

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure DD

Opponents of Measure DD are using disinformation to mislead voters. We will not buy into their scare tactics. Vote YES on Measure DD!

Passing Measure DD would make city-wide elections fair and inclusive. In doing so, Santa Ana would join a growing number of cities in California who have already taken steps to strengthen democracy by passing immigrant voting measures or contracting with their county to run school district youth voting programs.


Opponents of Measure DD misrepresent how the city budget works by pitting noncitizen voting against basic services. But just as increasing funding for youth services would not deplete the city's 2024-2025 \$734,000,000 budget, neither will strengthening Santa Ana's democracy.


To make our elections fairer, election services need to be expanded, but those costs would be a small fraction of the city budget. For example, Santa Ana spent about \$360,000 for the County of Orange to run the city's 2022 general election and, for fiscal year 22-23, had a proposed budget of \$150,000 for related legal costs.

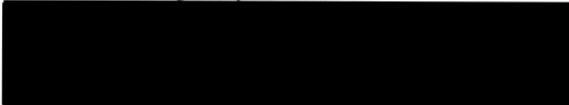
The opponents' arguments are the same arguments used over 100 years ago to limit voting rights. Back then, anti-immigrant politicians claimed that denying Chinese immigrants the vote was economically necessary, and opponents of women's suffrage argued that letting women vote was not worth raising election costs. Anti-immigrant and anti-suffrage movements were wrong a century ago. They are still wrong today.


Vote for what's right and fair. VOTE YES on Measure DD!


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