supporting private agriculture/farming/ranching.	
Charlotte Hill	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	20% of 'Measure A' tax money, about \$26 million to date, has gone to buy easements from private commercial ranchers. Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	

Chiz Keyes	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	No Measure A money for agricultural stewardship!	<p>Dr. Martin Griffin wrote an article in the IJ that explained that the inclusion of allocations to MALT threaten this measure. The article explained that MALT allocated \$100,000 toward the renewal effort, and it described how Director Korten needed those funds and thus continues to include allocations for MALT - hidden in a lie of a "competitive grant program" - in this ballot measure.</p> <p>The IJ revealed that MALT had done a corrupt deal with the Dolcini family. Parks Director Korten demanded that money be returned concerning the deal. MALT's explanation for returning this money on the heels of firing Jeff Stump was inadequate. That anyone believes that MALT just happened to have found that they did not disclose a lower appraisal when they had a policy to seek higher appraisals just a year earlier is a joke. Then, in an act that seems almost Trumpian, MALT sued the county to hide documents about what really happened with that Dolcini deal.</p> <p>I agree with Dr. Griffin that inclusion of any money to this sickening organization will sink this measure.</p> <p>Please remove allocations to private agriculture. If private ag and MALT want money and truly believe that the public supports it, let them issue their own ballot measure.</p>
Chris Carpenter	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I'm opposed to measure A as long as it provides funding for private agricultural concerns. Even though I live in Petaluma, I have financially supported parks and land trusts based in Marin. I have since reassessed my support in light of the misguided decisions made by the NPS and MALT.	

Claire Halenbeck	Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Please eliminate the grants to acquire more agricultural easements in favor of fire protection and better maintenance and grants for the taxpayers that pay for this important tax. No more \$\$ to private landowners.	MALT has protected enough agricultural lands.
Cliff Waldeck	Wildfire Prevention	Hi Max--I understand the need for further fire prevention/protection in Marin thus the overwhelming support in the poll for such services. Two questions....1) I don't recall in the poll any mention of the recent MWPA parcel tax that was passed for similar services. Perhaps, if people were more aware of the MWPA measure, the numbers may not have been as high for fire prevention/protection in the poll? 2) How would the fire monies in Measure A complement and work with the monies in the MWPA measure?	Unless a compelling case can be made for the fire prevention/protection component, I'd like to see the Agricultural Stewardship component be at 20%, that puts skin in the game for all residents who may have a publicly accessible project or initiative they'd like to receive part of their funding from Measure A.
Clifford Pastor	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I do not want any of my taxpayer dollars to support any activities on private farmland/private Agriculture.	Our monies should be put to better use for parks.
COREY RAFFEL	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	20% of 'Measure A' tax money, about \$26 million to date, has gone to buy easements from private commercial ranchers. Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Courtenay Sly	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Public tax dollars in discussion with 2022 Measure A must be used for maintaining and promoting public access to open space and public lands, period.	These public access open spaces are important habitat for wildlife. It is our job to protect this open space for all to enjoy.
Curt Howell	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Taxpayer dollars should go to fund projects that support the greater good not individuals who exclude the public from access. Keep the tax expand the access. Eliminate the glut and we will keep spending dollars in your county.	
Cynthia Abbott	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	The County of Marin needs to stop funneling taxpayer money to influential families in the form of agricultural easements, especially for ranches and dairies. We need less of that and more land for public use, public access and more actual environmental preservation. If it's not for public use or wildlife protections then the county park is not doing the service it states, Preservation & Recreation. Preservation of public lands only, please.	
Dan Boley	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Daniel Dietrich	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I will not support any Measure A plan that includes any funds that are given to private individuals. I will support a plan where 100% of the money goes to public parks and open space.	The fact that our tax dollars were used to enrich the board of directors at MALT and their families is abhorrent.

Daniel Harker	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	100% of the Measure A funds should go to public parks and open spaces.	
Daria McKnight	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
David Lukas	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Please use these funds to protect and acquire open spaces that are open and accessible to the public rather than paying for easements on private lands that are closed to the public.	I am no longer a Marin resident, but I spent many years living in the county and leading countless nature walks and classes on Open Space properties. I have seen firsthand the tremendous value of helping people experience open spaces and natural areas. These are experiences that change and enrich people's lives, and this is one of the highest values that Marin County can protect for its citizens.
David Schnapf	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Two- and one-half years ago I wrote a letter that was published in the Marin IJ about how the Marin County Parks has grossly neglected trail maintenance at Ring Mtn while giving millions to MALT. My letter was in response to an IJ article stating that nearly half of the Measure A money has been spent on agriculture while about 2% has been spent on park maintenance. I recently visited Ring Mtn and, apart from some new signage, trail conditions in highly sensitive and unique wildflower areas remain deplorable and haven't changed one iota. Yet millions more have gone to agriculture. STOP THE GIVEAWAY!!! Let agriculture stand or fall without massive infusions of public tax money. Maybe it's time to realize that subsidized agriculture is a huge waste of taxpayer money. This is true even without the corruption that has been exposed at MALT.	I will NOT vote for any measure that continues to give taxpayer money directly or indirectly to agriculture. I voted for it last time because I thought it would bring better trail maintenance, but it turns out that claim was fraudulent.
Davis Everett	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I am against this measure if any money is dedicated to private agriculture.	
Debbie Fier	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	These funds should go to projects that are fully open to the public, NOT private individuals. I am speaking as a resident of West Marin. thank you!	
DEBBIE MERRILL	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Public funds, voted to be used for public lands, should not be going to private individuals, especially when these individuals have land that cannot be used by the public. This is a blatant misuse of funds. Marin does not need another debacle like what is happening at OUR National Park, Pt Reyes Seashore.	
Deborah Moskowitz	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A tax funds should be used exclusively for maintaining and supporting public lands. Do not use these funds for subsidizing private farms and ranches.	Sales taxes are regressive and have a greater impact on lower income families. It is especially unfair to deliver sales tax monies to some of the wealthiest landowners in Marin County.
Den Fleming	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements	Less money for agriculture and more for trails and parks	

Diana Hagan	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I want to see Measure A retain agricultural funding at its current 20% level. The support Measure A can provide to help keep agricultural land in operation as working farmland in perpetuity is important to protect our local foodshed and safeguard wildlife habitat. MALT helps to support well-managed agricultural land and provides crucial best practices to assist in stewarding the land. We must not let this measure pass without the much-needed funding component.	Well-stewarded agricultural land does help to the efforts to protect against fire risk. Livestock grazing and healthy riparian zones can act to slow a wildfire's progress.
Diane Gentile	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I strongly feel it is in the public's best interest to allocate Measure A funds for parks and open spaces for the public to enjoy, not for the farms and ranches to profit personally while barring public access.	
Don Busby	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Donna Liberatore	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds should be used for parks and open spaces for the public to enjoy, not for private farms and ranches the public cannot set foot upon.	
Doug Kelly	Wildfire Prevention	Please increase the funding for wildfire prevention and at this time let's not do any more Grant Funding for Farmland/Agriculture	
Douglas Scherf	Wildfire Prevention	50% of the proceeds should be devoted to wildfire prevention.	
Eileen Mahoney	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	None of this money should go to private individuals or private property. It should only be used for land accessible to the public.	
Elizabeth Dodge	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Marin County Measure A funds - NONE should go to "agricultural" lands, or beef ranches or farms or dairies. Zero dollars. And none to MALT businesses. I will vote against this measure if any money is allocated to agriculture.	
Eric Neuner	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	"Every day in the United States, 2,000 acres of productive agricultural land are developed and converted to non-agricultural use, according to the American Farmland Trust. MALT protects Marin County land while supporting local food sustainability FOREVER. It shows the world what's possible when deeply caring people work together to build the future, we all want to see. In the past nine years, MALT has amplified \$13,260,407 in Measure A funding by raising an additional \$14,973,477 in matching funds from private and public sources. Clearly, there is a lot of public interest in supporting MALT. Let's continue to invest in this inspiring model because it amplifies the very best of Marin County." - Eric Neuner, Land Steward, Organic Farmer and ESPG Board Member	

Everet Regal	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	Expanding farmland in Point Reyes, CA, taking away natural habitat that negatively and directly effects wildlife and the natural ecosystem of that area is an abomination. I've traveled from New York State, multiple times, just to spend a week exploring and enjoying this unique area. This unique area should be supported and protected 100% as a forever wild preserve. The political decisions are completely wrong and misguided.
Ford Greene	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds should be used for parks and open spaces for the public to enjoy, not for private farms and ranches the public cannot set foot upon.	
Frederick Carss	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds from taxpayer dollars should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces. As such, I believe that subsidies should absolutely not be used buy easements from private commercial ranchers or support commercial ranching in any way.	
Fritz Dern	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Biodiversity Protection Science and Research Visitor Services and Programming Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Less of Measure A money should be spent on signage and more on actions that improve upon and increase parkland and potential parkland. Keep third party organization like MALT accountable for money they use to meet these goals.	
Gayle Cerri	Wildfire Prevention Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Please remove all funding for private land from Measure A. I am happy to support all other portions of this measure but will vote against it if you continue to include any funding (including wildfire prevention) on private land or for private enterprise. Please stop funneling my hard-earned taxpayer money to private enterprises, particularly families in the form of agricultural easements, especially for ranches and dairies. We need more actual environmental preservation. Rewild the land and work to prevent wildfires on public lands, not private lands.	I also find it disingenuous that there is yet another survey in an open format. It seems as if people in charge did not like the results of the first survey, so they are hoping for a different response. Especially since the follow-up survey is in a format that is less quantifiable. The people of Marin have spoken- no more funneling money to the few cattle and dairy ranches. It has to stop now.

