

PROPONENT'S ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE R

Measure R will clean up County government once and for all. Over 73,000 voters signed the initiative petition because County government is out of control.

In the past few years three County Supervisors have been charged with felonies.

Multiple county staffers have gone to prison, have pled guilty, or are awaiting trial.

One County Supervisor has pled guilty to campaign money-laundering charges.

Two years ago Supervisors doubled their salaries and benefits. Then they delegated most of their responsibilities duties to an unelected manager, further reducing the Board's authority to represent you.

Measure R creates a part-time board of supervisors. It cuts their salary from an average of \$271,000 to \$60,000 per year.

It cuts their staff budgets from \$6 million to \$250,000 per year – because they will be working part-time.

The professional politicians oppose Measure R saying that residents will go unrepresented, and problems unsolved.

We disagree. Over the past two years the Board has met barely 50% of the time. How can you solve problems if you don't go to work?

We believe a part-time job that pays \$60,000 is very fair. It's more than the average San Bernardino County family makes for full time work.

Every city, school district, and water district in our county is run by part-time elected officials. 84% of the population lives in a city that is run by a part-time city council. Why should the county be any different?

It's time to reform the Board of Supervisors and return "Citizen Legislators" to county government by voting Yes on Measure R.

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