

# Marina General Plan Update

## Workshop #6: Environmental Justice Policy

### Summary Notes

*Date: February 26, 2025, 4pm - 6pm*

*Location: Vince DiMaggio Park Community Building (3200 Del Monte Blvd)*

## Introduction

On Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, the City of Marina hosted the sixth community workshop, in a series of seven, to engage the public in the Marina General Plan 2045 update project. The workshop took place in-person at Vince DiMaggio Park Community Building. Approximately 10 residents, in addition to staff and consultants, attended the meeting. Simultaneous interpretation services were offered in Spanish and Korean for all who attended, though none utilized the service.

The meeting objectives were as follows:

- Provide background and context on health equity and Environmental Justice (EJ).
- Provide feedback on draft Environmental Justice policies in the updated General Plan.
- Learn about what these mean for the future of Marina.

The meeting was generally divided into three parts: 1) a presentation by the consultant team, 2) small group discussions, and 3.) large group report back and general public comment.

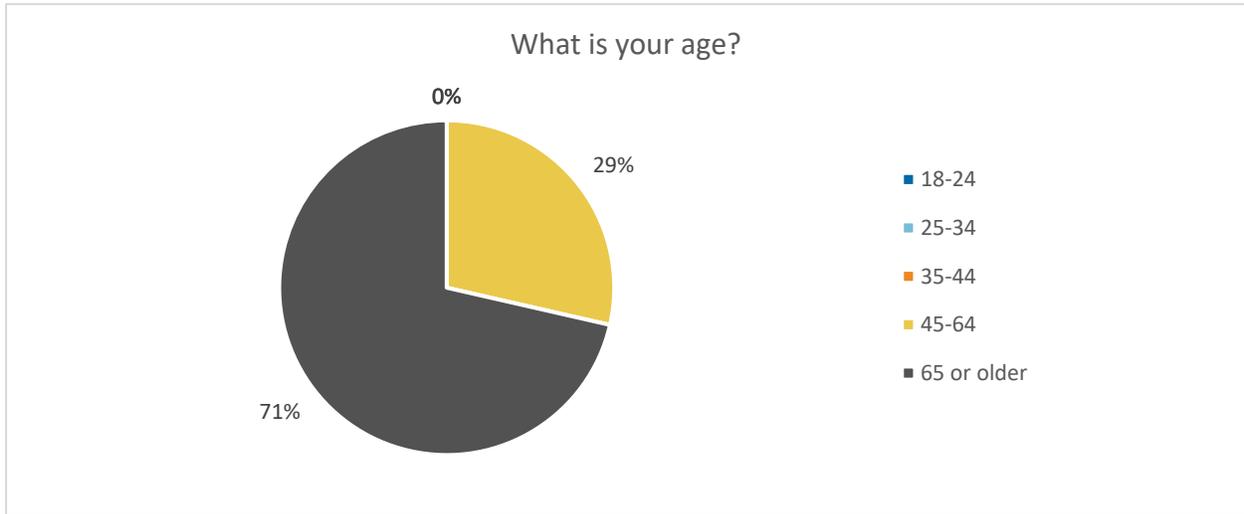
The presentation began with a formal introduction by Raimi + Associates staff (Tiffany Eng and Michelle Hernandez). Following the introduction, Michelle provided background information on the Marina 2045 including the definition of a General Plan and an overview of the update process. Next, Tiffany presented background information on environmental justice and Senate Bill 1000, the environmental justice policy framework, and Marina's disadvantaged communities. Following the presentation, attendees split into three groups, each approximately 4 people in size, and used a worksheet with draft policy ideas to discuss each of the seven environmental justice topics.

After a summary of the next steps in the process, the meeting concluded at 6:00 pm. The remainder of this document summarizes the results of the workshop.

