

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE V

Opponents of the Costa Mesa charter use the same tactics that unions and their supporters across the state employ when trying to prevent cities from declaring independence from Sacramento: scare tactics and misinformation (“Invites cronyism and corruption,” “Invites legal expense,” “Grants favors to friends”).

Read the charter for yourself: It won’t make it any easier to increase taxes (a vote of the people would still be required), it increases the power of local citizens and Costa Mesa’s 60-year history of local law making would remain in place.

Here’s all you need to know. The major opponents of the Costa Mesa charter are the public employee unions.

Facts and common sense are what work best against the union’s tired political playbook. Here are several:

- Local control is better than Sacramento based control.
- For decades, charters have worked well for our neighbors in Newport Beach, Huntington Beach and Irvine.
- The charter will prevent future increases in public employee pensions without a vote of Costa Mesa residents.
- Charter cities simply have more tools at their disposal to deal with the current fiscal crisis.
- The charter will save Costa Mesa residents millions of dollars annually by allowing for outsourcing of services and by freeing the city from having to pay union wages for local projects. Translation: more roads paved, more parks and sports fields built, more sidewalks fixed.

The Charter is straightforward and can be read in the time it takes to drink a cup of coffee. Please read it to get the facts for yourself.

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