

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT FOR MEASURE E

MEASURE E DOES NOT strengthen civilian oversight OR ensure independent and stronger review OR provide a more responsive model for community input.

Measure E is an inane **BAIT — AND — SWITCH** product of City Hall's "meet and confer" process with the Long Beach Police Officers Association.

It **ELIMINATES CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT** and ensures **SUPPRESSED TRANSPARENCY**.

The argument advanced by Measure E supporters — that the new position of Police Oversight Director, *who will be hired, fired, and made to report directly to the City Council, will in their words "be as close and responsive to the vote of the people as possible,"* — is a **DECEPTIVE ASSUMPTION**.

Mayor Robert Garcia concocted this dishonest assumption during Council debate in response to Councilmember Al Austin's motion and vigorous argument to shelve this backsliding charter amendment.

Austin, the senior Black member of City Council and a former chair of the current oversight commission, with support from two fellow councilmembers, argued the measure is **REGRESSIVE** and required more study to strengthen — rather than weaken — civilian oversight.

WE AGREE.

The council majority that voted to override Austin's motion has benefitted from endorsements, illegal campaign photo ops, and cash donations from the Long Beach Police Officers Association, which seeks to **ELIMINATE** independent civilian oversight.

Commission **INDEPENDENCE** and **STAFFING AUTHORITY** added to **THE EXISTING CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT SYSTEM** is what's needed, not the Long Beach Police Officers Association dictating the annihilation of civilian oversight altogether.

Measure E will turn our existing civilian oversight commissioners into irrelevant community liaison lackeys.

SEND CITY HALL A MESSAGE: Don't kill civilian oversight. Fix it.

Vote **NO** on Measure E.