

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE 1

Huntington Beach voters deserve the right to know that our elections are secure. It is crucial for our democracy that voters have faith in our election results. That trust in the outcome of elections comes into question when we can't always be certain who is voting.

California's Constitution gives Charter Cities like Huntington Beach the power to govern how local elections are conducted. Some cities, like San Francisco, have used that power to let illegal immigrants cast ballots. And now those extreme policies have been spreading and are being pushed as close as Santa Ana.

This Charter Amendment Measure would permanently protect the election process in Huntington Beach by requiring three things. It would require voters to provide any government issued photo identification, it adds more handicapped accessible polling locations throughout the City so everyone has a polling place nearby, and it requires monitoring of all ballot drop boxes up through Election Day.

Enshrining these simple steps into our City Charter would forever protect Huntington Beach's elections. There are no excuses for failing to protect our votes.

Please, vote YES on Charter Amendment Measure 1.

"The undersigned author(s) of the Direct Argument in favor of **Charter Amendment Measure 1** 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: 
Tony Strickland, Mayor

Date: 11.1.23

Signed: 
Gracey Van Der Mark, Mayor Pro Tem

Date: 11-1-23

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