

## **Prop A vs. the City of Encinitas**

In Encinitas we have Proposition A Right to Vote protection. Prop A was passed in 2013 by the voters and requires a public vote on any project that increases existing zoning density or the General Plan height limit.

Encinitas mayor Catherine Blakespear is taking our Prop A Right to Vote law to court. She first made the incredible move of suing her own residents to eliminate their right to vote. When she learned that folks did not appreciate that, she redirected the lawsuit against HCD, considered a "friendly" defendant. The lawsuit language remains, though: to eliminate our Prop A vote on high-density housing element update plans.

Blakespear wants Prop A out of the way because it stands between her and a developer rubber stamp of approval. So annoying when pesky residents have to be heard.

Residents requested and were granted intervenor status and our attorney to defend Prop A is Everett DeLano. He believes that Prop A is protected by the state constitution under initiative law. Prop A goes to court June 3.