Geoffrey Brooks	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>I'm writing to express my strong believe that taxpayer funding should not be distributed to private landowners, particularly if the land in question will not be accessible to the public. (And, of course, there are questions about the sustainability impact of these ventures as well.)</p> <p>While a removal of this type of funding may be painful in the near term, the longer they persist the more difficult they are to stop in the future.</p>	
Gerald Toriumi	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation	Eliminate funding for Marin land trust open space preservation easement. We have enough open space; we need wildfire prevention.	Designate separate trails for bicycles, from horse & hiking, enforced by rangers to include confiscation of bikes when caught on wrong trail !!!!
Greg von Buchau	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	No more grants for farmland. Time to stop subsidizing the MALT special interests.	
Gregory Hendricker	Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts	Measure A funds should not go to private individuals. Public land should remain public. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for the betterment of public parks and open spaces.	
hank perry	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Biodiversity Protection Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I am against allowing Ranching in Pt Reyes National Seashore. PRNS has been established as a National park and this use is inconsistent with the overall goals of the Park Service. The compromise does not serve the majority of visitors. The cattle usage of federal land is environmentally a disaster, creating erosion, increased bacteria levels in dwindling water, and contributing the demise of a native species (elk). This use should cease immediately.	Pt Reyes was established to be a National Park, and not to be a dairy farmers freeloader off the taxpayer. The small percentage of dairy products which are produced don't even hit the local markets - and hit higher priced markets overseas, so the "table to farm" myth has only been created to serve these small number of tenants (yes, tenants) who benefit at a greater extent than the taxpayers who pay for this National Park to exist. As a visitor, if this problem is not corrected, I will not have reason to visit Marin any longer to see this nugget of wildlife in a metropolitan area.
Hayley Crews	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Hilary Hyde	Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	We have enough farmland/too much methane. We must do more to prevent fire and sea level rise.	

ilene gudelsky	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I am opposed to further grants to farmland agriculture as the land has already been preserved and the priority should be the care of the parks. Therefore, if measure A includes funding for MALT I will be opposed and encourage others to also vote against it	I lived in Marin for 30 years and now live in Sonoma but frequent the parks in Marin both as hiker and equestrian.
Jack Gescheidt	Wildfire Prevention Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	re. Wildfire Prevention: Too many trees and forests are being cut down because of exaggerated and unscientific fear of wildland fires and W.U.I. fires. INSTEAD OF CUTTING DOWN GREEN TREES — or ANY trees over 100 feet from houses and structures — funding should be directed at programs to harden houses, make them "Ignition Resistant." Some of this is covered in the NFPA's "Fire wise" program which teaches people that trees, forests, vegetation over 100 feet from houses SHOULD NOT BE CUT DOWN. Instead, clear dead brush, etc., ONLY.	ZERO dollars of Measure A funds should go to "agricultural" lands -- primarily the misleading cattle (beef & dairy) industry terms these private businesses use to hide their seeking public funds assistance. Cut it out. E.g., MALT should get ZERO dollars. Ranches should get ZERO Marin County (or state or Federal) dollars. That clear enough?
James Holmes	Wildfire Prevention	1. I support the draft plans reduction in funding for farmland programs. 2. I also question whether the draft's provision for "stewardship grants" will result in significant projects with meaningful or lasting benefits. 3. To avoid the problems with MALT, the measure should preclude grants funneled through organizations controlled by past or potential grant recipients or their affiliates.	
James McLachlan	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Funds raised from communal taxes should be applied to projects that benefit and are accessible by the taxpayer population. Funds should not go towards Farmland/Agriculture - these parties receive sufficient other subsidies, and further subsidy simply allows them to continue degrading the environment at the expense and peril of the community of Marin. Any payments to farmers should come with the stipulation that their land be opened to community access.	
Jami Ellermann	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I will not support any measure that uses ANY money for agricultural easements or for land acquisition. We are fortunate to live in a County that is already abundant with dedicated open space, now we must maintain what we already have with funds dedicated to maintenance and wildfire prevention.	
Jamie Murphy	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	As a frequent visitor to Marin parkland, I must express my disapproval to any proposal that uses tax money to pay private ranchers/farmers for easements on property when the public is prevented from access to the ranchers' land.	
Jan O'Brien	Biodiversity Protection Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I think Measure A funds should be used for parks and open spaces for the public to enjoy, not for private farms and ranches unless they add trails for the public.	

Janice Kehoe	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	We need the 20% for Ag grants.	
Jason Heirtzler	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Biodiversity Protection	I would like to request that public money for measure "A" for land easements from commercial ranchers means that the public can use the land to appreciate nature in a respectful way. If we buy access to the land but cannot enjoy it, we are not getting full benefit. Thank you.	
Jeff Miller	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds should exclusively be used for public parks and publicly owned open spaces. Taxpayer money should not go to private individual ranchers or farmers for land the public cannot access.	
Jenna Peterson	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I do not want any of my taxpayer dollars to support any activities on private farmland/private Agriculture.	I will vote against this measure if any money is allocated to agriculture.
Jennifer Grobart	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I have lived here in San Anselmo since I was 2; my folks moved here in 1982, and I am almost 42. I was a strong supporter of MALT for many years, but NO LONGER. That organization betrayed our trust and has shown itself to be dirty. If any Measure A funds are allocated to MALT (or the Marin RCD) through a "competitive grant program," I will vote against this measure. I love our parks and open space. I was raised at the base of Loma Alta, and the rolling hills and dried grasses of Marin are my home. But I do not like that this measure includes allocations to ranchers. It is sickening. NO MEASURE A MONEY FOR "FARMLAND/AGRICULTURE." I will work to sink this measure if there is.	
Jennifer Hadley	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Tax Dollars should not be used to pay individuals/ranchers for land that the public will have no access to. These funds should be used strictly to fund public lands and parks.	
Jill Lervold	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces. Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access.	
Joanna Koziara	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	Thanks

Jocelyn Cacciatore	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	No public funds are to go to private farms or ranches! The public has NO ACCESS so why they should be giving money to rich landowners that are doing what they do to the land? I will do whatever I can to kill Measure A if ANY more money goes to FPP or MALT and its corrupt organization. MALT should have NO PLACE in our public funds. RCD should NOT have a BOARD of RANCHERS that funnel money to their family and friends. THERE IS NO OVERSIGHT.	Marin is already 50% AG and the folks that own that land are wealthy enough! Measure A is for PUBLIC SPACES AND OPEN SPACES WITH PUBLIC ACCESS. And Please stop with all the unnecessary signage all over the place. My tax dollars should be going to making more public spaces more accessible to all including handicapped folks. More trails that are wheelchair friendly would be a good start.
Jocelyn Knight	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	No more Public Funds to go to private ranches and farms where there is no Public Access!! Livestock operations are extractive and degrade all natural habitats. Cattle are an unsustainable Commodity that is destroying the planet's ecosystems.	I will fiercely fight ANY funds toward the FPP, and the RCD attached to Open Space and Parks Measure A. RCD has a Board made of ranchers and farmers who funnel money to their friends and family who are ranchers and farmers. This is an abuse of public funds. Increasing RCD % still gives \$ to Ranchers.
Jody Brazil	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I support continuing the 20% allocation for farmland protection and stewardship. Once Marin's beautiful and critical climate beneficial farmland is lost it will be lost forever.	
Jon d'Alessio	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I support the efforts to protect and preserve farmland by buying easements.	
Jon Spear	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	All money for "agricultural stewardship" must be eliminated (not just reduced) from Measure A. The audacious inclusion of "carbon farming" grants shows that the proponents depend on the ignorance and scientific illiteracy of the citizenry. Carbon farming (sometimes referred to as "regenerative grazing") is well understood to be a scam by anyone proficient at grade school level arithmetic. Carbon sequestration on commercial ranches is especially unfeasible in the western half of the United States, due to the lack of rain for six months out of each year. Please cut all proposed funds that are to be allocated to agribusiness, which already receives inordinate amounts of federal aid in the form of farm subsidies and price supports. Corrupt industry organizations like MALT already wield far too much political power in Marin County. Please don't use Measure A funds for "agricultural stewardship." I do NOT want any more of my tax dollars to increase profits of commercial ranching.	
Jonathan Huyer	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals whose land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	

