

### Argument in Favor of Measure

The Santa Ana City Charter was adopted in 1952 and has only been amended from time to time to address specific policy matters. This is the first comprehensive administrative clean-up to the City Charter. Vote YES to amend the Santa Ana City Charter to modernize a number of provisions and ensure conformance with applicable law and modern conventions.

The amendments to the City Charter concern the following:

- Clarify term limits for the offices of Mayor (four 2-year terms) and Councilmember (three 4-year terms), with a "lifetime ban" that would deem a Mayor or Councilmember ineligible to serve after reaching the limit of eight years for Mayor and 12 years for Councilmember
- Increase the number of affirmative votes by Councilmembers needed to approve the City's annual budget (a two-thirds vote requirement)
- Expand the application of the City's Code of Ethics and Conduct to senior City officials
- Set limit to modifications to ordinances after their first introduction to typographical errors
- Streamline the process by which claims against the City are handled
- Introduce gender-inclusive language by replacing gender-specific pronouns such as "he/him/his" and "she/her/hers" with "they/them/theirs"
- Replace the term "Clerk of the Council" with "City Clerk"
- Other administrative and minor changes to conform to applicable law and modern conventions

Vote YES to modernize the Santa Ana City Charter.




Nelida Mendoza

**FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY THE AUTHOR(S) OF THE  
ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE CHARTER AMENDMENT**

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The undersigned author(s) of the argument in favor of the Measure \_\_\_\_, relating to the question to be submitted to the voters of Santa Ana at the General Municipal Election consolidated with the 2022 Statewide Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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AND  
Print his/her name and sign the actual argument (EC 9283)**