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Argument Against Measure ____

Arguments in support or opposition of the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

The City Charter provides the process for the fiscal administration of the City. Each year the City Manager and the City Council develop a budget that protects the City's financial health. If this measure passes, the Charter authority of the City Council to make financial budget decisions will be severely limited as to libraries. The City will not have financial oversight to manage or operate our public libraries in the best interest of the City. Limiting City Council ability to budget could be catastrophic to the City's financial solvency. We must protect our City from the special interest of a few that seek to control how City manages its budget and library operations.

The proposed Code amendment would require that a fiscal emergency be declared or a vote of electorate before the City council could establish policy direction to save money with regard to libraries. The City Council must retain the ability to pursue all options to manage our libraries in order to slow or prevent budget crisis.

The Council is elected by the residents of Huntington Beach to make these financial decisions that are in the best interest of the community. By taking this budgetary discretion away from the City Council, the ability to prevent a budget crisis by saving money on library functions will be eliminated.

By voting NO on this measure, the people of the City of Huntington Beach will preserve the City Council ability to protect our City budget and preserve the City Council decision making authority to manage our libraries as necessary.

Protect the Fiscal Health of the City: Vote "NO" to stop the power grab of the City's finances by special interest groups.

The undersigned or authors of the Measure direct cm ~~primary~~ argument against the ballot measure at the Special Election for the City of Huntington Beach to be held on June 10, 2025 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her) knowledge and belief.

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