Joseph Jasper	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Biodiversity Protection	Tens of millions of taxpayer dollars are spent to acquire and maintain lands in Pt. Reyes National Seashore. Leased farm and range lands for private businesses should not benefit from taxpayer dollars. The park needs to remain accessible throughout to visitors and wildlife. Progress should be toward reducing the impact of ranches. No increase of access for visitors and wildlife should be granted.	
Joyce Griffin	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Biodiversity Protection Science and Research Visitor Services and Programming	Exclude MALT in all forms. Corrupt MALT needs to be deleted from receiving any Measure A funds.	MALT has proven to be corrupt; do not give them any more \$\$ support.
Judy Schriebman	Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Biodiversity Protection Grants for Farmland/Agriculture Native American Tribe Consultation	Too much is going toward wildfires. This was certainly on the public's mind, but we have already voted for and funded a lot of money for the new Wildfire agency, so this is NOT where I want to measure a funds going. This funding is necessary for long range planning and thinking. Restoration is critical, whether on public or private lands; often you need both in order to do an effective restoration, so don't divide this. We need to think wholistically. Protection of biodiverse lands is critical and cheaper than any restoration so this should be primary. I am especially concerned that "vegetation management" which often means clear cutting and tree removal, has been implanted in the public's mind vs establishing health trees, which infiltrate the water into the ground. Riparian areas MUST be protected and enhanced everywhere for fish and other wildlife, as that increases biodiversity. So, more money to RCD for this purpose of restoration, less emphasis on vegetation management white person style--this is where the Native tribes have TEK that can help and where we should be thoughtfully working with them on this, or in whatever way they feel is best, since we took these lands from them. An ongoing respectful dialog is necessary.	Protection of our open space lands by enforcing the rules, such as no bike riding on single track trails, is not addressed anywhere. It's bad enough that money has to be spent fixing up fire roads gouged by bikers riding in the mud and that illegal trails continue to be built. A bike licensing program MUST be started as more and more people are using these lands for this purpose AND it is a safety and wildlife protection hazard that will only continue without licensing, enforcement and significant fines. Work with MMWD on this as land borders are not obvious in the public's mind, especially not visitors from other areas.
Jules Evens	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds should be used for parks and open spaces for the public to enjoy, NOT for private farms and ranches to which the public has no access. The Measure is unambiguous in its intent to provide for public use, not for private profit.	
Julia Ries	Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	We feel in our family that it is imperative that grants and funds continue to stay at the level they are or increased to provide the funding needed to prevent, protect, and maintain wildlife, wetland, and parks.	

JULIE KRACHMAN	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	Point Reyes Park is a national treasure, and the Tule Elk need to be preserved. My tax dollars should NOT be going to ranchers!!!
Julie Smith	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces	
Julie Taber	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	These funds should not go to anyone who's land cannot be accessed by the public. Thank you.	
Jyoti Elias	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation	These topics are extremely prescient for Marin county residents.	
Karen Kieckhefer	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
KARIN ORELIND	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I do not want any of my taxpayer dollars to support any activities on private farmland/private Agriculture	
Karla Stine	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Stop funding private ranches	
Karthik Subramaniam	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Kathy Raffel	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Biodiversity Protection Visitor Services and Programming	All grants should support the acquisition and maintenance of lands that can be accessed and enjoyed by the public. Protecting biodiversity and a healthy environment should also receive priority.	
keli hendricks	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds should be used for our parks and open spaces and not private land the public cannot access.	
Kelli Petersen	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I do not want any of my taxpayer dollars to go to private farmland/agriculture. I will vote against Measure A if any of the taxpayer money is allocated to farmland/agriculture.	
Kenda Francis	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I will vote against Measure A if ANY money is allocated to agriculture. I do not want any of my taxpayer money used to support any activities on private farmland/private Agriculture. I want 100% of this measure to be spent on public spaces, not private.	

Kenneth Bouley	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	In my opinion, it is well past time the County of Marin stopped funneling taxpayer money to influential families in the form of agricultural easements, especially for ranches and dairies. We need less of that, more actual environmental preservation. I also don't buy all the unproven and overly optimistic "regenerative" and "carbon farming" greenwashing. 10% to ag is still too much. And MALT and RCD is the same thing, a different channel to get our money to the same people.	I am concerned that there is a follow-up survey, but this survey will not result in any quantifiable data, like the first survey did. It really seems like someone didn't like the first answer, so is trying again.
Kenneth Gibson	Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Biodiversity Protection Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	It strikes me as absurd to subsidize farming and agriculture in Marin County or anywhere in our state. We are impacted here by climate change and drought. Our focus here should be on rebuilding native forest to foster natural carbon capture and minimize seasonal irrigation or water use for large animal husbandry, growing hay or other water intensive agriculture. We should seek to foster biodiversity and protection of native and neighboring species most likely to be viable as our climate changes. At the same time this will mitigate the forces of climate change. Invasive cattle should be removed from coastal areas in particular to help restore native wetlands and mitigate the effects of sea level rise. Intensive deposition of cattle feces and urine and intestinal gases into our water land and air is increasingly harmful at this time.	Let Marin help preserve the planet.
Kingston Cole	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	This category must be abolished. Simply put, it allows a transfer of public funds to private landowners without any type of accountability. There is no true "competitive bid process." MALT is the lone recipient. Enough is enough with these shenanigans.	Take from MALT, et.al., and give to bona fide wildfire prevention. The latter is the most important category from the last survey of over2000 people.
Kirk Casey	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Biodiversity Protection Science and Research Visitor Services and Programming Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Vote not please	

Kirstin Asher	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Biodiversity Protection Science and Research Visitor Services and Programming Dog parks that are grassy not full of bark and that are friendly to both small and large dogs. Specifically in Fairfax and San Geronimo so commuters don't clog up Drake to get to San Anselmo and Larkspur dog parks.	We usually support MALT. Keeping ranches in business rather than their owners selling to developers is crucial in Marin, especially with ABAG at everyone's door these days. Plus having an agriculturally viable Landscape and farming community is incredibly important to this area - look at what happened to the South Bay when all the farms were sold off to silicon Valley companies. Yet MALT, sadly, is showing their corruption. Remove your support of them until investigations prove otherwise.	
Kris Cedar	Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Biodiversity Protection Science and Research	No money should go to animal agriculture! We need to move away from funding environmentally damaging businesses like beef, dairy and other animal agriculture businesses.	Please use the Measure A money for everything, NATURE!
Ladi Asgill	Biodiversity Protection Science and Research Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funding should be focused on an integrated approach that includes support for agriculture, open space and biodiversity.	
Lana Richards	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Please restore Measure A funding allocations for agriculture to 20%. We should think holistically about how we protect land in Marin, and agriculture is a key piece of the puzzle. Reducing funding would reduce sustainable agriculture in the region which is a precious resource we can't afford to lose.	

<p>Laura Cunningham</p>	<p>Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Biodiversity Protection Grants for Farmland/Agriculture</p>	<p>I am a regular visitor to Marin County, have relatives who live in Marin County, and enjoy hiking in trails, open spaces, parks, and preserves. I also regularly visit Point Reyes National Seashore. I do not support rampant livestock grazing on the Seashore or other open spaces, which pollute water supplies and the Ocean, and damage sensitive grasslands and wildlife species. I do not want Measure A funds subsidized livestock operators. I would rather have these funds go to public open space trails, protection of native vegetation and wildlife. Programs of brush cutting, invasive plant removal, and prescribed fire can reduce fire fuels. Seek input from Tribal groups looking to undertake cultural #goodfire burning Traditional Ecological Knowledge projects.</p>	<p>The era of cows versus condos is over in Marin County. People want public open spaces that are accessible without barbed-wire fences and cow manure.</p>
<p>Laura Effel</p>	<p>Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Biodiversity Protection Science and Research Visitor Services and Programming Grants for Farmland/Agriculture</p>	<p>No funds for MALT. Apply to wildfire instead. Wildfire prevention should be at least one third of the budget. Grants for farmland should be eliminated.</p>	
<p>Laura Miller</p>	<p>Grants for Farmland/Agriculture</p>	<p>Measure A funds should not be spent to subsidize commercial agriculture / farmland. These businesses directly harm the lands Measure A is designed to protect.</p>	<p>Measure A funds should be spent on all other topics mentioned, that serve the lands being protected, and educating the folks visit. Add docent programs in heavily visited areas, to help protect lands / support education on how to do so, such as Duxbury Reef / Agate Beach.</p>
<p>Laura Phillips</p>	<p>Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Biodiversity Protection Grants for Farmland/Agriculture</p>	<p>I do not want ANY money from measure A to go toward grants for farmland or agriculture!</p>	<p>This money should go toward Parks, Biodiversity protection, park maintenance, restoration, but NOT toward farmland and agriculture!</p>

