

## Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure B

### **VOTE YES on Measure B to Keep Our Libraries Public**

We strongly urge a **YES vote on Measure B** to preserve our right as Huntington Beach voters to have a say in what happens to our cherished public libraries.

As fiduciaries of the taxpayers ourselves, we remind the opponents that the American government was founded on a system of checks and balances.

Measure B gives voters another tool to limit government overreach and prevent corruption.

Opponents want you to believe Measure B will severely limit the City Council's abilities to protect the City's financial health. ***It does not.***

We remind the opponents to reread Measure B's language. The proposed Code change is narrowly and specifically written in response to their efforts to privatize the City's public libraries. The opponents' sudden concern about the City's fiscal health is questionable; they are responsible for the City's current multi-million-dollar deficit. They should be looking for ways to cut expenses while avoiding the privatization of necessary services for our community, such as libraries, police, and fire departments.

Where was this financial hand-wringing when they decided to launch multiple expensive lawsuits on issues designed to drag the City into unnecessary legal disputes? True financial stewardship requires restraint and accountability. Measure B creates a backstop to prevent misuse of City resources by private for-profit interests.

We encourage you to read beyond the blatant disinformation in the opponents' argument. Ask yourself: why would City officials oppose greater government accountability to their taxpayers?

**Vote YES on Measure B**

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The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the rebuttal argument in favor of ballot measure B at the Special Election of the City of Huntington Beach for the City of Huntington Beach to be (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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