



ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL FORM

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

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, underscored** 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.

ALL AUTHORS MUST SIGN ON THE REVERSE SIDE

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Argument Against Measure BB

State law requires that water customers be billed only for expenses of providing water.

For years, City Hall ignored the law.

In an illegal ploy, our water bills were inflated to cover General Fund non-water items.

In response to a citizens' lawsuit, STATE COURTS AT ALL LEVELS FOUND THIS PLOY ILLEGAL and required refunds to water customers.

Now City Hall PROPOSES ANOTHER PLOY - this measure - to inflate our water bills.

Voting YES will create a combined department that will enable "creative" accounting allowing all sorts of "costs" attributed to providing water.

Voting YES will again result in water customers covering costs not required to just supply water.

Voting YES will allow a combined department to help pay for any future City Hall budget shortfalls through "creative accounting".

Inflating our water bills is the only evident compelling reason for this measure. Clearly, the water and gas departments have quite distinct service objectives and distinct pipeline networks.

Combining such distinct departments typically does NOT promote efficiency. If it did, the logical proposal would be to combine ALL city departments into just one!

In today's economy businesses have proven you don't need a common manager or organization to enable different projects to work together efficiently.

The city's own contracted so-called study of potential savings from this proposed consolidation concluded that some savings MIGHT result, and was backed by NO published details.

Vote NO if you want our Water Department to stay focused on providing our water!

Vote NO if you want to preserve transparent and accountable water billing rates.

Vote NO if you can't afford sky's-the-limit water bills!