ARGUMENT AGAINST CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE 2

VOTE NO on Measure 2.

Let's not diminish the significance of our City's "Constitution" by making it all about...flags.

NO provision in our City Charter requires a unanimous vote. Yet, Measure 2, centered merely on flags, seeks to be the FIRST to demand such unanimous consent. How does it make sense that a mere policy on flags would necessitate such a rigorous voting process, when more vital issues don't?

This charter amendment already exists as an ordinance - one that's been modified multiple times, showcasing its lack of clarity and foresight. Originally, it didn't even permit the display of the Olympic flag. Should Huntington Beach be privileged to host Olympic events in 2028, wouldn't this initial oversight have been embarrassing? Now, the City Council wants to embed this fluctuating policy into our most foundational document. Flags are symbols of pride and unity, but this amendment seems to perpetuate division.

Furthermore, the underlying intention is evident. The ordinance, which this Charter Amendment is based on, aims to prevent our City from displaying the Pride Flag. This isn't just about flags; it's about enshrining exclusivity in our City's foundational document. Such a policy misaligns with the inclusive values of the Olympic spirit and, more importantly, our City's spirit.

Our City Council should be prioritizing critical matters - public safety, infrastructure upkeep, and ensuring robust City finances. Do we really want to divert our focus and energy to flag policies in our City Charter? Maintain the dignity of our City's Constitution. VOTE NO on Measure 2.

"The undersigned author(s) of the Direct Argument against **Charter Amendment Measure 2** at the Special Primary Election for the City of Huntington Beach to be held on March 5, 2024, hereby states that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief."

Signed: _____   Date: __10/31/2023__
Dan Kalmick, Councilmember

Signed: _____   Date: __11/1/2023__
Natalie Moser, Councilmember

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Rhonda Bolton, Councilmember