

VOTE NO on BB -Keep Long Beach Water Safe and Independent

STOP ILLEGAL TAXATION, whereby water customers cover costs not required to just supply water.

For years, City Hall ignored state law and inflated our water bills in an ILLEGAL PLOY to cover General Fund non-water items. In response to citizens' lawsuits, STATE COURTS AT ALL LEVELS FOUND THE CITY OF LONG BEACH IN VIOLATION —and required refunds to water customers.

Now City Hall, using phony excuses like 'climate change' and 'efficiency,' again seeks to detour state law.

In reality, City Hall's misguided spending priorities WORSEN our losses from climate extremes like floods and heat waves. And Measure BB's combination of very diverse departments (water, gas, and sewer) - each with distinct service objectives and pipeline networks - will NOT promote efficiency. (If it did, let's combine ALL City departments into one!)

What Measure BB really does is enable City Hall again to inflate our water bills – through 'creative' accounting which ascribes all sorts of diverse costs to 'providing water'.

VOTE NO! CLOSE THE DOOR on 'creative' accounting!

Don't let City Hall siphon \$\$\$ illegally from water ratepayers into the General Fund.

Join concerned residents, and current and former Water Department employees, to stop this latest City Hall meddling into our essential resource - **W A T E R**.

VOTE NO – and keep transparent and accountable water rates!

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

VOTE NO - to avoid further costly litigation!

VOTE NO – and keep water quality and responsible water stewardship!

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