

# VOTE NO ON MEASURE Q

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No on Measure Q  
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*The American Medical Association “does not support a moratorium on planting genetically modified crops and encourages research developments in food biotechnology.”*

American Medical Association policy document, 2000

## TRUSTED EXPERTS SUPPORT BIOTECH PRODUCT SAFETY

The American Medical Association  
The World Health Organization  
The United Nations Food & Ag Organization  
The National Academy of Sciences  
The U.S. Institute of Food Technologies

*“Measure Q limits research of life-threatening diseases and the development of important daily medication. Measure Q is bad science and bad for public health.”*

Dr. Tom Hale, Emergency Physician

*“Passage of Measure Q will result in lost jobs, higher taxes and less tax revenue for local police and fire.”*

Tom Bordonaro, San Luis Obispo County Assessor

*“Measure Q will limit local farmer’s ability to grow safe and affordable food. Support family farmers and local jobs by voting no on Measure Q.”*

Tom Ikeda, President, San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau

*“Measure Q will leave our wine and tourism industry defenseless against devastating crop diseases. Protect our community. Vote No on Q.”*

Dana Merrill, Paso Robles Vintners & Growers Association

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED TO MEASURE Q

Citizens for a Healthier San Luis Obispo County  
Diabetes Wellness Center  
San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau  
The Central Coast Wine Growers Association  
San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce  
The Central Coast Greenhouse Growers Association

The Grower Shipper Vegetable Association  
San Luis Obispo Cattlemen’s Association  
San Luis Obispo County Cattle Women  
Paso Robles Vintners & Growers Association  
Nipomo Chamber of Commerce  
San Luis Obispo Vintners & Growers Association

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*Threatens Health, Jobs and Environment*



**Measure Q will outlaw research that protects your family from life-threatening diseases – and all the while exposing family farms to crop disease and threatening local jobs.**

*Shouldn't you and your doctor have a say in what is in the best interest of your family's health?*

*Medical experts and local family farmers sure think so...*

# Measure Q will not allow medical and agricultural experts to study the benefits of life saving research & healthier farming practices.



## MEASURE Q LIMITS LIFE-SAVING RESEARCH

- Prohibits local biotech companies from producing medicines for cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, AIDS and other life-threatening diseases.
- Prohibits Cal Poly from performing research with private business.
- Prohibits West Nile Disease vaccine research that can protect humans from a deadly disease that has already claimed livestock and pets.

## MEASURE Q REQUIRES HIGHER TAXES OR CUTS TO PUBLIC SERVICES

- Requires tax increases or redirecting thousands of dollars from existing public services such as police and fire department to monitor and confiscate crops from our local farms.
- San Luis Obispo County is dependent on a strong agricultural economy to balance county budgets, and fund emergency services and local schools.



## MEASURE Q HURTS FARM ECONOMY, TOURISM & JOBS

- Prohibits local family farmers from growing crops that require less pesticides and are resistant to major crop diseases.
- Crop disease can destroy San Luis Obispo County's wine industry, tourism and other jobs dependent on a strong agricultural economy.
- Makes farming more costly and less competitive in growing international markets.
- Employer mandates contribute to urban sprawl by making family farms less profitable and encourages farmers to sell their farm land to developers.

## MEASURE Q IS BAD ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

- Will require more pesticides to protect wine grapes from crop disease such as Pierce's Disease that has threatened the wine industry in other parts of the state.
- Increases soil erosion into streams and rivers by increasing the number of times a farmer has to plow their fields to control weeds.
- Frequent plowing means tractors will increase more diesel engine emissions and contribute to lower air quality standards in our community.



*“These initiatives (Measure Q) narrowly and selfishly serve the purposes of the anti-biotech community by attempting to prohibit the cultivation of biotech crops that have been proven to be beneficial to agriculture in general, and farmers and the environment in particular”*



The California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology, October, 2004

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