

**Huntington Beach Charter Section 803 Amendment**  
**Ballot Argument Oppose**

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Huntington Beach has already said “No” to rent control schemes like Measure XX.

In 2002, we voted by more than a 2/3 majority to protect property rights and values in ways Measure XX will erase.

Measure XX is really that simple.

That is why one City Councilmember called Measure XX’s sales pitch “hocus pocus.”

And why the *Orange County Register* wrote that Measure XX deserves “great scrutiny from voters” because of the “general pitfalls of rent-control schemes.”

Our city has been a model for strong private property protection laws. That is one reason our property values declined less during the recession and recovered more rapidly than property values in cities like Oakland, Berkeley, and Santa Monica, which have rent control and are still struggling.

Measure XX seeks to replace our protections with their restrictions.

Make no mistake! Measure XX will

- Require a bigger, more expensive city government.
- Roll back Huntington Beach’s landmark private property protection laws.
- Risk eliminating private solutions to affordability that mobile home park owners currently provide.

Huntington Beach has long had a rental assistance program that, at no cost to taxpayers, helps low-income Seniors, Veterans, and Disabled mobile home owners stay in their homes by providing rental subsidies that the Park Owners pay for.

Measure XX would put an end to these private-sector rental subsidy programs and put taxpayers on the hook for an expensive new bureaucracy.

Huntington Beach voters protected us from rent control in 2002. Let’s not undo now the good they did then.

Please join us in maintaining private property rights, protecting individual privacy, and opposing bigger government. **Vote NO on Measure XX.**

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