

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION C

LACK OF CHECKS AND BALANCES CREATED OUR PROBLEMS

The \$1.2 Billion pension deficit that threatened San Diego's fiscal stability years ago was the result of a system that failed to provide adequate checks, balances and transparency.

PROPOSITION "C" ESTABLISHES PROTECTIONS AND SAFEGUARDS

Proposition "C" puts needed checks and balances into the City Charter:

- Prop "C" ensures independent financial experts – not city employees or politicians – make up the majority of the Audit Committee that reviews City finances.
- Prop "C" strengthens the independence of the City Auditor, who acts as the watchdog over City finances. The Auditor is insulated from political pressure by a 10 year term, reports directly to the Audit Committee, and can only be terminated by request of the Audit Committee.
- Under this system, responsibility for reform is shared by independent financial experts, the mayor and the council – each providing a check and balance to the other.

EXPERTS AGREE ON THIS APPROACH

These changes are consistent with the recommendations of the Securities and Exchange Commission's independent financial monitor, the Independent Budget Analyst and the Charter Review Committee.

CITY'S FINANCIAL STABILITY DEPENDS ON IT

Restoration of San Diego's credit rating, reputation with investors, and ability to afford vital water, sewer, road and other public facility improvements all depend on establishing these safeguards.

OPPONENTS' REAL AGENDA: PROTECT THE STATUS QUO

Opponents' real agenda is to maintain the status quo where one branch of government has near total control over – and the ability to cover up – City finances. That's what put our City in jeopardy to begin with and now threatens our City's future progress.

Please join us in voting YES on "C" to safeguard your taxes and keep our city on the path to financial stability.

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