

REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A-24

Measure A-24 gives voters the right to determine land use for four waterfront parcels. Opponents' arguments are based on speculation and outright fallacies. A-24 is not directed at any specific project, but at protecting the visitor-serving and fishing uses approved in our General Plan.

- Opponents falsely claim that passage of A-24 will cause the State to approve any energy project. However, AB 205, the law that fast-tracks energy projects, does not supersede the authority of the California Coastal Commission in the coastal zone.
- Opponents suggest that only the current owner will clean up the property, but this is speculative. There are many ways the property can be remediated and the original polluter is not relieved of liability.
- Opponents promise a financial windfall from industrial development. But keeping the property "Visitor Serving Commercial" will provide a more stable revenue source indefinitely.
- Opponents argue that A-24 threatens the environment but it actually protects the area from industrialization.
- Opponents ignore the fact that the Coastal Act of 1976 allows industry on this land *only* if it is "coastal dependent."
- Morro Bay City Councils have not always been responsive to citizen concerns for protecting coastal property. The voters should participate in these critical decisions.

Vote YES on Measure A-24 to preserve the Estero Bay coastline and marine habitat and provide a stable financial future for Morro Bay.

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