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Meet the candidates, week 33: “Do you support Prop. 33 to expand rent control?”

Rent control is important because it provides tenants with security by preventing them from getting priced out of where they live. Strong rent control laws protect tenants from displacement, but we need a long term strategy to ensure housing affordability for future generations.

This measure will reduce the creation of affordable homes, increasing costs for both renters and those who are looking to one day buy a home.

Prop. 33 will worsen California’s — and by extension, our city’s — housing shortage by increasing costs and obstructing affordable housing creation. It undermines existing statewide rent control laws without providing any benefits for seniors, veterans, or individuals with disabilities. Very similar propositions were rejected twice by voters in 2018 and 2020. Prop. 33 could overturn over 100 state housing laws, including those that help build affordable housing and enforce fair housing standards.