

Type of Argument (in favor/against)	Against
Measure Title	Emergency Shelter and Enforcement Act of 2022
Election Date	November 8, 2022
Primary Argument (Max 300 Words)	<p>Don't be fooled. Corporate interests used their money and influence to force the City of Sacramento to put forward a measure that will harm our community. Vote no on Measure O.</p> <p>Everyone agrees that homelessness is an urgent public health and civil rights crisis. Approximately 7 people each day become homeless in Sacramento. Black residents are nearly 4 times more likely to become homeless than white residents. Shelters are full and there are insufficient services for folks with substance abuse or mental health issues. The impacts are real, and require immediate action.</p> <p>Measure O will not help. With no new funding, no housing, and no mental health or substance abuse services – this ill-conceived plan will only delay the real solutions we need.</p> <p>Cities are not equipped to deal with this crisis. The City Manager has stated repeatedly that the City of Sacramento cannot afford to keep our current shelters open after this year - much less open new ones. Our city will have a massive budget deficit in coming years, and the \$5 million cap in this measure will not protect against litigation fees - which are expected to be significant when constituents sue the city for perceived inaction. The city will likely need to cut city services if this measure becomes law.</p> <p>Despite these facts, the Sacramento City Council put this measure on the ballot to please the corporate special interests behind it. To make matters worse, at the last minute the Sacramento City Council voted to amend Measure O to make implementation contingent on an unspecified agreement with the County of Sacramento that will be negotiated behind closed doors. This is an unacceptable perversion of the democratic process and cannot be allowed to stand.</p> <p>Join us in the fight for real solutions - not more false promises. Vote no on Measure O. Learn more at www.NoOnO.net.</p>
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