<p>Laurence Minikes</p>	<p>Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Farmland/Agriculture</p>	<p>In addition to my earlier comments to the Commission and Staff,</p> <p>West Marin is the legacy of each of our current generation. The decisions we make will reverberate for decades to come. now more than ever, In light of climate change, land preservation which includes the application of restorative, carbon sequestering techniques among our greatest rather than somehow falling to this community's apparent bottom priority.</p> <p>Regardless of the opposition to continuing much needed farmland and agriculture financial support, at the end of the day every resident, every community and local organization has a shared vested interest in supporting this measure.</p> <p>However, you decide as a commission, we are all going to win by supporting renewal of this critical measure. Please continue your efforts in fighting the good fight, as a dear departed mentor used to repeatedly say to me.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Larry Minikes, MCL</p>	<p>Today, one unfortunate outcome is that wetlands and sea level rise took a back seat to West Marin preservation.</p> <p>Speaking personally, being my first year as a kayaker, I am spending considerable time out of Buck's Landing. This has resulted in developing a far deeper appreciation for our incredible wetlands and wildlife preserve out of the Gallinas Creek area and its many tributaries, the importance of keeping not just this but our entire shoreline vibrant and healthy.</p> <p>I can attest this past weekend at low tide I witnessed an incredible variety of bird species in the thousands, stretching off into the distance feeding off the exposed mudflats and seagrass areas. I can only describe it as something akin to being at the Galapagos. (And I am not even a birder, just an observer.)</p> <p>Again, through the climate change and sea level rise lens, we do know with certainty conditions are going to continue to deteriorate in the coming decade. Please make sure we are looking ahead to properly allocate appropriate funds toward this unfolding crisis over these next ten years. Please take the long view. Thank you.</p>
<p>Linda Rames</p>	<p>Visitor Services and Programming Grants for Farmland/Agriculture</p>	<p>Unless Measure A removes all monies slated to be distributed to farms and ranches is removed, I will vote against the measure, and I will actively work to see it defeated. Giving public money to private business which the public cannot access is wrong and must stop.</p>	

Lisa Poncia

Measure A

My husband Loren and I own Stemple Creek Ranch. Sixteen years ago, Loren and I set out to figure out a way that we could continue his family's 4 generation legacy of agriculture in Marin County.

Luckily for us, there was a family ranch that we were able to rent from Loren's parents to start our business on. His parents had sold a MALT easement years earlier, and I am quite confident that the ranch would not have still been in the family if it wasn't for MALT.

Once we got our business underway, Loren and his parents were able to sell another MALT easement on another family property. This second MALT easement allowed them to pay estate taxes and settle up with other family members to again, allow the ranch to stay in the family.

We were also able to invest in land and purchase the ranch next door from the Burbank family. The Burbank family had owned their ranch for 150 years but were no longer in productive agriculture. The Burbank family had also been able to keep the ranch in their family because of an earlier MALT easement. Loren and I, through Stemple Creek Ranch, have now fixed up the Burbank Ranch to make it an educational space where we host people year-round to learn about regenerative agriculture, carbon farming, Marin County agriculture, and also engage in agritourism.

We now sell grass-fed, grass-finished products to some of the best restaurants in California, to many locally owned grocery stores and butcher shops, and directly to consumers at our Marin County farmer's market and from our website.

None of this would have been possible without MALT. None of this would have been possible without Marin County's long-standing support of local agriculture.

Loren's father Al was a founding board member of MALT over 40 years ago, Loren was a board member of MALT, and I am a current board member of MALT. To say that preserving and creating a thriving agricultural community is in our blood is the understatement of the day. This is the work that we do every single day of our lives, and we are proud to do it.

MALT and Marin County's dedication to farmland preservation and a robust and healthy agriculture community is a model that is admired around the country. Without Marin County's and MALT's dedication, agriculture in Marin County would be nowhere near where it is today. The legacy of this important work and the future of agriculture in Marin is what is at stake in the proposal to reallocate Measure A funds.

		<p>The passage of Measure A was a crucial step in supporting local agriculture, but the work is not done. While MALT has been wildly successful, half of the productive land of Marin County is still vulnerable to subdivision. Measure A is crucial to allow MALT to continue this important work. Using private support to match public funds, farmland preservation not only assures the continuation of an important local economy and local food security but delivers a wide range of other benefits - including fire protection, wildlife habitat, climate resilience, and the open spaces we all cherish.</p> <p>Reversing Marin County's long-standing dedication to local agriculture is a mistake.</p> <p>On behalf of the agriculturalists in Marin County of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, and on behalf of all of the people who eat and support our foodshed, please maintain the existing 20% allocation to farmland preservation.</p> <p>Thank you, Lisa Poncia Co-Owner and General Manager, Stemple Creek Ranch</p>	
<p>Lisa Stanziano</p>	<p>Grants for Farmland/Agriculture</p>	<p>I support funding of Measure A EXCEPT for grants for "agricultural stewardship" in public parks. I do NOT support funding private ranching or dairy operations within a public park. Private commercial operations have no place in a park (especially a national park), which unlike BLM property and other designated public lands, must receive full protection of natural resources and wildlife diversity. NO funding must go to private ranches from this measure. Please remove language for funding for private ranching/dairy operations.</p>	

lonna richmond	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I would like to see my money go to preserving the environment, not paying for ranching and dairy businesses to destroy the thing we're trying to save. to hear that ranching promotes habitat and protects the environment is a bunch of hogwash. just take a look at PRNS. those cows just shit all over and create pollution of the land, air, and water. I can't see why ranching and dairy businesses within our national seashore (PRNS) deserve any more money from this measure A. first off, these people were paid well when they sold their land to NPS and now refuse to leave.... besides the fact that they get the sweetest deal on rent, grazing rights, and get a lot if not most of the maintenance paid by NPS. these squatters need to go and not get another penny of our tax money or donations from you.	
Lorelei Dacus	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Funds should go to the parks, not private land holders	
Lu Morano	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Biodiversity Protection Science and Research Visitor Services and Programming Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Extremely concerned about those cows poisoning PRNS. Ranchers don't seem to realize that the current situation is the antithesis of keeping a healthy earth. It seems the Park Service has been working for the cattle industry; this is egregious. No more money for ranches! They have been seriously overpaid for 50 years and have not kept their agreements to move out since then, having been paid generously for their land.	Grrr.
Lucy Dilworth	Wildfire Prevention	We must have at least 33% of Measure A funds going to reduce fire fuel in our parks an open space. We are all in danger if we do not take care of this long-neglected problem. One-third of all Measure A funds should be spent on fire fuel reduction. We are sitting on a powder keg. Other interests such as MALT can seek support from other sources.	
Lulu Taylor	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Stop funding rancher! Funding for park and other recreational lands that can be used by the public should be the priority. Funding ranchers is a waste of public money. Stop the welfare to ranchers.	If funding for ranchers is included in a measure, I will actively be campaigning against this measure. Fund parks not ranchers.
Lynne Heinrich	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Allocations for farmland protection should not be decreased! These grants assist with fire mitigation, local food, view sheds and open space/access to important lands. DO NOT REDUCE THESE ALLOCATIONS PLEASE! It is short-sighted.	If expansion of the farmland allocation purpose could be for purchase as well as easements, this could help W Marin significantly with worker housing.

Marc McCurry	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Biodiversity Protection Science and Research Visitor Services and Programming Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	There should be no Measure A funds used to fund private individuals or to provide any type of financial or other benefit to private individuals. These programs destroy public resources/wildlife habitat. All Measure A funds should be used for projects that protect all aspects of nature for the enjoyment of the public.	
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Grants for Farmland/Agriculture

I am writing to urge the County Supervisors to keep agricultural funding in Measure A at the current level of 20%.

Forty years ago, the Marin Agricultural Land Trust was founded, based on a revolutionary idea at the time, to purchase permanent conservation easements on agricultural land to keep it in productive agriculture and protect it from environmentally damaging development. Since that beginning 40 years ago, MALT has accomplished the protection of more than half of the agricultural land in Marin County. MALT's program of purchasing easements, and then overseeing stewardship of those protected lands, has fostered a local agricultural economy and thriving local foodshed supplying the greater San Francisco Bay Area. Our local sustainable foodshed is an essential part of the reduction of our county's carbon footprint in multiple ways; through the reduced travel-distance of food from farm to market, and through the carbon-farming practices pioneered on MALT-protected ranches which convert livestock operations from net carbon-producers to important carbon-sinks.

The creek-conservation requirements in MALT easements provide crucial watershed and riparian zone protection. The contiguous nature of protected lands protect essential wildlife corridors in West Marin. And the scenic values of MALT-protected Marin farmland are known to all who visit West Marin. MALT's protection and stewardship of West Marin ranchlands provide multiple other important ecosystem services to our region, erosion prevention, nutrient cycling, pollination, biological control of insect pests and invasive plants, and habitat diversity.

The stated reason for moving 10% of Measure A funds out of agricultural land protection and stewardship is to increase funding for wildfire risk reduction. But well-stewarded agricultural land is crucial for regional fire protection. Livestock diminish fuel-loads on rangeland and minimize the growth of woody scrub that presents a greater fire risk. Well-stewarded ranchland enhances green riparian zones that slow the progress of wildfires. Measure A money spent to conserve and steward agricultural land IS money spend on wildfire risk reduction.

MALT protection is forever. These lands are protected from environmentally damaging development in perpetuity. This mean's MALT's job is also one that never ends, and funds are needed to maintain the stewardship of these protected lands. What's more, nearly half of Marin County's agricultural land is still at risk of falling out of agriculture and succumbing to damaging development.

