Week 32: Do you support Proposition 33, and why?

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Proposition 33 empowers California cities and counties to implement housing policies that best meet the needs of their communities. As the most populous and diverse state, California cannot rely on a one-size-fits-all approach. 44 percent of Californians are renters, and stabilizing rents is one of the most effective ways to prevent homelessness and keep families in their homes.

By repealing the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995, Proposition 33 gives local governments the flexibility to enact fair rent control policies that balance the needs of renters with those of property owners, including small landlords. Proposition 33 does not mandate rent control, but it allows local communities to create policies that protect renters from extreme rent hikes while ensuring that property owners can still earn a fair return on their investments.

This initiative provides a path to more stable and affordable housing without undermining small property owners who are vital to our housing market. Supporting Proposition 33 means supporting a balanced approach that strengthens our communities by providing fair solutions for both renters and property owners.