

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED LAWS ARE THE 2023 OCT 24 PM 3: 15 OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS

Argument In Favor of Measure
"Charter Amendment to Expand City Council and Establish City Council Districts"
We respectfully urge your YES vote on Irvine's Measure
Voter approval of Measure will strengthen our local democracy by expanding our City Council to seven members and transitioning to district elections. This ensures that residents in every part of town can vote for their own City Councilmember, while the Mayor will continue to be elected citywide. If adopted, Measure will take effect in time for our November 2024 municipal election.
Measure ensures that future City Council candidates will campaign among their neighbors and respond to their needs and concerns. District elections will also enable candidates to run door-to-door grassroots campaigns without relying on hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding from developers and other special interests.
Since 1971, when Irvine had roughly 10,000 residents, our City has been governed by a five-member City Council, all elected citywide. Irvine has now grown to more than 300,000 residents, with new neighborhoods spread over 66 square miles. By adding two new seats to the City Council and creating six Council districts, Measure ensures fair and equal representation for all — whether you are a homeowner or renter, and whether you live in a new part of Irvine or one of our original neighborhoods.
Accompanying Measure in your Official Voter Information Guide is the proposed district elections map (cityofirvine.org/districtsmap) produced by the City's independent demographer during a six-month process that included 14 public meetings, five City Council hearings, and hundreds of citizens participating in the map-drawing effort. The proposed map creates six geographically compact Council districts, each with about 50,000 residents from neighborhoods with common interests and concerns. The map complies with all federal and state voting rights laws and is free of political gerrymandering.
For fair, equal, and better representation on the Irvine City Council, please vote YES on Measure
The undersigned authors of the Direct Argument in favor of Ballot Measure named "Charter Amendment to Expand City Council and Establish City Council Districts" at the Special Municipal Election for the City of Irvine to be held on March 5, 2024, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.
Signed Date: Date:

Councilmember