

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

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HOME
TO STAY
MPLS

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!
3. On "three", everyone 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

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



Mitch Weldon
No Eviction Without
Representation
Denver, CO

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

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