

WHAT MEASURE “D” DOES

PRIVATE HELIPORTS

Private use helicopter landings and take offs to and from residences would increasingly impact the Napa valley quality of life. Measure “D” stops private heliports, noise pollution and accidents and helicopter taxi services as in other communities which failed to do so in time.

While we value property rights, we must respect those of our neighbors who are entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of their properties. Such relations are those we have come to treasure in the Napa Valley. An environment free of neighborhood helicopter nuisance will continue to keep our county unique and protect our property values.

Residents who can afford a helicopter may use our two airports in Napa and Angwin.

HELICOPTER LANDINGS AT VINEYARDS

Current County Code permits landings at vineyards “for direct agricultural production such as aerial spraying and frost protection”. This provision has been abused by transporting consultants, executives, investors and visitors. Measure “D” continues to allow landings at vineyards in support of aerial direct agricultural activities but only if they are unavoidable as in case of emergencies or for landing personnel which are essential to the conduct of such direct aerial agricultural activity. Equipment and supplies may be picked up at our two public airports before takeoff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ECONOMY

One single application for a private heliport consumed 20% of the Planning Commission’s annual public hearings and over 1,100 hours of county staff. The entire neighborhood spent over 3,000 hours attending these hearings and thousands of dollars in reviewing and preparing documents in defense of their properties and their quality of life.

Measure “D” allows the Planning Commission and staff to devote more time to more important issues for the health and welfare of the county’s residents.

GRANDFATHERING

All permitted, existing private airports and heliports are grandfathered.

EMERGENCY HELICOPTER LANDINGS

Emergency, fire and law enforcement helicopters may land anywhere, any time.