
ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE BB

Let's Streamline Our Utilities – Vote Yes on BB

As your water and energy industry leaders and community members ourselves, we are committed to continuing and improving upon Long Beach's history of delivering excellent and reliable services to your homes.

That is why we are bringing Measure BB to you now.

California is in an extended drought because of hotter, drier weather. Our warming climate means more rain will evaporate into the air and be absorbed by dry soils and dehydrated plants – leaving less water for basic human essentials.

The good news is: local water and clean energy projects are in process now and more are planned to support our next generation.

As we work to address climate change and our clean energy goals, we must also eliminate duplicative costs, improve customer service, and increase flexibility and coordination in the operations of our utilities, which are now separately governed, managed and operated. The importance of working together in this way cannot be overstated.

Voting Yes on Measure BB will:

- Initiate climate action and clean energy work
- Upgrade city utility systems to protect local neighborhoods
- Reduce impacts to streets through coordinated pipeline repairs
- Eliminate duplicative costs in operations
- Achieve cost savings through greater economies of scale

We ask you join us in supporting Measure BB, combining two existing City Charter sections (one governing water and the other natural gas) to allow for increased collaboration.

Cost savings will benefit customers' rates, will NOT impact existing taxes, and will open doors for future climate action and clean energy solutions.

Measure BB is a once in a lifetime opportunity to improve the way Long Beach manages public utilities while keeping our utility bills among the lowest in California.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE BB.

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