

Rebuttal to the Argument for Measure N

Measure N won't help housing – but it will leave everyone with lasting negative consequences.

It's frustrating that the proponents of N have taken such an intrusive, punitive, and extreme approach in Santa Cruz. As they freely admit in their argument, Measure N would hang a \$6,000 tax over every household and then force everyone to prove every year that they do not owe the money. It's unworkable and wrong. People should be able to come and go freely from their own homes without government monitoring or control.

- Everyone will be subject to audits to prove they live in their home. Audits can be done every year, and can require evidence showing three years of occupancy.
- Everyone will be subject to a new government bureaucracy monitoring the use of their own home.
- Everyone will have to register and report every year or face fines. The measure provides that it can be a crime to fail to report how many months you live in your home.
- All of Santa Cruz will be guilty until proven innocent if Measure N passes.

We need real solutions to housing affordability and homelessness. We should not impose intrusive burdens on citizens to verify year after year they live in their own homes. We do not need to invite further government control into our homes.

Santa Cruz deserves a better approach to our housing challenges. Please join our broad coalition in voting NO on N.

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