

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY SANTA ANA CITY ATTORNEY
MEASURE __

On June 18, 2024, Measure __ was placed on the ballot by the Santa Ana City Council. The Measure proposes to amend section 402 of the Santa Ana City Charter to index council compensation at a salary of thirty-three (33%) of that of an Orange County Superior Court Judge.

Currently, the salary (not including benefits) of the City Councilmembers and the Mayor is \$12,000 per year (\$1000 per month). The Charter allows for a maximum salary based upon a population formula set forth in California Government Code Section 36516 which is three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200) per month or an annual salary of \$38,400, in cities over 250,000 population, such as the City of Santa Ana. The proposed amendment would increase the salary of Councilmembers and the Mayor from \$12,000 a year (\$1000 per month) to \$78,698.07 a year (\$6558.17 per month) based upon indexing the salary to thirty-three percent (33%) of that of an Orange County Superior Court Judge. If the proposed amendment is approved, the salary would automatically increase when an Orange County Superior Court Judge's salary is increased.

Measure __ requires simple majority approval of Santa Ana voters to pass. If Measure __ does not pass, the Charter provision impacted by Measure __ will remain unchanged.

A "YES" vote on the Measure is a vote in favor of the Charter amendment described above.

A "NO" vote on the Measure is a vote against the Charter amendment described above.

Santa Ana City Attorney