



ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL FORM

ELECTION DATE: November 8 , 2022 MEASURE I.D. (if any): LBC

JURISDICTION: City of Long Beach

(Please mark (x) in the appropriate box)

<input type="checkbox"/> Argument in Favor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Argument Against
<input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal to Argument Against	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal to Argument in Favor

Statements will be printed in uniform type, style and spacing according to the County's system requirements. When preparing your statement, please use block paragraphs and single space format. Text submitted indented or centered will be typeset in block paragraph form. **Entire statements in all capital letters, bold and italics (or any combination of enhancements) are not acceptable. Indentations cannot be accommodated.** Words to be printed in **boldface type**, underscoring and/or CAPITALIZED are to be clearly indicated. All statements should be checked by the authors for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to edit any material contained therein. **NOTE:** Rebuttal arguments are not direct arguments. For example, a rebuttal to a direct argument in favor of a measure is NOT a direct argument against a measure. Please also note that rebuttal arguments are allowed only when both a direct argument for AND against a measure are filed.

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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE LBC

This measure ties Long Beach primary and general elections to the state's calendar and thereby forever reduces the focus on local issues. Long Beach is a Charter City and thereby has a right to set its own election calendar-as ruled on in 2020 by the California Supreme Court.

That state calendar imposes a huge gap - five to eight months from primary to general election. During this time, incumbent politicians remain in office even when voters have voted them out.

By contrast, our April primary and June runoff quickly puts our choices in office in July.

Would using the County for elections on the state's schedule reduce election costs? NO! Investment in and use of a dependable City voting system will ultimately SAVE costs and allow much faster election results. It will make recounts affordable. In 2020, the County demanded an unaffordable \$200,000 for a recount of an extremely close vote on Measure A.

What best serves the residents of Long Beach? We believe it is our stand-alone local elections that will keep candidates, charter and other important measures in our sight!

Separate local elections are GOOD FOR OUR CIVIL RIGHTS!

A YES vote for this deceptively promoted measure will take local elections away from voters forever and permanently make ballots incomprehensibly long. A YES vote to align with the State and Federal elections reduces the visibility of important local issues and hands over local control to the political machine forever.

VOTE NO if you care about local issues and holding local leaders accountable. VOTE NO to retain the right to keep local issues and elections separate and clearly in front of local issue voters. Make your local vote matter!