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Democratic Party Endorses Measure C – Fair and Affordable Housing in Santa Rosa

SANTA ROSA, CA – The Sonoma County Democratic Party, at its April 11 meeting, voted overwhelmingly to endorse Measure C, the City of Santa Rosa Residential Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protections Ordinance. Measure C will go before voters in the June 6, 2017 special election.

Nearly half of Santa Rosa residents live in rental housing, and in August the Santa Rosa City Council passed an ordinance to protect renters from excessive rent increases and unfair evictions. The California Apartment Association and its allies, many from outside Santa Rosa, spent nearly \$100,000 to block the ordinance – using paid signature gatherers to qualify a referendum for the June 6 ballot. The same groups have also spent millions of dollars over the last two years fighting other rent control ordinances throughout the Bay Area, and they are expected to continue pouring money into defeating Measure C.

"Santa Rosa renters have experienced some of the highest rent increases in the country in the last two years," said Laurie Gallian, chair of the Sonoma County Democratic Party. "Measure C will protect renters from skyrocketing rent increases and unjust eviction practices. The housing crisis in Santa Rosa is real and it impacts the entire community. It is critical to pass Measure C and keep working people and long-term residents in their homes."

For more information on the Yes on Measure C campaign, visit www.fairandaffordablesantarosa.com.

The Sonoma County Democratic Party (Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee / SCDP) is the official governing body of the Democratic Party in Sonoma County. The SCDP works in cooperation with the California Democratic Party (CDP) and the Democratic National Committee (DNC). For more information on the Sonoma County Democratic Party, visit www.sonomademocrats.org.

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