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## Housing Santa Cruz County July Newsletter

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### **Our Feature Article:**

## ***Santa Cruz For Real Library and Housing Solutions Needs Your Help!***

[Santa Cruz For Real Library and Housing Solutions](#) is a campaign coalition established to support the Downtown Library and Affordable Housing Project. The coalition, led by library advocates, affordable housing advocates, and advocates for a thriving downtown, believes the Downtown Library/Housing Project will offer many benefits to the community, including:

- A 21st Century state-of-the art library with incredible features for children and youth

- 124 units of permanently affordable housing
- A child care facility serving downtown residents and workers
- Parking, including secure bike parking and EV charging, to replace the spaces that will be lost to other planned development projects and parklets created in response to the Covid pandemic
- Planning for a new permanent home for the Farmers' Market that will include access to utilities and an all-weather structure which the market has been wanting

The future of the Library/Housing Project is being challenged by a November 2022 ballot measure that if passed would halt construction of the new city library with an attached parking garage, as well as the affordable housing project...

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## July Affordable Housing News

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### ***Final 2022-23 State Budget Fall Short on Affordable Housing Investments***

In response to final State Budget agreement, Housing California Policy Director Christopher Martin issued the following statement:

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### ***Construction well underway on new student housing at UC Santa Cruz***

Committed to advancing student success, UC Santa Cruz leaders are confronting the ongoing housing crisis by providing immediate support programs for students while building new residential buildings to significantly increase the number of students who can live on campus.

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***Soquel housing complex aims to help veterans, former foster youth***



A Soquel project to help house veterans, former foster children and families at risk of homelessness has received \$10.7 million from the state.

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### ***Measures on empty homes, library head to Santa Cruz ballot***

A proposal to tax vacant homes and an initiative to scrap plans for a larger downtown library will head to the Nov. 8 ballot, the Santa Cruz City Council decided

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### ***HSCC teams with allies to debunk ODOF claims***

*Lookout Santa Cruz* features a commentary on the misguided ODOF ballot measure that will set back our affordable housing efforts

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**Housing Santa Cruz County** is working every day to keep affordable housing development top of mind amongst policymakers and community leaders.

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