Ranching and farming are difficult livelihoods with small profit-

margins. Marin County agriculturalists may be perceived as “wealthy” because they own valuable land. But the only way to realize that wealth is to sell, develop or subdivide the land. Those who come to MALT to sell easements do so because they need money to sustain their agricultural operations. If MALT does not have the funds to buy these easements and protect and steward these lands, they will be sold and fall out of agriculture. The 20% of Measure A funds that have been allocated to MALT in the past decade has constituted a productive collaboration between the taxpayers of Marin County and MALT. In the past nine years, MALT has leveraged \$13,260,407 in Measure A funding with an additional \$14,973,477 in matching funds from private and public sources. I urge you to maintain the allocation of 20% of Measure A funds to agricultural protection and stewardship and continue this impactful collaboration.

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No farmland preservation. 0%. Ag is already the most subsidized industry in the U.S.

Margo Wixsom	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>Dear Marin County Parks, Many Marin voters are feeling burned by the last Measure A that channeled \$60 million to private ranchers in the last measure. Please remove ALL funding from private landowners from our PUBLIC PARKS funds request. This new survey and draft of Measure A is doomed for failure if you continue to allocate public funds to private landowners with any type of obfuscating language like "fire prevention" and "grants.". I can definitely support community gardens on public lands or communal neighborhood lands. But zero support for this if it allows one dollar to go to private ranchers. Reallocating the 20% from farmlands - which DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESERVED IN MARIN due to the fact that over 50% of the county lands are ALREADY commercial ranch/farmlands. Those lands already have generous county and state tax breaks. I cannot support a measure that gives ANY funding to private ranchers. I was told that the 20% from the last Measure A was \$60 million giveaway to ranchers. So, if you are reducing agricultural land supplements to 10% and \$30 million dollars, I will be a strong opponent of this measure. I would like you to give me the actual dollar amount from the last Measure A that went to private ranchers and the proposed 10% total dollar amount for the proposed Measure A. You need to write a SEPARATE measure for "agricultural stewardship." And NOT slip in private funding under the guise of a public parks bill. Please do NOT set up our parks bond measure for failure like this. It is defrauding the public to call this or promote it as public parks measure with ANY private funding slipped in under "friendly" terms like community gardens, fire management, climate mediation. It is simply fraud. I hope that you can see this. It is not an argument - it is simply the facts. Calling this public park measure with even 10% private funding is disingenuous.</p>	<p>Marin RCD has posted on its website that Marin County has already promised funding from Measure A to private ranch projects for "matching grants." Simply fraudulent to ask for public parks funding that already promised funding to private ranchers. PLEASE do not turn voters like me who strongly support public parks funding by corrupting it with private land improvements and allocations. You are using photos of kids in community programs (100% support) and families using parks (100% support) - these images promote PUBLIC PARKS. What you are hiding is the \$20 million giveaway to private ranchers couched in a public parks bill. This will lead to 100% failure of this measure. It will be heartbreaking for me to use my time and talents fighting a disingenuous "public parks" measure by exposing to our community the millions allocated to private ranchers who are already millionaires and own 50% of Marin County. Please put me in a position to work to support this measure by taking our agricultural subsidies to private landowners. I want to support funding for PUBLIC PARKS. STOP wasting your time and our dollars hiding private funding in a public parks bill.</p>
Mari Robinson	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention	<p>There's no question that wildfire prevention is a top priority for Marin and that a significant amount of Measure A funding going to Parks and Open Space maintenance should focus on clearing dead, dry and other fire prone vegetation. Thank you for the work you are doing to keep our parks and open spaces safe for visitor use via regular parks and trail maintenance but please do not divert your focus from assuring that parks and open spaces are not at high risk of fire. We are at risk for sea level rise, yet fire risk is what is a clear and present danger. Thank you.</p>	
Mark Burton	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>I will not vote for a measure that gives more money to these ranchers who will not disclose their records and have been self-dealing for years.</p>	

<p>Mark Walsh</p>	<p>Grants for Farmland/Agriculture</p>	<p>Why was this second survey necessary, Mr. Korten?</p> <p>Didn't like the results of the first one? With the vast majority of Marin public respondents saying stop giving our taxpayer monies to private ranchers. Are you planning a third survey if this one doesn't pan out in favor of the private company ranchers?</p> <p>There are already protections in place to protect Marin open space. If more is needed, then legislate it with the involvement of the public. If you want to do something for Marin open space, let the ranchers' fate be driven by burgeoning public market demands that private ag business not get anymore handouts, and that dairy and beef factory operations are less and less a part of American diet; that these companies destroy land, water, habitat, and air and people are fed up with that; and that there are other models these businesses can transition to -- just like millions of other Americans have transitioned from dying industries.</p> <p>Why should we subsidize a private rancher industry bent on proven immediate and long-term harmful impacts to soil, water, air, and habitat?</p> <p>Stop the slick sleight-of-hand moves to continue an 1840s picture of these very-much 2020s private ag, dairy, and beef factory operations. Why the hell should taxpayer monies go to private businesses that slop at the trough of public subsidies crying hardship, while being some of the richest and most powerful people in the County??</p> <p>Get real. Stop with the trick moves already.</p>	<p>If you're going to do surveys that directly affect taxpayers' monies to Marin government and the Parks, then make more of an effort to publicize such surveys, and not manipulate conduct of surveys and surveys' results to fit a pre-planned outcome.</p> <p>Meaning, stop trying to funnel taxpayer monies to rich, privileged, special-interest, private-business ranchers in the County -- especially those on Point Reyes National Seashore, who already get taxpayer subsidies, despite those ranchers having received ~\$440M in the 1960-1970s to vacate their questionably-gotten land holdings, and using those hundreds of millions of dollars to purchase other private ranching operations lands across Marin and Sonoma counties.</p> <p>Don't play the Marin public for fools.</p> <p>Stop any taxpayer monies going to MALT -- one of the most corrupt, shady, self-dealing, private business, rancher-enrichment scams in the United States.</p> <p>Your association with MALT puts Parks and the BOS in very literal shit company.</p> <p>Do something to help people and habitat.</p> <p>The ranchers destroy benefits for both.</p> <p>They don't need nor deserve taxpayer monies/subsidies funneled through a corrupt money-laundering grift group.</p>
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Mary Buttarò	<p>Parks Maintenance and Improvements</p> <p>Trail Maintenance and Improvements</p> <p>Wildfire Prevention</p> <p>Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation</p> <p>Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts</p> <p>Biodiversity Protection</p>	<p>Grants for Farmland/Agriculture is last on my list. I have supported MALT for years but withdrew from Ag preservation a couple of years ago.</p>	
Mary Sackett	<p>Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts</p>	<p>I would like to see a higher percentage of grants for parks in cities and towns in underserved areas. There is plenty of research showing the benefits of parks within walking distance of homes. Unfortunately, the Canal has Pickleweed and a dilapidated pathway along the Bay. I would like to see a higher percentage of funding go into these communities.</p>	
Matt Ball	<p>Grants for Farmland/Agriculture</p>	<p>Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.</p>	
Matt Barnes	<p>Grants for Farmland/Agriculture</p>	<p>No money for agricultural stewardship (MALT, Marin RCD).</p>	<p>I will vote no on this ballot measure if any money goes to private ranching interests.</p>
Matt Maguire	<p>Grants for Farmland/Agriculture</p>	<p>As a former Marin resident and a current user of Marin parks, I think it is disingenuous for the County Parks Department to try to - again - slip funding that goes to Marin Agricultural Land Trust and ranchers and farmers into the Measure A sales tax renewal. Malt has been exposed as a slush fund for its board members and a small community of ag producers at the expense of taxpayers. When voters were offered the chance to support such efforts in the past, they were rejected. They will reject them again, if they are aware that that's where a substantial part of the tax funds go. So, it's incumbent on the county and the parks department to be totally honest about what the measure does and who benefits. Awareness of the giveaways from the pasty measure is rapidly growing, and people are mad as hell about it. I will continue to make sure my Marin friends and family are aware of this, and to reject the renewal if there is ANY money going to MALT or the ag community through any RCD or other grant vehicle.</p>	<p>The above concerns have been brought to the Parks Department and the Board of Supervisor's attention recently by a number of people, but I am not aware of any honest response to this yet. The public needs to see and hear from the county that they are going to drop the MALT/ag grants and funding from the measure soon, or else the word will continue to spread about the deception. This will kill the measure. Those of us who love, and support parks and open space will be mightily displeased if this is what happens, and it would be a shame that all the effort, time and money that is being expended to try to pass the measure will be wasted.</p>
Melissa Daniels	<p>Grants for Farmland/Agriculture</p>	<p>As a third-generation rancher, it is critical to preserve our farmland for the continuation of agriculture so that we may continue providing food to our communities. Keeping 20% is important for the future of conservation and our next generation of farmers and ranchers. In addition to land conservation, grazing open lands is HUGE for wildfire prevention.</p>	

