


*Rebuttal to Argument In Favor of Measure DD*

Adult non-citizen residents play an important part in the day-to-day life of our communities. Immigrants form the backbone of Santa Ana and make our city vibrant and diverse. But this extreme change to our elections will not be paid for by the state and county agencies that currently run elections for Santa Ana and Orange County, since federal and state law does not permit non-citizen voting. This leaves the city of Santa Ana footing the bill for all election-related costs, creating a huge \$10 Million budget hole with no tax or revenue proposals to fund it.

Proponents fail to answer the important questions: How will implementation be paid for? What taxes do they propose to raise? How will Santa Ana residency be established? Who will maintain privacy of the non-citizen voter rolls? Each of these unanswered questions is a reason to reject Measure DD.

In 2022, the City of San Jose sought to establish non-citizen voting. They also failed to answer these important questions. After 8 months of meetings, they abandoned the effort.

The fact is the city of Santa Ana would be forced to pay for this program. This unbudgeted \$10 million expenditure would lead to massive budget cuts in public safety, emergency services, and other city priorities, including road repair and trash pickup. Higher taxes, higher water rates, and higher trash bills are not the answer. This measure is well-intentioned but will have bad results. Voters should reject Measure DD for the good of our city.

  
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