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### Housing on the Ballot: 2022

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## **2022 California Housing Ballot Initiatives**

- No major statewide housing initiative, most voters faced local choices.
- 52 housing-related measures on local ballots across the state.
- 13+ measures mention affordable housing or homelessness as part sales tax measure increase language.
- General Themes
  - Changing local land use approval process
  - Creating new sources of housing revenue
  - Establishing or expanding upon tenant protections

## **Changing Housing Approval and Zoning Rules**

- 16+ measures initiated by voters or city councils to ask voters if they would like to change how new housing is created.
- Examples
  - Menlo Park Measure V
  - Santa Cruz Measure O
  - San Francisco Measures D & E
  - Costa Mesa Measure K
  - San Diego Measure C
- 5 measures requesting an increase to new affordable homes that are allowed, as required by Article 34.

## **Raising Money for Housing and Homelessness Prevention**

#### • 3 Gross receipts tax on property owners

- East Palo Alto Measure L
- Berkeley Measure L
- Oakland Measure U

#### • 3 Taxing vacant units

- Berkeley Measure M
- San Francisco Measure M
- Santa Cruz Measure N

#### • **3 Transfer Tax**

- Los Angeles Measure ULA
- Emeryville Measure O
- Santa Monica DT

## **Expanding and Creating New Tenant Protections**

- Rental Control and Tenant Protection Expansions
  - Pasadena Measure H cap rent increases at 75 percent of inflation, reduce just cause eviction cases, and no sunset.
  - **Richmond Measure P** limit annual rent increases to 3 percent of rent price or 60 percent of inflation, whichever is lower.
  - Oakland Measure V prohibit no-fault evictions of children and educators during the school year + expand just cause to RVs and tiny homes.
  - Santa Monica Measure RC owner that decides to move-in to evict a tenant must live in the residence within 60 days.
  - Santa Monica Measure EM rent board can lower or eliminate rent increases during states of emergencies.

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