

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE L

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Vote Yes on Measure L.

For many years, San Bernardino has deteriorated, unable to overcome problems that nearby cities fight more effectively. Over the years, we've chosen various leaders from different political philosophies and parties. Despite their efforts, the city has continued to decline.

After San Bernardino declared bankruptcy in 2012, a committee of citizen volunteers was formed to study how to fix our city. After two years of study and countless public meetings including the League of Women Voters, civic groups, and Cal State San Bernardino government experts, everyone agreed.

The current city charter (a constitution for local government) was adopted in 1905 when the population was less than 10,000 residents. It needs to be replaced with a new charter that reflects the needs of a modern City of more than 200,000 residents.

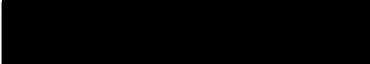
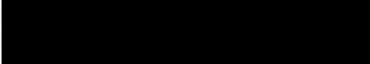
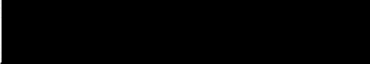


The new charter will:

- Require a balanced budget, strict financial controls, and an annual independent audit that must be shared publicly.
- Save taxpayer dollars that can better be spent on reducing crime, improving parks and libraries by combining City elections with State and Federal elections where turnout is higher and more residents have a say in critical, quality of life decisions.
- Guarantee that our city-run police department will not be outsourced and our city library will remain under the authority of the Library Board.
- Ensure the Water Department remains independent of the City Council and give the Board of Water Commissioners authority to repair the crumbling sewer system.

The Bankruptcy Court's Recovery Plan called for the city to update the charter to operate in a more efficient, accountable, and transparent way. Measure L does that so San Bernardino can get back on the right track and begin to move forward.

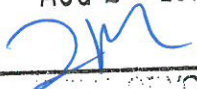
Start at the bottom of your ballot. Vote Yes on Measure L to Fix Our City.

- s/ Jill Vassilakos-Long, President, League of Women Voters of San Bernardino Area
- s/ Dr. Albert Karnig, President Emeritus, California State University, San Bernardino
- s/ Margaret Hill, President, San Bernardino City Unified School District
- s/ Gloria Macias Harrison, Small Businesswoman
- s/ Chris Mann, Founder, Inland Empire Taxpayers Association

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