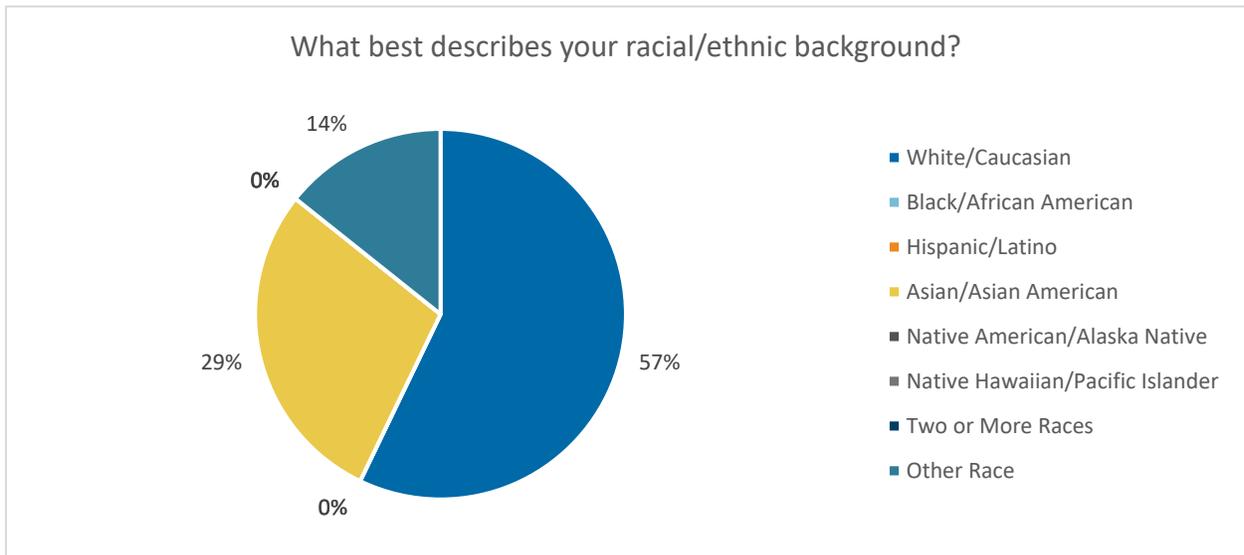
# Demographics

The following is a summary of the demographic profile of residents who attended the workshop. This information is used to track participation in the General Plan update process and to target future outreach to underrepresented groups. Participants self-identified when they signed into the workshop.

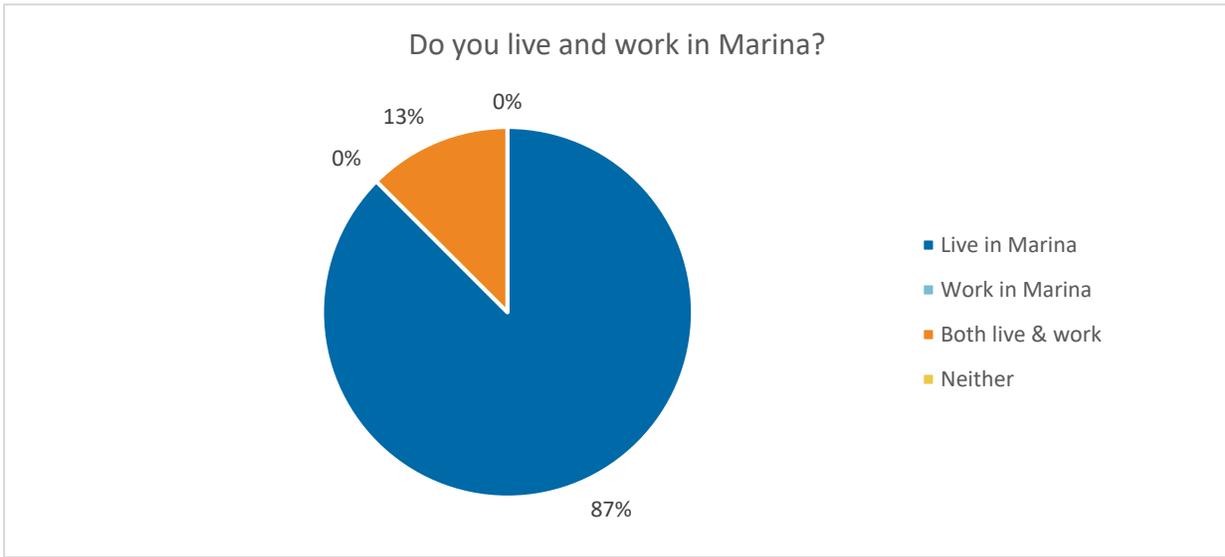
## What is your age?



