

## **ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE \_\_\_\_\_**

### **LONG BEACH RESIDENTS CANNOT AFFORD MEASURE \_**

Measure \_ contains numerous flaws and unintended consequences that will significantly increase our cost of living, threaten cuts to essential city services, and hurt local small businesses — all while taking away our guaranteed right to vote on amendments to Measure \_ in the future.

### **HIGHER COSTS FOR TAXPAYERS**

Measure \_ is so flawed that it will increase operating expenses of the city-owned Queen Mary which already requires over \$100 million in repairs to keep it afloat.

Measure \_ puts taxpayers on the hook for these rising costs which could lead to higher taxes and increase the cost of living in Long Beach.

### **DESTROYS JOBS AND CUTS ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICES**

A report by the Long Beach Economic Development Department warns that Measure \_ could kill local jobs and decrease vital tax revenue.

This reduction in revenue could force Long Beach to make budget cuts to essential services, at a time when the police department is already struggling with a historic staffing shortage and a rise in violent crimes.

### **HURTS SMALL BUSINESSES**

Measure \_'s unsustainable wage mandates will devastate our local economy — putting the hospitality sector's \$1.8 billion economic impact and 18,000 jobs at risk.

*“Rising costs are already making it hard to keep our doors open. Measure \_ is another blow to small businesses like mine who will struggle to keep up with the nearly \$30 minimum wage.”*

*~ Linda Swokowski, Long Beach Small Business Owner*

### **TAKES AWAY OUR GUARANTEED RIGHT TO VOTE ON FUTURE AMENDMENTS**

Measure \_ gives the City Council the authority to make future changes to the measure without voter approval. This strips away our long-held right to vote on future changes — attacking the integrity of the voting process in Long Beach.

*“We must protect our right to vote, by voting NO on Measure \_.”*

*~ Sarah Bui, Long Beach Resident*

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