

Letters: Measure B protects city's views

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Santa Barbara is blessed with a variety of historic buildings set with beautiful views of the Santa Ynez Mountains. It falls upon each generation to protect this inheritance.

Once a view is blocked or a historic building is overshadowed, the impact is forever. A threat has emerged in the form of proposed massive, tall buildings.

Measure B is one very important step in helping to ensure the preservation of these historic and natural assets for our future generations. Measure B will limit the height of buildings to 40 feet in our historic district and to 45 feet in other commercial areas. In the case of disasters, historic buildings can be rebuilt.

Affordable housing can be built within these height constraints. The city housing authority has demonstrated this to be a fact.

Measure B also will help our community live within our resource constraints. Shorter buildings with lower ceilings will diminish our carbon footprint and promote sustainability by cutting back on energy use.

Allied Neighborhoods Associations strongly supports a yes vote on Measure B.

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