

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

There is a shortage of affordable housing in Arcata, despite continued efforts to meet the great need. We still see seniors on fixed incomes and working families struggle to pay rent. This ballot measure, if approved, will help provide more housing over the years for low income seniors, families, the formerly homeless, and people with disabilities.

Please vote YES on Measure B.

This proposition is presented to the voters because of Article 34 of the California Constitution, which requires local voters authorize the “development, construction, or acquisition of affordable rental housing” prior to it being produced. If approved, this measure would rescind and replace the 1992 Measure L, increasing the affordable housing limit from 5% to 7.5% for all housing units in Arcata.

It is important to know:

- Arcata is nearing the limit of the present cap, which would stop building of any more affordable housing.
- This measure has no fiscal impact on the taxpayer.
- This proposition does not grant approval for any specific project.
- All developments that fall within Article 34 standard are required to go through the permit process with full environmental and community review.
- Passage of this measure will allow the City to apply for and use local, state and federal funds for rental housing programs.
- Voter approval is necessary for the City to take advantage of local, state or federal housing funding.
- Without voter approval, the City may give up its fair share of local, state or federal housing funding.
- This measure was supported unanimously by the Arcata City Council.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure B.

/s/ Dr. Darlene A. Spoor, Executive Director, Arcata House Partnership

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/s/ Constance E. Stewart

/s/ Alexandra Stillman

/s/ Nezzie Wade, Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives