Housing Justice on the Ballot: Policy Pathways for Housing Justice

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Agenda

- Overview of 2020-2022 Ballots
- Panel
- Q&A
- Sharing Resources
- Close

Audience Engagement:
- Submit questions using Q&A
- Share comments/affirmations in the chat
2020 Housing Justice Wins on the Ballot

No Eviction Without Representation
Boulder, CO
59% support

What it won:
• Established a program to provide legal representation to tenants facing eviction
• Created a position in the city to administer
• Created a tenants’ committee for oversight
• Collected a $75/year/unit fee on landlords
• Provided rental assistance
2020 Housing Justice Wins on the Ballot

People First Portland
Portland, Maine
58% support

What it won:
• Annual rent increases capped at CPI
• Applies to all rental units except landlord-occupied 2–4-unit buildings
• Requires 75-day notice of rent increases
• Rent Board created to hear tenant complaints and mediate
2021 Housing Justice Wins on the Ballot

Home to Stay MPLS
Minneapolis, MN
54% support

What it won:
• Gave Minneapolis City Council the power to create and implement a rent stabilization ordinance
• City Council has not passed an ordinance
• A stakeholder group has been formed to recommend policy elements
2021 Housing Justice Wins on the Ballot

Keep St. Paul Home
St. Paul, MN
53% support

What it won:
• Annual rent increases capped at 3%
• Applies to all rental units
• Vacancy control (applies across tenancies)
• Council has made significant amendments (effective Jan 1, 2023)
What’s on the ballot this November?

1. Rent Stabilization Ordinance
   Orange County, FL

   What it will do:
   • Cap annual rent increases to CPI for one year

2. Measure RC
   Santa Monica, CA

   Current policy:
   • Annual rent increases are capped at 75% of CPI

   What it will do:
   • Cap annual rent increases to 75% of CPI OR 3%, whichever is lower, starting 2023

3. Question C
   Portland, Maine

   What it will do:
   • Cap annual rent increases to 70% of CPI
   • Require 90-days notice of rent increases and lease terminations
   • Ban application fees
   • Limit security deposits to one-month’s rent
Activity: Chatterfall

1. Think about your answer.
2. Type it in the chat but don’t press Enter!
4. Read and reflect together.

What is a housing win (in your community or beyond) that excites you?
Welcome, Panelists!

**Ryan Bell**
Pasadena Tenants Union
Pasadena, CA

**Mitch Weldon**
No Eviction Without Representation
Denver, CO

**Measure H:**
- Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing charter amendment
- Cap annual rent increases to 75% of CPI
- Require landlords to have a “just cause” for filing an eviction

**Initiated Ordinance 305:**
- Establish a program to provide legal representation to tenants facing eviction
- Create a position in the city to administer
- Create a tenants’ committee for oversight
- Collect a $75/year/unit fee on landlords
Thank you for joining us!

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