

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE V

City Charters are City constitutions. Unlike the United States Constitution, which limits government power over individual liberties, Measure V gives more power to the 3-person majority on City Council to restrict liberties and increase our taxes.

### **This Charter invests a three member council majority with ultimate power.**

- Measure V allows “no-bid contracts” for building and purchasing with limits set by 3 City Council people, without public notice. There’s no limit on the dollar amount of these no-bid contracts. City Council could divert millions of tax dollars to friends; we’d never know.
- Measure V allows 3 City Council people to privatize our parkland for 99 years without public hearings.
- Measure V allows 3 City Council people to direct hiring of cheap, substandard labor on public contracts, jeopardizing local jobs and safety, without promise of financial benefit.

### **This Charter was flawed from inception.**

- A Superior Court Judge ruled that the City failed to follow proper procedures placing the item on the June 2012 ballot; an Appellate Court rejected the City’s appeal.
- A “privatized election” scheme was halted.
- The Council ran up huge legal fees correcting “mistakes.”
- In August, they held another rushed “special meeting” to cut words "no bid contracts" from the “impartial” ballot summary even though still allowed in the Charter.

### **Costa Mesa Deserves Better.**

Measure V invites corruption and potential bankruptcy. The Wall Street Journal reported that more California Charter cities experience financial and corruption troubles.

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**Vote No on Measure V**

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