

Summer News Update

Dear Friends and Supporters of Marin Coalition,

As we prepare to begin our next season, we want to reach out and thank each of you for your support and participation during the past year. We're pleased to have completed another season of what we believe were interesting and significant programs, all presented free to our audience via Zoom. We remained on a virtual platform throughout the past two seasons for obvious reasons but are still considering a return to in-person luncheon meetings in 2023. We'll keep you updated as to our plans depending on what course COVII 19 takes.

Meanwhile, we are looking forward to a great line-up of events to start the 2022-23 season September via Zoom and free to all attendees (registration information to follow shortly):

September 8.....Marin County School Superintendent Mary Jane Burke

October 4......Greg Brockbank & Dick Spotswood with an election preview

November......To be announced

December 14...Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters

The membership of Marin Coalition (MC) recently voted to approve amendments to our bylaws that convert the organization from a membership group to a donor model. While we maintain a very low overhead (primarily insurance, website costs, other miscellaneous costs we do have expenses and now look to our supporters for funding. Please consider helping us keep our all-volunteer organization going by making a tax-deductible donation:

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Looking back over the past two years of Zoom events, we can objectively say that, despite everything, we've had a fantastic couple of seasons online. Notwithstanding the impediments brought about by COVID, MC held forth with regular programs presented onlir **free** to the public and offered a stellar selection of speakers on a wide array of subjects. You can see any of them on our website's <u>Archives Page</u>. Highlights included:

- Jared Huffman, U.S. Congressman, 2nd District of California
- Rob Devincenzi & Bill Nagel, Publishers of the Marin IJ and San Francisco Chronicle
- Noah Griffin, Writer, Tiburon Town Councilor
- Bruce Goines & Mark Brown, Leaders of the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority
- Matt Willis, MD, Marin Health and Human Services Public Health Officer
- Ben Horenstein, GM, Marin Water & Ryan Grisso, North Marin Water District
- **Jeff Boehm, DVM,** The Marine Mammal Center; **JD Bergeron**, International Bird Rescue; & **Ellyn Weisel**, WildCare
- Dick Spotswood, Marin IJ columnist & Greg Brockbank, Marin political guru
- LaDoris Hazzard Cordell, JD, Superior Court Judge and author
- Max Korten, Director, Marin County Parks & Open Space; Ruben Martin, Chief, Central Marin Fire Department; David Lewis, Director, UCCE Marin

 and many others. We look forward to many more great programs in the year ahead!

We are pleased to announce the formation of a new **Program Advisory Committee** currently comprised of 3 members: **Omar Carrera, Noah Griffin,** and **Dick Spotswood**. The mission of this committee is to provide programming input to the board on topics for future programs. This new committee is already helping MC to broaden the range and diversity of issues covered in our future events. We thank these esteemed Marin leaders for their generous and ongoing service to our organization and look forward to expanding this committee in the future.

We thank you for your interest and support. Have a great rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing you next month!

Marin Coalition Board of Directors

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