Melissa Keyes	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	NO NO NO \$ FOR AGRICULTURE OR FARMLAND!	You will lose this ballot measure if you include money for "agricultural stewardship" against the clearest wishes of 2,700 respondents. DO NOT PUT OUR PARKS AT RISK!
Melvyn Wright	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	As a frequent recreational user of Marin Park Lands and Open Space and a long time (2 decades) habitat restoration volunteer, I strongly support the renewal of Measure A beyond the present expiration date. I do have one major reservation regarding the allocation of funds to private lands. The 14.8 million dollars that's gone to MALT seems more than exorbitant to me, especially since some of the recipients are (or were) MALT Board members. it's not clear to me what the public gets out of this. I would prefer more funds going towards habitat restoration, trail improvements and maintenance, as well as some projects directed towards the indigenous peoples that were the lands ancient inhabitants. I also support a reduction or elimination of funds allocated to agricultural stewardship or private ranching.	Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process.
Michael Straus	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	The preservation of agricultural lands has been, and remains, critically important for all of us who love Marin County. These ag lands provide multiple benefits, ranging from fire prevention and wildlife habitat & corridors to the resilience of local food systems and tremendous economic benefits. In 2002 upon hearing that she had a terminal brain tumor, my mother confided three things: I've lived a good life; I would have loved to see my grandchildren grow up; and ... I still have \$60 million to raise for MALT. Mom was a visionary and a pragmatist and knew that preserving Marin ag was step one. That work isn't complete, and measure A is an important part of this effort.	
Michelle Simonson	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I'm on the trails of Marin every single day and I also frequent the parks with my nanny charges. I'm glad to see that there is support for continuing to use measure a funds for maintaining the trails and parks. I would also love to see more sustainable agriculture and less cattle farming. I'm not saying to illuminate it, but there's an awful lot of beautiful land out there and I think it could be more fairly distributed with more for open spaces, Elk and regenerative agriculture. Thank you!	I'm grateful for everyone who helps keep Marin beautiful!
Mimi Willard	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	DEFUND Farmland/ag. It is an egregious giveaway of public Parks tax money to private land holders.	Reallocate all ag money to wildfire fuel reduction
Miriam Straus	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Hi, I'm Miriam Straus, I own a ranch in Marshall, and I support continuing the 20% allocation for farmland protection and stewardship.	
Mitzi Cook	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals (such as ranchers) whose land the public cannot	

		access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Moira Sullivan	Biodiversity Protection	Hi - longtime resident of Sonoma who spends a lot of time (and money) in Marin and at Pt Reyes/Pt Reyes Station. I am a scientist with the State of CA and deeply concerned about the threat to biodiversity at Pt Reyes from the ranching. I have looked at the water quality studies and am beyond appalled at the bacteriological contamination of the creeks, and marine ecosystems, etc. Much of Sonoma County is ag/ranching. These highly polluting ranches at Pt Reyes can be moved well away from the coast; there is plenty of land in western Sonoma for 5,000 cows. We must restore the local flora and fauna at PRNS and give nature a real chance here. The ecosystems at Pt Reyes are so degraded. As you're well aware, 80% of species, globally, are imperiled or extinct and we are in an accelerated period of extinction. We must do all we can to not further contribute to this catastrophe. It's 2021 and we KNOW better. The park reports confirmed that the ecosystems at Pt Reyes would be more healthful and improved were the cows removed. Please - let's remove the elk fences and return this land to what it was prior to the ranches being there - and revel in the return of native species and restored ecosystems. Thank you kindly.	
Nancy Geller	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Nancy Graalman	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds should be used for parks and open spaces for the public to enjoy, not for private farms and ranches the public cannot set foot upon	It's impossible to fathom how just a few private ranchers -- and the politicians who benefit from their donation largesse -- continue to hold dominance over the lands that are held in the Public Trust, and that should be treasured for their irreplaceable ecological and cultural values. It is a fallacy that the easements granted to and controlled by the ranchers are managed for any other reason than to maximize their profits. At the end of the day, the "lucky" few want only to feed at the "public trough" and to flout expectations for public access and concern for the land.
Nancy Jones	Wildfire Prevention	My opinion is that more money must be allocated to clear more brush that leads to horrific wildfires. Nancy Jones	

Nathaniel McKitterick	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I oppose the continued use of public funds to purchase farm/ranch easements that do not allow or account for public access. Critical easements have already been obtained, and the continued aggressive use of zoning rules to preclude development should be the primary method to preclude development on these lands. MALT has proven that is able to raise private funds to continue its efforts.	I would prefer measure A funds go to purchase lands and easements that allow for public access.
Neil Rudolph	Wildfire Prevention Biodiversity Protection Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	The Measure A Farmland Protection Program in concert with the work MALT does with their farmer and rancher partners has accomplished a great deal of good for both biodiversity and fire protection. Keeping farm and ranch land in the hands of generational local land stewards has been very good for the environment and the local economy. These families have not only expanded Marin's local food economy, but they have expanded the diversity of vegetation, birds and animals on their lands and protected many miles of creeks and wetlands.	These ranches are protecting more land from fire than the Park Service has achieved in fire protection in the Pt Reyes National Sea Shore.
Noah Reiter	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Owen Bissell	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Biodiversity Protection Visitor Services and Programming Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Pamela Ross	Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts	I do not want any of my taxes to pay for grants to private farmland or private agriculture.	I am an 18-year resident and homeowner in Point Reyes.
Patricia Carelli	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Public land is for the public - not private businesses. Adamantly object to animal or crop farms on public land!	
Patricia Ravasio	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Hello Parks and Rec! Unless you make public access and park improvements part of the agricultural easements program, I and many others will campaign vigorously to make sure Marin votes against extending this tax. Ranchers that get easement money should provide something for the people, such as access, trails, camping, water access for elk, etc. We also want complete transparency in your dealings. This is public money. You owe the public openness, honesty and less conflict of interest. It's getting embarrassing. Change course or we'll stop you in your tracks.	
Patrick Coughlin	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	

Paul Dreyfuss	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Paula Spencer	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals whose land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces. And all lands that Measure A has provided funds for should be well-maintained, with the well-being of native species and the environment taking priority. Thank you for your consideration.	
Pepi Ross	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Please reserve public parks for public use. Please do not grant private parties exclusive use of any publicly owned land.	
Peter Albers	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Peter Collins	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	MALT has squandered millions of taxpayer dollars buying easements from families of board members. If the Measure A renewal includes funds for MALT, I won't vote for it. We need a full investigation of insider dealing, with prosecutions if warranted. Board members who took money for easements should return the money.	Since sales taxes hit the poor hardest, the tax should only be extended if the revenues are used to benefit working families.
Peter Fugazzotto	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	As a 40 year plus resident of Marin, I appreciate the effort to renew Measure A since it provides broad benefits to the county. I encourage you to return the agricultural proportion of the funding to 20%. Agriculture is food, jobs, and community, and the protection of these lands is critical for the long-term preservation of natural resources and efforts to fight climate change. I also think that a good portion of those funds should be spent in grants towards agricultural conservation easements. The permanent protection of these lands for agricultural use has a far-reaching public benefit. Without conservation easements that require agricultural use, these properties could be turned into private estates that no longer have any public benefit.	

Peter Sidell	<p>Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Biodiversity Protection Science and Research Visitor Services and Programming</p>	Use the funds to preserve a wilderness region.	
Peter Smith	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I oppose any more grants of any sort to MALTED ranches because the process has been misused to enrich certain family businesses, including many members of the board of directors as reported in the Pacific Sun and elsewhere.	Why are you conducting a second survey? Did not like the results of the first one? This survey is not even quantifiable. Why are you asking for names and phone numbers, etc.? Surveys should be anonymous.
R Adler	<p>Parks Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Biodiversity Protection Visitor Services and Programming</p>	As population explodes in California citizens need to expand and develop sites to preserve its wildlife population. At its best our parks and reserves only prolong the inevitable loss of wildlife due to overpopulation, loss of essential habitat, contamination and global warming: all this said may happen to our human population.	
Rachel Rachel	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	This funding has been abused and should not continue. The ranchers are wealthy and public welfare in the form of this funding must end. If any funding is included for ranch land, restrictions must be strengthened (no row crops and easements must be legally solid forever).	Stop funding ranchers
Ralph Grossi	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	It is very important that sufficient funds for easement acquisition be maintained in Measure A renewal. A great deal of land is still at risk in Marin County. Please maintain the full 20% allocation to farmland/agriculture. This is not the time to scale back this 5-decade effort to preserve and enhance our local food system.	
Rebecca Suggs	<p>Parks Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention</p>	I am reinforcing the proposal to increase emphasis on fire fuel reduction in parks and open space. Recent years' wildfire increases in Northern California make it apparent how critical it is for Marin to clear undergrowth and maintain a rigorous vegetation management plan wherever we can. So much of our county is blessed with parks and open space that spending time and money to make sure they are contributing to our resilience and resistance to wildfire is effort well spent.	

