

**VOTER'S PAMPHLET**  
**MEASURES, ANALYSES AND ARGUMENTS**

(whichever is applicable to your ballot)  
Arguments in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

**CITY OF SANTA CRUZ**

**J** In order to preserve the City's limited remaining water capacity that is available to current utility users and to conserve capacity in the City's wastewater treatment plant, shall the City of Santa Cruz Charter be amended to require a vote of the people before the City Council will be allowed to initiate an annexation to the City's water service area or sewer service area?

**FULL TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE J**  
**CITY OF SANTA CRUZ**

**SECTION 1430 – UTILITY SERVICE AREA EXPANSION**

Subject to the qualifications set forth in this Section 1430 and absent direction to do so by the State of California Local Agency Formation Commission, in order to preserve the limited remaining water capacity that is available to current utility users and in order to conserve capacity in the City's wastewater treatment plant, the Council shall not initiate an expansion of the City's water service area or sewer service area unless authorized to do so by majority vote of the qualified electors of the City of Santa Cruz.

The Council shall, by a majority vote of the full City Council, be authorized to initiate an expansion of the City's water service area only upon finding that the expansion is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the applicant seeking service; that the property which is the subject of the expansion application formerly received water service from another water source; that the water source of that former water service is no longer viable or available; and that the applicant has demonstrated there is no viable alternative other than a connection to the City water system.

The Council shall, by a majority vote of the full City Council, be authorized to initiate an expansion of the City's sewer service area only upon finding that the expansion is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the applicant seeking service; that the property which is the subject of the expansion application has previously received septic or sewer service; and that the sewer service, if any, is no longer available to serve the property which is the subject of the expansion application or is incapable of treating the sewage to the same level that sewage is treated by the City's wastewater treatment plant.

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY**  
**MEASURE J**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT – CITY OF SANTA CRUZ**  
**UTILITY SERVICE AREA EXPANSIONS**

This ballot measure, if adopted by the voters, would amend the City of Santa Cruz Charter to prohibit the City Council from initiating an expansion to the City's Water Service Area or Sewer Service Area unless authorized to do so by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the City of Santa Cruz or directed to do so by the State of California Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO"). The City Council would, however, by a majority vote, be authorized to initiate an expansion of the City's Water Service Area upon finding that the expansion is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the applicant seeking service, that the property which is the subject of the expansion application formerly received water service from another water source, that the source of that former water service is no longer viable or available, and that the applicant has demonstrated there is no viable alternative other than a connection to the City water system. With regard to sewer service the City Council would, by a majority vote, be authorized to initiate an expansion of the City's Sewer Service Area upon finding that the expansion is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the applicant seeking service, and that the property's former sewer service, if any, is no longer available to serve the property which is the subject of the expansion application or is incapable of treating sewage to the same level of treatment that is provided by the City's wastewater treatment plant.

s/ John G. Barisone  
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**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J**

This is one of two ballot measures intended to ensure that UCSC only grows in a sustainable way. UCSC makes many positive contributions to California and our local community, but before the campus can grow again it needs to mitigate the negative impacts its growth will cause both on campus and in the community.

UCSC is currently planning to grow by almost 50% in the number of students and faculty – 6,000 additional students and 1,800 additional faculty and staff. This growth would have a number of very significant, negative impacts on our local community, particularly with respect to traffic, neighborhood overcrowding, availability and cost of housing, water supplies, and City services, including public safety, recreation, and social services.

To date, there have been many attempts to get the University Administration to mitigate the impacts of past and future campus growth. The University has been unwilling to commit to any enforceable agreements. The Draft Environmental Impact Report on the proposed Development Plan doesn't begin to even identify the negative impacts, much less discuss what will be done to address them.

Measure J would amend the City Charter to require an affirmative vote of the citizens of Santa Cruz before the City would provide water for UCSC growth outside of the City limit. Because much of the growth planned by the UC Administration is sited outside the City limit, UCSC would have to demonstrate to local citizens that they intend to mitigate their impacts before being provided with the water necessary to support that growth. This measure will force serious negotiations between the City and the UC Administration over growth plans, impacts, and mitigations, thereby forcing the University to realistically address the negative impacts on our community.

Please vote YES on MEASURE J

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**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J WAS FILED.**