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Common traditions, culture and history form the fabric of a city. Checks and balances are paramount to American government. Our Charter, adopted in 1905, provides the People the right to elect their City Attorney, Clerk and Treasurer.

Our City was the All-America City in 1977, attracted a fine State University, kept its water supply independent from Los Angeles and built the SB Symphony, Western Regional Little League, regional soccer and many other achievements, all accomplished with our strong mayor form of government.

All cities have bad times, and San Bernardino has certainly experienced our share recently with bad politicians, economic challenges and crime. Some want to disincorporate or change the name of our City. Others, like the Proponents and the Politicians who appointed them, want to throw out our historic Charter. While well intentioned, they have lost their perspective and respect for our historic City which predates Los Angeles whose historic Charter shares many features in common with San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco and many other successful cities.

Let's take pride in our heritage and bright future. Let's not accede to the portrayal of San Bernardino by Southern California media, hired consultants and a few non-scientific "studies." San Bernardino is only temporarily tarnished, just like Orange County was temporarily tarnished by bankruptcy.

We have already taken steps to correct the problems. The People need more accountability and control of City Hall, not less.

This proposal to throw away our historic Charter follows outsourcing City departments and giving away our historic Fire Department, reflecting loss of pride in our history and hope in San Bernardino's future. We stand apart from cookie cutter cities in Orange County (from which our politicians' high-priced consultants hail). Orange County suburbs lack San Bernardino's time-tested Charter, heritage and values.

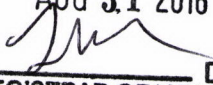
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