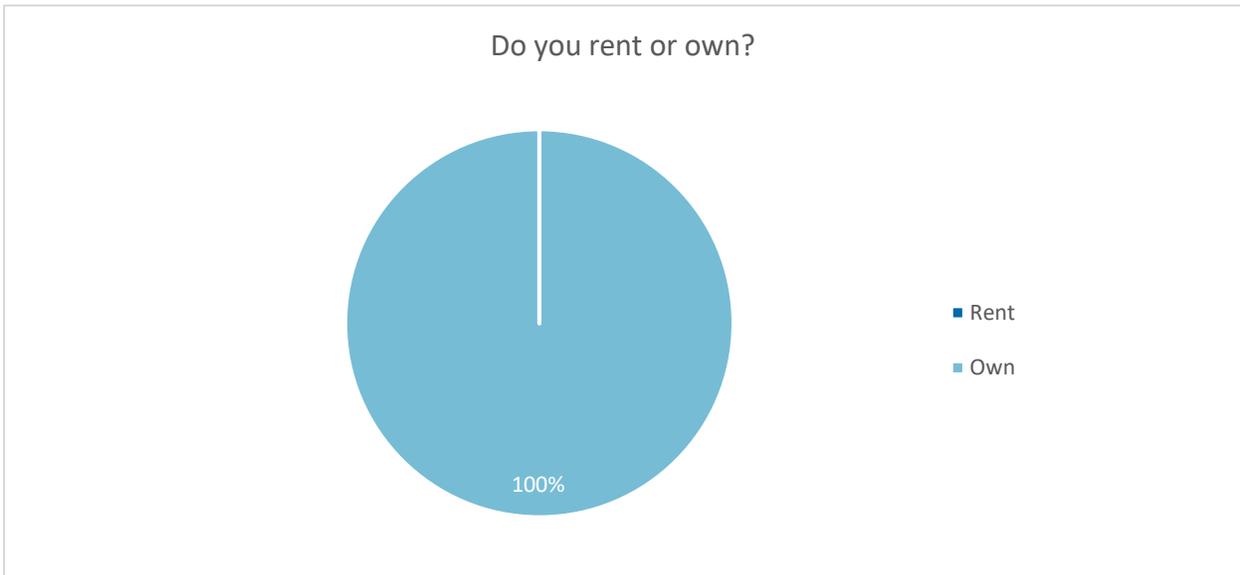
## What best describes your racial/ethnic background?



