

# Marin City Martin Luther King Jr. Coalition

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## Marin City 2011-2015 Policy Platform

The Marin City Martin Luther King Jr. Coalition (MLK Coalition) developed this platform to identify important issues to the Marin City community and potential actions to address them. We want to provide a tool to direct our collective engagement in ensuring that Marin City is a safe, healthy, thriving, and self-determining community. We created this document with input from community members, partner organizations, and allies. As Marin City residents and voters, we can also use this platform to guide our vote and civic engagement. We also ask our representatives to use this information to guide public decision-making affecting our community.

### LOCAL GOVERNANCE

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Public policy decisions affecting Marin City should be firmly based on the community's needs and wellbeing. Strong local governing bodies will ensure and sustain community members' participation in policy making.

- ☑ Increase residents' civic engagement and participation in local governance.
- ☑ Build overall leadership capacity in the community and provide special support to emerging leaders.
- ☑ Create a Marin City Municipal Advisory Council and an Area Planning Commission at the County government.
- ☑ Implement an incorporation feasibility study and advocate for approval of an incorporation election by the Local Agency Formation Commission and the Board of Supervisors.



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Economic empowerment is of paramount importance to Marin City community members. Residents should be able to provide the basics for themselves and their families and to be financially secure.

- ☑ Expand opportunities for local small business development.
- ☑ Increase financial/economic literacy and promote asset development opportunities, including savings and home ownership.
- ☑ Strengthen and support workforce development services.
- ☑ Secure and develop commercial enterprises in Marin City.

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

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Health care is a human right. Every community member should have access to quality health care and preventive medicine, including specific programs to improve wellness and foster a long-lasting healthy life.

- ☑ Promote studies, discussions, and solutions to the root causes of Marin City's unacceptably high death rate.
- ☑ Embrace recreational, cultural, and social programs as prevention strategies.
- ☑ Promote health literacy.
- ☑ Increase funding and local control of community health and safety programs.
- ☑ Encourage culturally sensitive and appropriate healthcare delivery to the community.

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## HOUSING & LAND USE

All community members deserve to live in housing that is safe, affordable for their income level, and close to where they work. Housing and land use policies and programs should ensure the stability of families and the preservation of the diversity that makes Marin City unique and culturally enriching.

- ☑ **Create a Community Land Trust to facilitate local ownership of assets, including land, homes, and buildings.**
- ☑ **Maintain and enhance current affordable and below-market rate housing stocks.**
- ☑ **Ensure local control and residents' representation on housing and land-use decision-making.**
- ☑ **Merge Community Land Corporation into the Marin City Community Development Corporation to establish a stronger representation and allow for effective guidance in regard to current and future land use and housing issues.**
- ☑ **Advance zoning and development of mixed-use housing as identified in the County's Housing Element and General Plan, including at the site where the Gateway Shopping Center is currently located.**



## EDUCATION

All community members, especially youth, deserve an education that honors our ancestors' histories, teaches critical thinking, and prepares for success. A culture of educational excellence and achievement is the bedrock for a thriving and self-determining community. We embrace the concept of a life-long education that starts from preschool and continues well into adulthood.

- ☑ **Strengthen community voice in education matters.**
- ☑ **Support the development of community-based education programs.**
- ☑ **Improve educational performance across age groups.**



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