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Measure Title

A Measure Pertaining to the Sacramento Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Charter Amendment

Election Date: November 03, 2020

Reason for Argument (Max 300 Words)

On August 13, 2019, the Sacramento City Council passed the strongest rent control and renter protections in our city’s history. Rent increases are capped at five percent plus CPI and the law ensures that renters cannot be unfairly evicted from their homes.

If Measure C passes, it will override the progressive and balanced rent control reforms now in effect and make it more difficult to expand our existing housing supply.

Measure C has no provisions to build more affordable or middle class housing in our city and does nothing to address homelessness on our streets. It is both unnecessary and risks the slowdown of desperately needed housing in Sacramento.

Measure C creates another layer of bureaucracy by establishing a new, elected rent board, which will require significant new costs and remove the City Council’s ability to deal with rent control issues and disputes.

Sacramento’s rent control law was negotiated with all the stakeholders at the table, from housing advocates and renter groups to labor, realtors and apartment owners. Two of the three sponsors of Measure C withdrew this initiative from ballot because they supported the rent control measure now in place.

Measure C will make it harder to remove barriers for the construction of more housing in Sacramento at a time when we face housing shortages and a severe lack of affordable housing for families, young people and seniors. Measure C is not the answer.

Vote NO on Measure C.

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