

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure R

San Bernardino County supervisors received a \$50,000 pay increase through deceptive means (a term limits initiative) and approved huge budgets for their staff and discretionary funding. They also accelerated their vesting in the county retirement system. Combined with the spending power of a \$4 billion budget, we get the result we have, namely professional politicians doing whatever is necessary to stay in office.

This has led to putting our county in peril - a county budget that is \$135 million in the red; repeated instances of corruption; and a potentially corrupt relationship between politicians and labor unions where the unions provide the majority of funding for the candidates.

County supervisors then went a step further. They hired a manager who is very highly paid if not overpaid and has almost complete authority over decision making in this county. They cut their meeting schedules in half and govern a fraction of the time while continuing to earn the same inflated salaries.

I am a WWII veteran and I served in a submarine. I became active in public service and served on the San Bernardino County Grand Jury. I want to help turn things around in our county. This measure will do that.

We have the power to change things starting at the top. With action on our part we will see people who will work hard to get our county back into shape running for office – instead of being motivated to get elected for enormous salaries and benefits.

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