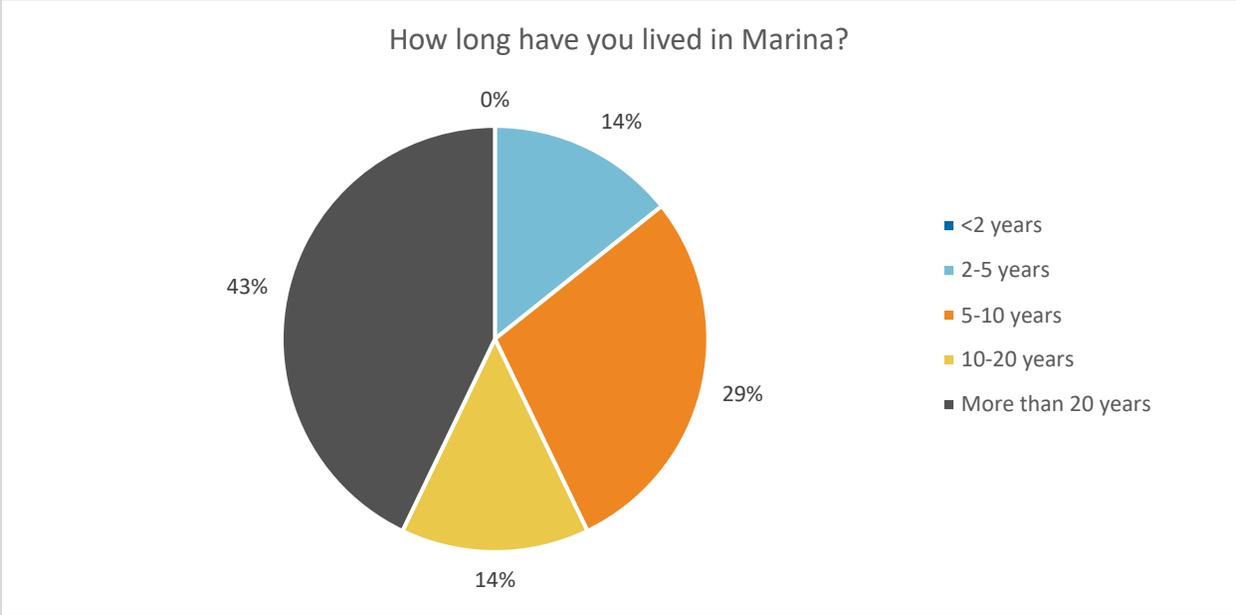
**Do you live and work in Marina?**



**For those who live in Marina, do you rent or own?**



How long have you lived in Marina?



# Small Group Activity Results

The following is a summary of the results of the small group discussions, organized by environmental justice topic.

## Pollution Exposure

- Concern over potential pollution and chemicals present at the former Military Base, including in aquifers. Desire to track cancer rates.
- The environmental park smells when the wind blows, concern over what residents of Marina Station will experience. Need to identify potential hazards and housing impacts.
- There is concern that developers are here today then gone tomorrow and leave the town with a mess.
- Some residents are not as active as others and may not say anything if developers cause damage to an area.
- The things that were dumped here in 1980s/90s were not cleaned up, just buried.
- Cypress Knolls required an expensive clean up but the army walked away once land was bought.
- Bombs with artillery are still there in ground, someone found a grenade recently.
- How to reduce pollution from Highway 101?
- Electric vehicles may not work and be sustainable in the end
- Highway 101 is a state issue, but who oversees it?
- Pesticides are not a top concern, though it can be small concern if the wind blows.
- The Airport is not an issue, more concerned with things in the ground.
- The old army's airport does create more light pollution.
- Can the airfield have recreational uses, like sky diving?
- There is not a lot of light industry here.
- There is some experimentation with hydrogen at the airport, but not a lot of information is available.
- Landfill odors are a concern.
- There are methane concerns from the landfill (since it is odorless and unclear how much we are exposed to it).
- We "pass" federal standards for water contamination but what is still contaminating it?
- There is the perception from the community that water is unsafe, people buy bottled water or have filters instead of drinking from the tap.
- Desalination as a strategy would help address water pollution/contamination concerns (the process is mineral-free).
- How can you enforce noise standards around uses, like hotels?
- Can the city provide noise buffers around the Highway?
- By reducing drive-through restaurants, we are helping to reduce GHG emissions.
- The odor abatement activities seem somewhat successful.
- We need to protect the aquifer – no desalinization.

- Need to address Highway 1 noise.
- Agricultural water use is a bigger deal than pesticide use.
- There are concerns about the battery plant.
- Airport expansion EVTOLS are okay, but batteries and hydrogen use and production could bring issues.

## Land Use & Public Facilities

- As more parks have encampments, how can we maintain these spaces accessible to underserved people but also everyone in the community?
- The County is bringing an expanded clinic to Marina.
- Is Kaiser coming to Marina?
- The Marina Library is already a resource space, has more than just books. Though it needs to be open on Sundays.
- The Library needs e-book access (Hoopla, Libby).
- The city needs a green cemetery.
- Wi-Fi connectivity needs to be greatly improved.
- We need a childcare ordinance right now.

## Food Access

- The city needs to limit fast food, liquor, and smoke shops.
- Spaces that used to have fast food should be replaced with another restaurant otherwise we lose our choices.
- There is a lack of affordable fresh food.
- We do have Trader Joes, though it has a lot of packaged stuff.
- We don't have a Sprouts or Whole Foods.
- How do we incentivize healthier food options? Could we waive permit fees?
- The City's health permit is more expensive than other fees and vendor permits
- There is a concern around gentrification potentially forcing smaller, cultural grocery stores and food markets out of the city.
- There are some concerns around mobile food vending.
- We need more food trucks and more diversity of foods.
- This group feels like we have good access to food.
- The farmer's market is great! It needs to expand to the dunes and have music.

## Physical Activity

- Reservation Road underpass is dangerous for pedestrians, it's an easy route to get to beach but dangerous. It needs larger sidewalks, protected crosswalks, and a signal light.
- It is hard to get to the beach from Central Marina.

