

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE

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There are many idealistic actions that are well-intended but spiral into unforeseen consequences. This measure is the embodiment of that. As an immigrant, Veteran and former City Councilmember, I completely understand the struggles and sacrifices that immigrants make to achieve the American Dream. But if enacted, this measure will lead to budget deficits, lawsuits, and endless litigation that will burden future councils.

FACT: The City of Santa Ana would be forced to pay for this program on its own with no commitments from state or county election agencies. This unfunded liability will result in more city bureaucracy costing up to \$10 Million a year when the City of Santa Ana needs to prepare for the end of the sales tax ordinance and the fiscal cliff.

FACT: If passed, this would cost the city \$10 Million, leading to massive budget cuts in public safety, emergency services, and other city priorities. No money to hire new police officers, first responders, or firefighters. No money to fill potholes, pave and sweep our streets or keep our infrastructure intact. No money to pick up trash.

FACT: This mandatory \$10 Million expenditure would lead to higher water and trash rates and higher taxes. Santa Ana already has the highest taxes in Orange County.

We support our immigrant residents and Santa Ana is a vibrant city rich in the traditions of immigrant communities, families, and businesses. But we must assess the importance of protecting neighborhoods, cleaning and fixing our streets, and picking up trash.

We ask you to vote NO on this misguided measure. We deserve a city that is safe, fiscally sound, and serves all residents. Not millions of dollars for new bureaucracy at the expense of public safety and essential city services.



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