

Argument Against Measure ____

What part of NO don't the councilmen understand? In 2012, Costa Mesa voters rejected their charter scheme by a decisive 60/40 vote. But the councilmen didn't listen to us. They stacked a "committee" with their cronies who cobbled together a charter that's even worse. No one bothered to consider whether Costa Mesa even needs a charter.

Like 75% of California cities, Costa Mesa has been a General Law city since its 1953 incorporation. There is no reason to eliminate the protections of General Law.

Measure ____ is a power grab by self-interested politicians who could turn over our tax dollars to their favored special interests. We cannot afford to let politicians run rampant without regard to General Law. We don't know what they'll do because they refuse to tell us. So far, their mistakes have cost us Millions in legal fees. Why trust them now?

Measure ____ puts our money at risk. Charter cities have unlimited power to increase fines and assessments, and to gift public funds. With this charter, we would lose Millions in State funding. Charter cities Bell, Stockton, San Bernardino and Compton have suffered financial collapses or scandals. Oceanside's charter is a fiscal fiasco with construction projects going to incompetent contractors, causing cost overruns and delays.

Measure ____ puts our neighborhoods at risk. Charter cities aren't subject to State limits on variances for developers. Our parks could be leased for 99 years without notice.

Measure ____ won't reduce our pension obligations. Three of the four OC cities with the worst pension-funding percentages (Newport Beach, Huntington Beach and Garden Grove) are charter cities. This charter would make negotiating pension-benefit reductions more difficult.

The Los Angeles Grand Jury warned about the dangers of charters. The "committee" ignored these warnings; we cannot afford to.

Vote NO on Measure ____ . . . AGAIN. Visit: www.cm4rg.org

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