

**Let's Streamline our Utilities – Vote Yes on BB**

The argument against Measure BB incorrectly claims it will enable “creative accounting” and “inflate our water bills.” That could not be further from the truth. State law prevents artificial inflation of water rates. Water rates are set to cover the cost of service. Period. Each utility’s finances will also be publicly accounted for separately, as legally required.

Rather than keep natural gas utility service under City Hall, Measure BB proposes to bring all three of the city’s public utilities (natural gas, water and sewer) under one publicly-appointed oversight board, making public transparency in rate setting, budgets and accounting even more transparent.

**Measure BB will** reduce costs by improving operational efficiencies and eliminate duplicative costs. It will also reduce impacts to streets by coordinating pipeline repairs. And it will jumpstart climate change and clean energy work by maximizing collaboration between our public utilities.

That is why we are asking you to vote **YES** on **Measure BB**.

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

**PLEASE VOTE YES** on **MEASURE BB**

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