

Measure A addresses affordable housing crisis

Ten years ago, the Community Working Group (CWG) opened the Opportunity Center in Palo Alto, the first permanent supportive housing complex in Santa Clara County. Since then, CWG has provided affordable homes, supportive services, and respite and dignity to thousands of seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and low-income families.

When we started planning the Opportunity Center in 1998, our community already urgently needed affordable homes; now the need has become a crisis. Today, paying more for rent than you can afford is commonplace, as are the chronic fear, exhaustion and instability that result. And when someone does become homeless, both the human suffering and the economic impact on our community are vast, often reaching generations into the future.

Happily, our local leaders have put forth a caring, thoughtful and practical approach to addressing our affordable housing crisis: Measure A. Please vote “yes” on Measure A.

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