- There are missing sidewalks on routes to schools.
- Preston Park needs more love and a playground.
- We need better beach access and trail improvements.
- The Community center (Rocky Han) is deplorable.
- Is pickle ball coming?
- After school programs are really great (but expensive for the city to subsidize), and need them for seniors and people of all ages.
- We want more badminton, ping pong, and basketball opportunities.
- There are concerns about FORTAG.
- The Sports Center will be awesome!
- We need more sidewalk infill (SR2S \$).
- Can we access Salinas Road? FORTAG will go through. Can ITP/RMP allow access?
- How to regulate new and reduce the number of smoke shops and liquor stores?

## Safe and Healthy Housing

- We need to provide low and middle cost housing.
- Central Marina has big lots where we can put ADUs on housing lots.
- We need more ADUs/JADUs.
- We could add more mobile homes in other areas.
- People live in Soledad/King City and drive into Marina.
- We need to take into consideration mental and physical health.
- We need a greater mix of housing types (single family and multifamily).
- We should encourage local government at the neighborhood level, make people feel empowered to take decisions and take care of their neighborhood. Especially since the city can't address everything.
- We need rental and for sale housing.
- Should we have a rental registry?
- We need more grant funding for aging-in-place (CDBG?).
- Multi-generation housing may become more common.
- Could the city's "No smoking" regulations could be expanded to other categories, like chimneys?

## Civic Engagement

- Older communities are not connected to Sea Haven area.
- Residents have to pay for improvements, not the developers.
- There is the sense that real estate agents don't call our community Marina, instead they refer to it as the "Monterey Bay."
- The Sea Haven "us vs them" mentality is elitist, and it was built to be a separate fortress.
- There are newcomers from LA and San Francisco.

- There is tension between retired residents and tech workers.
- There is no way for people of different languages to access City info.
- We need ways to reach more people at the neighborhood level.
- We need more translation services at City meetings.
- Are DEI study's findings being implemented?
- The City needs to contact our Marina cultural groups (ACOM).
- Better agenda software would help with general public access.
- The City website needs improvements.

## Economic Equity

- There needs to be more restaurants in Marina for adults, residents have to go to Monterey.
- The town caters to university students
- We need places to eat with families that aren't Denny's.
- Marina has lots of ethnic restaurants.
- Marina is a gas stop onto Big Sur.
- People go to Monterey instead of staying in Marina to shop.
- People see Marina as "poor folks."
- Residents work 3 jobs to make ends meet and still can't afford homes.
- There are not enough jobs here, residents have to commute to other cities for work
- People may not know about high school and community college dual enrollment classes.
- The City needs to collaborate and represent CSUMB more, make Marina the "home of CSUMB" and have greater connections to the university.
- We need more physical places and programs for youth.
- There is a need for job growth and education opportunities.
- MPC expansion is needed now, it is a direct connection to CSUMB.
- There needs to be more hospital and health care training.
- Add an aviation school at the Airport.

## Participant Worksheets

The results from the worksheets participants used during the workshop are transcribed below. Participants were asked whether they agreed, disagreed, or had questions about the proposed policy ideas under each EJ topic. They were also asked to provide ideas or suggested changes to the policy ideas, or to provide new ideas and general comments on the topic area. The tables below summarize the number of times participants voted to agree, disagree, or question the proposed policy ideas. Additional ideas, suggestions or general comments are also provided on the below tables by topic.

### Pollution Exposure

Policy Idea	Agree	Questions	Disagree	Ideas/Suggestions
Reduce the impacts of potential desalination plants, regional wastewater treatment plant, and regional landfill on the community	3			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close landfill for limit use to reduce odor</li> </ul>
Reduce/remediate legacy pollution on former Fort Ord lands	4			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Huge pollution issue – we have not been consulted with</li> </ul>
Reduce impacts of pollution from Highway 101 and other roadways	5			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highway noise pollution</li> <li>Fewer cars using gasoline, phase out</li> <li>How to reduce pollution? That's a state issue</li> </ul>
Work with the County Agriculture Commission to promote sustainable farming practices to reduce pesticide use	2	1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce adverse impacts from (E) Strawberry Farms</li> <li>Strawberry is organic right north, but what about further north</li> <li>Kinda</li> <li>This is minor</li> </ul>
Take steps to avoid adverse impacts of airport operations on Marina residents as the airport expands	2		1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preventing development near airport</li> <li>Not really, just sound</li> </ul>
<i>General</i>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noise pollution in general is detrimental to mental health</li> </ul>

