

NO on Measure F BALLOT ARGUMENT

Vote NO on F. Government mandated rent control is wrong for St. Helena and Measure F is a classic case of a solution in search of a problem.

Last November St. Helena voters overwhelmingly rejected an expansion of government rent control, voting down Proposition 10 by 61% to 39%. Our city has more pressing needs, **yet by a slim 3-2 vote the Council choose to adopt this expensive and deeply flawed measure despite overwhelming opposition from the very people it alleges to assist.** Now the Council is spending \$30,000 to put this new rent control scheme on the June ballot.

Here are the FACTS:

**Measure F puts every taxpayer in St. Helena on the hook for paying all the costs** of this new government program. Vote NO.

**Measure F will force all residents** of Vineyard Valley into a mandatory rent control program they don't want and don't need. Almost all of the park's residents already have long-term leases that cap rent increases at 3%. That's why 149 Vineyard Valley residents signed a public petition to STOP Measure F – but the City Council by a 3-2 vote ignored their wishes. Stand with your neighbors - vote NO.

**Measure F makes participation in the city's rent control scheme compulsory.** Don't be fooled by supporters who falsely claim Measure F is voluntary – it is not.

Here's one more FACT supporters are not telling you. If Measure F passes, currently it would only control rent on 10 of the park's 215 spaces – but it makes every one of us who live in St. Helena liable for all costs – legal, administrative, etc. – of the program. **Other small cities have had to spend millions in precious tax dollars defending and administering flawed rent control measures like Measure F.**

Save our St. Helena by voting **NO on F.**

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