Richard Cerri	Wildfire Prevention Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Please remove any funds for private farmland/agriculture from Measure A. My tax money should not be used to continue to subsidize private enterprise, especially ones that contribute to polluting our air and water.	
richard vacha	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Biodiversity Protection	Take care of the land. The people (visitors) can work it out from there, on their own.	
Rick Lafranchi	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	As a native of West Marin, I've watched first-hand the benefit our community has realized from MALT. In Nicasio alone between 1960 and 1980, 9 ranches were split up. Since the founding of MALT in 1980 not a single West Marin Ranch has been split up. Had the earlier trend continued, today there would be little or no agriculture in West Marin. The recent bad press MALT has received is for the most part fake news. Marty Griffin couldn't be more wrong as is Barry Spitz. The Pacific Sun and Bohemian articles are again not based on facts, but opinion designed to create controversy.	The typical ranch family is large. Only 1 or 2 members typically can stay on the land. The rest move on to other careers while still sharing ownership of the property. At some point they need their money. Here's where MALT has helped so many families keep their ranches. When they sell an easement to MALT, they are selling an asset. They could realize far more money by selling the whole property or splitting it up into non ag viable 60-acre parcels. Lastly look at the property that's MALTed versus publicly owned. For the most part brush has taken over the public lands creating huge wildfire potentials whereas the MALTed properties are grazed with very limited brush. MALT has made West Marin a California treasure. Please maintain the 20% of the tax under Measure A. Allow MALT to continue its mission. Future generations will thank you.
Rita Schoch	Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts	I believe the 10% taken from agricultural stewardship should be split 50-50 between the County and the local Cities & Special Districts. Most of the small cities have limited general funds for parks improvement projects, and what little money there is made more challenging with the increased construction costs.	
Robert Gwaltney	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Please preserve Pt. Reyes!	

Robert Johnston	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>Please zero this out. It is unnecessary. These lands are protected with ag zoning. It is inequitable, as sales taxes are regressive. It is very unpopular, in spite of this redundant survey, set up to allow the ranchers to try to get more of their friends to respond. Max and BOS, pls listen to the people. Please zero out the Farmland program.</p> <p>1. Sales taxes are regressive, meaning lower-income persons pay a higher percent of their income to this tax than do other people. The impacts (expenditures) are also regressive, that is, benefitting middle- and upper-income people more than lower-income ones. Low-income people hike less frequently than other people and they tend to not own real property to protect with better fire prevention and sea level rise adaptation. Grants for farmland programs are very regressive, in that they benefit the top few percent of households by income, large landowners.</p> <p>2. Carbon farming and ranching is not a significant program for sequestering carbon, in that the initial compost is expensive to create and spread and the carbon take-up by those soils diminishes rapidly. It is not sustainable, according to recent papers. Also, the rapid rotation grazing generally in use is not rapid enough, meaning that damage to soils and plants continues.</p> <p>3. Other types of environmental restoration credited to ranching are fictitious or are basic good land management actions that the public should require of ranchers, not pay them to undertake. Such as fencing, creekbank restoration, rotational grazing, composting, erosion control and repair, etc. I feel strongly about this, and I know a lot of people who also do. We all intend to actively oppose Measure A if the ag subsidies are not removed entirely. I greatly respect Supervisor Rodoni, but he is not objective about ag due to personal relationships.</p>	<p>Increase ag zoning to 120 or 240 ac. How we perceive agriculture has changed dramatically since Measure A was first approved. We now understand the enormous pollution from crops and grazing runoff better. These are the most important sources of pollution to surface waters in California, the U.S., and the world. We also have recently figured out that grazing is the largest land use in the world and one of the most destructive in terms of water quality, habitat loss, and greenhouse gas emissions. The "30 X 30" global program, now adopted by the U.S. and California (protect 30% of land resources by 2030) is aimed primarily at restoring commercial grazing lands back to native grasslands in most countries, because of how widespread grazing is. In other words, we need to stop pretending that we can make minor changes to grazing when we actually need to eliminate large areas of it.</p> <p>At this time, it seems that we need to stop investing public funds into grazing lands, regulate them more strictly, and restore some of them to native grasses with sparse grazing by elk, cattle, and deer. And use occasional control burns to clear brush, as was done for thousands of years in a sustainable fashion by our predecessors. If this requires that we allow estate residences to be built on large parcels (240-acres and larger), to free these lands from financial pressures, then that is preferable to continued commercial grazing. That is why I don't support Farmland subsidies anymore.</p>
robert miltner	Wildfire Prevention Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Ref measure A: NO money for MALT. Spend it on wildfire prevention.	

Robert Raven	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Biodiversity Protection Grants for Farmland/Agriculture Land Acquisition is cut?	Grants should not go to wealthy ranches. Grants should purchase environmentally important land, and should allow public access, trails. Maintenance and Wildfire Prevention should not be logging or grazing. Coast Miwok and Ecologists should sign off on any proposed projects. I don't like that land acquisition was cut in half, it should remain 20%. Wildfire prevention could be lowered to 20% and focused near homes. Ranches that accept tax dollars should allow public access on easement. Reduce grazing and raise fees on all public lands in Marin and at PRNS.	Protect wildlife and trees, and not private ranching! Don't use any toxic pesticides or fertilizers! Finish Bay Trail and Ridge Trail! Prevent pollution! Go electric! Ranches damage Marin ecosystems. Stop subsidizing ranching in Marin!
robert spiers	Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts	this money should not go to private individuals. It should go to public lands and parks. Why would a private individual deserve this money over the tax paying public Thanks you Bob Spiers	
Robi Aragon	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I am disappointed that this category is being cut. We need a better balance between agricultural programs & the parks. Preserving the ability of how we get our food vs commercial farming & trucking across the country is necessary to allow local food sources to be viable. Putting some of that money to what consists of "recreational" use does not bode well for a healthy future.	
Robin Brennan	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Please eliminate agricultural funding from the tax. Restrictive building codes already ensure these farms will not become developed and if the current farmers want to sell then encourage minority farmers to come to Marin and enjoy our wonderful locale.	All funding for parks and open space maintenance.
Robin Mancoll	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals whose land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces!!!!	Please use these funds exclusively for public parks and open spaces!!! As an annual visitor to Marin County, the reason we choose to spend our time there, is BECAUSE of your open spaces.... We love Marin and hope to continue to visit annually....
Rohit Menezes	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds should not go to private individuals whose land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Ruth Dundas	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Grants should NOT go to Private Individuals who do not allow public access to their land! Grants should ONLY be used to acquire land for the public to use!	

S Dey	Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts	N/A	
Sarah Killingsworth	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	NO Measure A funds should go to agricultural stewardship or private ranching - there are important projects to improve access and ecosystems in public spaces that would be a far better use of taxpayer dollars.	
sarah miller	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Biodiversity Protection Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Funds should be used for parks and open spaces, wildfire prevention and restoration. The public has no access to private ranches, and current ranching practices are contributors to greenhouse gases, poor water quality and loss of biodiversity.	
Scott Webb	Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Biodiversity Protection Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I am very concerned that my tax dollars would continue to be allocated toward subsidizing privatized ranching. Please reallocate these funds towards wildfire prevention, protecting biodiversity, and restoration projects in our public spaces. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.	
Siobhan Duff	I am strongly opposed to public tax dollars going to any aspect of private ranchers.	I am very strongly opposed to any public tax dollars being spent on any aspect of any private industry most especially ranchers/ranching. That is a huge misuse of taxpayer dollars.	
Starr Porter	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts Biodiversity Protection Science and Research Visitor Services and Programming Grants for Farmland/Agriculture grants to acquire the Martha property in Tiburon	I would like to see a bond to acquire the Martha Property in Tiburon.	

Stefanie Kraus	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals whose land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Stephanie Arnow	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should NOT go to private individuals' land that the public cannot access. (Come on!) Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.	
Stephen Nestel	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts	Marinwood CSD has not improved trail and park access, for mobility impaired persons, addressed erosion. The entire sum of Measure A funds has been spent on consultant fees with former local politicians. Despite requests for review by the county the expenditures were never examined.	Great parks need to be accessible by everyone. It is wrong to allow irresponsible use of Measure A funds.
Steve Tognini	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention	We've witnessed a 20% loss of the world's redwoods over the past two years. Federal, State and local agencies are taking assertive action to change forest structures to create forest resilience. More resources need to be directed to fire prevention. When our forests burn tremendous resources are both spent and lost. Fire prevention should come before maintenance.	
Steven Ossi	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>I am surprised that this poll even exists.</p> <p>After 2,700 respondents were clear that "Farmland Preservation" was "Not At All Important" and deserved "Less Funding" than any other expenditure category, it seems like you are shopping for better numbers.</p> <p>The 10% allocation to "agricultural stewardship" is in direct opposition to what the poll results showed. I OPPOSE IT, and I will vote against this measure if money is allocated to private ranchers.</p> <p>Two-thirds is not an easy number to achieve. Parks will lose, and I will demand Korten's resignation for not protecting our parks. If a single parks staff member loses his or her job, I will blame Korten. If the flow of money for fire fuel reduction is arrested, I will blame Korten.</p> <p>Decouple from MALT, private ranching and agriculture before it is too late. The money MALT gives you is the type of campaign funding with kickback that makes politics so dirty.</p> <p>Korten, do your job and protect our parks! If the pressure from MALT and the BoS is too strong, resign with your honor and decency! Please do the right thing.</p>	

