

Rebuttal Form

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Rebuttal to Support of Measure

Measure Title

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

Election Date: November 03, 2020

Reason for Rebuttal (Max 250 Words)

Measure C's backers don't acknowledge that the very protections they seek are already in law. Their initiative is both flawed and unnecessary. Measure C fails to contain any specific provisions to ensure veterans who served our country, or senior citizens who need affordable homes, get the housing they need.

Measure C creates a new, elected rent board that will cost millions of dollars a year and take funds from critical city services like public safety, parks and libraries. The board can set its own salary, hire staff and regulate housing, with no accountability to the Mayor, City Council or City Manager.

Measure C adds nothing for renters. It will override the city's rent control law that already limits increases and protects tenants. A ballot initiative might have been necessary if our City Council had failed to address the plight of renters. In Sacramento, the opposite is true. While the citizen's initiative is often a valuable tool for the people to directly decide an important issue, the initiative process also can sometimes be misused. Measure C is a clear example of misuse.

Measure C will cost taxpayers millions while making it harder to build housing needed for teachers, veterans, young families, and seniors. It will not help renters, homeowners or those most at risk of homelessness.

A broad community coalition is united against Measure C. Vote NO on Measure C.

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