

YES ON MEASURE _ – Strengthening City Auditor Authority

Join Mayor Robert Garcia, City Auditor Laura Doud, and your Police and Firefighters and Vote Yes on Measure _.

The job of the City Auditor is to protect Long Beach taxpayers against waste, fraud, and abuse of City services and funds. This Charter Amendment will strengthen the City Auditor's effectiveness by eliminating Charter provisions that are ambiguous.

This Amendment does two things:

First, it authorizes the City Auditor to conduct performance audits of the operations and management of all departments, boards, agencies, commissions, and offices.

Performance audits identify cost savings and make recommendations to improve City services. While the City Auditor has conducted performance audits in recent years that have saved valuable city funds, the authority to do so needs to be strengthened to ensure we do not limit the City Auditor's authority to examine all City operations.

Secondly, this Amendment explicitly authorizes the City Auditor to access and examine all City records needed to conduct financial and performance audits.

Those records include contracts, documents, files, and internal department records that are not otherwise confidential by law. Current Charter language is ambiguous and could limit the City Auditor's access to undefined "financial records." This Amendment eliminates that ambiguity.

This Amendment is simple and straightforward. It eliminates 100-year old ambiguities and makes the duties of the City Auditor and their access to all City records crystal clear. This Amendment aligns the City Auditor's functions with government auditing standards, practices, and policies found in many California jurisdictions, including Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento, San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley.

Passage of this Amendment will enable the City Auditor to more effectively perform their job as an objective and independent watchdog of public resources and assures Long Beach taxpayer money is spent efficiently, appropriately, and always with the best quality of service in mind.

Join us in voting Yes on Measure _!

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