## Land Use & Public Facilities

Policy Idea	Agree	Questions	Disagree	Ideas/Suggestions
Attract new healthcare facilities, medical providers, and community health centers	3		1	
Establish libraries as resource centers	2			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resources are primary to books</li> </ul>
Expand access to high-quality, affordable childcare	2			
<i>General</i>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make spaces welcoming to all by offering resources to transients but also enforcing “bad behavior”</li> <li>Zone public facilities such as police and fire buildings to serve northern areas of Marina</li> <li>Construct (N) satellite fire stations and police stations to serve northern areas of Marina</li> </ul>

## Food Access

Policy Idea	Agree	Questions	Disagree	Ideas/Suggestions
Encourage food stores to locate in Marina	3		1	
Support and expand local farmers’ markets	4			
Discourage new fast food drive-thru establishments, liquor stores, and smoke shops/vape stores	5			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit licenses to these establishments</li> <li>No fast food – but if we lose a fast food restaurant, want to replace it!</li> </ul>

Policy Idea	Agree	Questions	Disagree	Ideas/Suggestions
<i>General</i>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage vendors to sell healthy food</li> <li>• Support ethnic stores and ethnic restaurants</li> </ul>

## Physical Activity

Policy Idea	Agree	Questions	Disagree	Ideas/Suggestions
Increase the number and diversity of parks and open space, especially for disadvantaged communities	3			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved beach access</li> </ul>
Create recreational programming that reflects the diversity of Marina residents	3			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• basketball</li> </ul>
Improve sidewalks, especially on major commercial and residential corridors	4			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct missing sidewalks on Carmel Avenue, Reindollar Ave, Redwood Drive, and Del Monte Blvd to allow school children to walk safely to Olsen School, Marina Vista School, Crompton School, and Los Arboles School</li> <li>• This is very important (gaps)</li> </ul>
Improve walk and bike access to schools, parks, and food stores	3			
<i>General</i>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve residential roads to make safer for bikers and pedestrians</li> </ul>

## Safe and Healthy Housing

Policy Idea	Agree	Questions	Disagree	Ideas/Suggestions
Mitigate high housing costs by building new affordable and low-cost housing	2			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide affordable housing for Marina residents</li> </ul>
Promote aging in place, especially for seniors and veterans	3			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Support multi-generational housing	2			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Consider restrictions on smoking in multifamily housing	3			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing law</li> </ul>
<i>General</i>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empower neighborhoods with NIPs and HOAs</li> <li>Zone more land for the missing mid-style housing types</li> <li>Reduce land zoned for single family home</li> <li>Stop high cost development, we have plenty</li> <li>Concern with wealthy housing communities – lack of integration with community</li> </ul>

## Civic Engagement

Policy Idea	Agree	Questions	Disagree	Ideas/Suggestions
Promote culturally appropriate civic engagement	2			
Ensure transparency in government decision-making	2			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notify all residents of public meetings and community activities</li> </ul>
Expand/strengthen regional leadership and	1	1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MBAG?</li> </ul>

Policy Idea	Agree	Questions	Disagree	Ideas/Suggestions
partnerships				
<i>General</i>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make it easy for residents to obtain public records</li> <li>• Not a lot of people go to City Council meetings</li> </ul>

## Economic Equity

Policy Idea	Agree	Questions	Disagree	Ideas/Suggestions
Expand job opportunities in Marina that match the educational levels and skills of local residents	3			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSMUB</li> </ul>
Support job training and education programs, especially for youth	2			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joby expansion and job training</li> </ul>
Support partnerships between CSUMB, local schools and regional employers	2			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also with Monterey Peninsula College</li> </ul>
<i>General</i>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior mentoring students</li> <li>• Turn old schools in career training centers (like the elementary school that become culinary center)</li> <li>• Advertisement for good Marina restaurants and opportunities to patronize</li> <li>• Not enough tourism opportunities</li> <li>• Entertainment, good food, festivals</li> <li>• Pacheco</li> <li>• Casino – make it a show place</li> <li>• More money could help people (promenade)</li> <li>• Be inviting, to have places to go</li> </ul>