Susan Fischer	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Marin County Measure A funds - NONE should go to "agricultural" lands, or beef ranches or farms or dairies. Money intended for parks, fire prevention, wetland restoration and biodiversity protection should actually go to these projects. Stop subsidizing ranching and dairies which are for profit businesses already subsidized by the federal government. And surely no money to MALT businesses given MALT'S questionable dealings. I may not be a Marin resident, but I frequent the area with friends and to visit friends and I spend money there when visiting. I will stop spending money in Marin if I am subsidizing Ag businesses instead of your parks.	
Susan Goldthwaite	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I am supporting Measure A. Reducing Farmland Preservation to 10% for Agricultural Stewardship makes absolutely no sense to me. We support the fine work that MALT is doing for our county.	I hope that we can persuade the Marin County commissioners to restore Measure A.... agricultural funding to its current 20% level and to include land acquisition as well as land stewardship.
Susan Ives	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Marin has higher needs than funding improvements on private ranch lands. I oppose investing additional millions of public dollars in private agricultural projects. Regenerative ranching and carbon capture are not proven to mitigate the multiple impacts of cattle--from polluting streams to destroying plants and wildlife habitat. As proposed, 10 percent of Measure A funds are intended to benefit a privileged few, not the public. Fire prevention; acquisition and maintenance of parks and public lands for Marin communities; the restoration and preservation of County lands are what's needed and what the public has prioritized. The County needs to respond to the public's wishes, not those of the special interests.	
Susan Ristow	Wildfire Prevention Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Biodiversity Protection Grants for Farmland/Agriculture Land Acquisition	Wildfire prevention is funded through Measure C with \$19million plus per year for 10 years as well as other funding mechanisms Land Acquisition: in order to restore wetlands and protect biodiverse habitats you often have to acquire them. Why isn't Land Acquisition an option on this survey? Farmland/Agriculture: not appropriate to fund private enterprise through a measure dealing with parks and open space for the benefit of the public not individual landowners	Appreciate the work done to collect public opinions but, as per above comments, Land Acquisition, which is a necessary ingredient in many of the stated goals, is not included in this survey. Why?
Suzanne Sadowsky	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture Staff housing	Farms should not be funded with Measure A funds. Measure A funds could be used for affordable workforce housing for parks staff.	

Tanya Eckert Grasser	Wildfire Prevention Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>I read your survey results and saw the articles in the Marin IJ that are demanding wildfire fuel load prevention be included in the 2022 Measure A renewal. I don't understand the point of that, given that we now have the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority, which was created after voters approved Measure C in March 2020. MWPA is all about wildfire prevention and preparedness efforts. This seems redundant. Or will Measure A cover different types of fire prevention?</p> <p>I also read about groups like COST Marin threatening to withhold Measure A support if it contains any allocation for farmland preservation. I don't agree with this because the public benefits a lot from continued agriculture in West Marin -- it minimizes land lost to residential development, allows farmers and ranchers to care for the land, and more. I hope you will keep that funding in the measure.</p>	<p>How many people completed the survey? I didn't see that number in the results document. I didn't do the survey because I didn't know about it. I follow MC Parks on Facebook, but it was barely mentioned there. However, I do appreciate this feedback form.</p> <p>Can you put me on an email list to receive Measure A updates?</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
Tim Kehoe	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I would like to see the 20% for Ag grants, with the uncertainty of Agriculture in the National Park we need to keep the 20% intact.	
Tina Flynn	Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts	<p>Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.</p> <p>I had the pleasure of visiting Point Reyes and saw the bountiful wildlife. Please do not use this public land for private ranchers or farmers. There were enough already there that I saw during my visit. Please do not kill off any of the living creatures here, save them for our children and their children to visit and see. We all need to co-exist.</p>	
TJ Williams	Parks Maintenance and Improvements Trail Maintenance and Improvements Wildfire Prevention Recreation	Please increase recreation for all types at our parks. More pump tracks, skate parks, and anything for my sons (and I) to do. Hiking is great but the youth in our community need to be included in planning.	
Todd Steiner	Wetland Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Biodiversity Protection Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	More funds should go in favor or preference to biodiversity protection, wetland restoration and sea level rising. None should go for grants for Farmland/Agriculture.	No funds should go to lands that are not open to the public.
Tom Fair	Wildfire Prevention	<p>State and local governments have been inexplicably laggard in budgeting for wildfire protection. BOS: show some testosterone and intelligent leadership here. Lead, do not follow.</p> <p>It is totally wrong to use these funds to subsidize private interests unless we are guaranteed that the funds are applied expeditiously to fire prevention.</p>	Further, I have observed Ms. Willard's and COST's conduct for years. I believe that they are either completely correct or virtually completely correct in all conduct that I have seen.

Tom Peterson	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals who's land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should be used exclusively for our public parks and open spaces	
Tristan Brenner	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	I support the continual use of Measure A funds for farmland acquisition and agricultural lands conservation and stewardship. MALTed farms are required to remain as working farms. In a region where wealthy individuals can afford astounding prices, large ranches are at risk of becoming weekend estates. Our food security, connection with the land, stewardship of wildlife habitat and intergenerational knowledge is at great risk if the funding is taken away. A diversified economy that supports the descendants of the early community members is important to this community. Conservation easement have been proven to protect numerous ecosystem services and MALT has a record of holding accountable the landowners to BMP surrounding conservation. Minimizing habitat fragmentation and wildfire risk are but a few. I support maintaining the current level of 20% for farmland preservation and/or supporting farmland stewardship	
Vincent DeLeon	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>I do not like that 20% of 'Measure A' tax money has gone to buy easements from private commercial ranchers.</p> <p>Measure A funds, taxpayer dollars, should not go to private individuals whose land the public cannot access. Measure A funds should exclusively be used for our public parks and open spaces.</p>	No further agricultural development on Point Reyes!

Vivien Straus	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>My name is Vivien Straus. I grew up on and now own and manage Straus Home Ranch in Marshall. My mother, Ellen Straus, was one of the co-founders of MALT, and I recently joined the MALT board.</p> <p>I believe retaining that 20% allocation of Measure A funds is critical. For both easements and stewardship.</p> <p>Once farmland is lost, it is lost forever. We don't get to look back and say, "Oh, we should have protected that."</p> <p>Ranchers come to MALT for varied reasons, but essentially it is always financial.</p> <p>Ranchers, unable to get MALT funds for easements, will look elsewhere to find the monies they need. And the properties will, most likely, no longer be farms.</p> <p>Why is farmland protection and stewardship important?</p> <p>Each year, MALT protects approximately 3,000 acres of farmland. Those ranchers go on to work with NRCS and Marin RCD and MALT to fence off streams, repair riparian habitat, compost the fields to sequester carbon. Ranchers today are rotationally grazing their lands, thereby increasing pasture and taking better care of the land.</p> <p>I hear great concern about wildfires. Grazing keeps the grass short and the fuel for fires low.</p> <p>Approximately 50,000 acres are still unprotected. There are 7,000 acres in the pipeline at MALT, waiting for easements.</p> <p>Why here in Marin?</p> <p>Reducing Measure A for farmland protection funding slashes in half the very essence of what makes Marin world-renowned. MALT is the pioneer and leader in agricultural protection in the United States, and Marin is known for its cutting-edge farming methods, while cultivating and supporting well-known artisanal companies that could only have succeeded in this supportive environment. And all of it began with a MALT easement.</p> <p>We have a way to feed ourselves and our community, reduce our carbon footprint through local production, and continue to support a thriving local economy. When we lose land, we lose Marin, and we lose our history, our heart, and our legacy. In a time where leadership on climate and land issues is so urgent, please retain farmland protection and stewardship.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	
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Wendy Dreskin	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>I do not want any of my taxes to support any private agriculture or private ranching.</p> <p>Using open space areas like Mt. Burdell for grazing greatly detracts from the visitor experience. Problems include manure, erosion, "hoof holes" that make it easy to trip and eating wildflowers I would like to get to see.</p> <p>Ranching is not environmentally friendly and should not be supported with tax dollars.</p> <p>I will not vote to any measure that includes funding for private ranching or agriculture.</p>	
Will Parrinello	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>I do not want any of my taxpayer dollars to support any activities on private farmland/private agriculture. I will vote against this measure if any money is allocated to agriculture.</p>	<p>A majority of Marin county and San Francisco Bay Area residents agree with my comments so why don't you respect the wishes of residents and constituents.</p>
William Dreskin	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>I do not want my taxpayer dollars to support any private ranching or agriculture. I will not vote for a measure that supports this. Ranchers are not an asset to our community, and they are already wealthy and don't need community support.</p> <p>I do support our parks and open space and would otherwise be happy to vote for a funding measure for trail improvements, biodiversity protection, etc..</p>	
William Klancnik	Grants for Parks in Cities, Towns, and Special Districts	<p>The grants should only go to public lands that are accessible to everyone, and not to private folks or to lands that are not accessible by the public</p>	
William Teufel MD	Wildfire Prevention Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>As a 20-year resident of west Marin and supporter of MALT, please spend less money on Ag. land and more money on decreasing wildfire risks on public land. There is too much Broom in many areas and the Ag folks seem to have access to adequate funding to "preserve" our west Marin "farms"</p>	
Woody Elliott	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>The number of agricultural parcels and their acreage that would still benefit from agricultural / conservation easements and their total costs should be made available to inform an annual allocation of Measure A funds.</p>	
Ysabel de la Rosa	Grants for Farmland/Agriculture	<p>Grant money should go to public lands for preservation of important species and access to nature by people in order to learn and experience. There is no justifiable reason for these grants to go to individuals who can already afford to purchase land on their own. Please protect our wildlife and its environment. Thank you!</p>	