

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE 2

VOTE NO on Measure 2. The proponents of Measure 2 present a narrow and exclusive view of representation that does not reflect the diverse fabric of Huntington Beach. Let's examine the facts:

- **EQUAL REPRESENTATION?** The claim that the American Flag represents all citizens equally is a flawed notion. The LGBTQ+ community's fight for basic rights, the Civil Rights movement, ongoing efforts for gender and racial equality are part of our nation's journey towards inclusivity. The American Flag symbolizes a nation striving towards a more perfect union.
- **POW/MIA FLAG – A COMMEMORATIVE SYMBOL:** The POW/MIA flag, while deeply significant, is not a government flag. It's a commemorative symbol, representing a specific group. The current Council's acceptance of this flag, while excluding others, reveals a selective approach that contradicts their own argument.
- **CULTURAL REPRESENTATION SUPPRESSED:** The recent incident at Oakview Library, where a child's display for Mexican Heritage Month was removed due to this restrictive policy, is a glaring example of how this measure stifles cultural expression and education in our community.

Incorporating such exclusionary language into our City Charter is not reflective of the inclusive, vibrant spirit of Huntington Beach. This measure not only undermines our city's identity as Surf City USA but also alienates residents who do not feel represented by the selected flags.

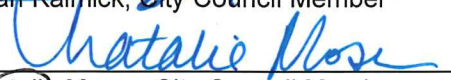
Measure 2 is more than just about flags; it's about enshrining a narrow viewpoint into our foundational document.

VOTE NO on Measure 2 – for a Huntington Beach that embraces all its citizens.

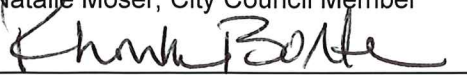
"The undersigned author(s) of the rebuttal to argument in favor of **Charter Amendment Measure 2** at the Special Primary Election for the City of Huntington Beach to be held on March 5, 2024, hereby states that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief."

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