

Dear Fellow Mobile Home Residents of Yucaipa,

We have an urgent message regarding an upcoming ordinance that threatens *our community's well-being and rights*.

Ordinance No. 466-U is currently being proposed by the City of Yucaipa. This ordinance aims to establish a moratorium on the installation of mobile homes older than twenty years old in our city's existing 42 mobile home parks.

We want to bring to your attention the lack of transparency and public engagement surrounding this ordinance. It was introduced at a City Council meeting on April 8, 2024, through an urgency ordinance, without any prior notification to the public. There should have been ample opportunity for public input through a town hall meeting before such a serious decision was to be made.

Furthermore, recent developments regarding Ordinance No. 429, which passed on September 6, 2023, indicate a troubling trend. This ordinance facilitates the conversion of mobile home parks into mixed-use apartment developments, effectively overturning previous protections for mobile home residents. It is part of a larger agenda of aggressive urbanization, which threatens the existence of our homes and community.

The implications of Ordinance No. 466-U are dire for us:

1. **Limited Relocation Options:** Ordinance No. 429 already establishes the conditions for owners of older mobile homes to be inevitably pushed out. Ordinance No. 466-U will only further restrict us, making it impossible for us to relocate our homes anywhere else in the city of Yucaipa.
2. **Decreased Resale Value:** The prohibition of mobile homes older than 2005 under Ordinance No. 466-U will significantly diminish the property resale value of existing homes. Ordinance No. 429 has already forecast our displacement, and now with the introduction of Ordinance No. 466-U the city is essentially saying, “not only will we displace you, but your home will also be worthless for resale.” This leaves us with nowhere to turn, forcing us to sell at reduced prices or abandon our properties altogether.
3. **Economic Burden:** Mandating the purchase of newer mobile homes places an undue financial burden on residents, especially seniors over 55 and low-income individuals who depend on this kind of housing. By pricing us out of our homes, the city is exacerbating the economic challenges faced by vulnerable members of our community.