

Argument in Favor of Measure __

"The government closest to the people governs best."

A "Yes" vote on the Costa Mesa Charter, or local constitution, will transfer the power to run our city from the politicians in Sacramento to the citizens of Costa Mesa.

For years, Sacramento politicians have run up billion-dollar deficits with little care for the fiscal health of California--and they have even less interest in Costa Mesa, except as an ATM machine.

In declaring Costa Mesa a Charter city, residents:

- Would be free from Sacramento and have ultimate control over local affairs.
- Would require voter approval for any increase in public employee pension benefits.
- Would save millions in tax dollars through a combination of competitive bidding for services and exemption from state-mandated wages on locally funded projects such as roads, park improvements, sidewalks and libraries.
- Would end the practice of using the city's payroll system to collect money for political contributions from public employees.

Costa Mesa's Charter contains important safeguards for residents, including:


- It preserves nearly 60 years' worth of city laws and policies.
- It ties elections, council compensation, and adoption of ordinances to state law, preventing any abuses by a single city council.
- It prohibits the raising of any local taxes without approval of the majority of Costa Mesa voters and bars property transfer taxes.

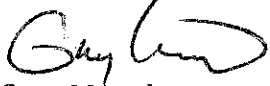
Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, and Irvine are among the 120 Charter cities in the state that believe the best form of government is the one closest to the people.

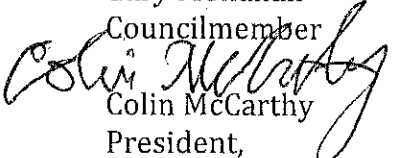
The residents of Costa Mesa deserve the best: Yes on Prop (letter)!

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