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Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure ____

"Charter Amendment to Expand City Council and Establish City Council Districts"

The proponents of Measure ____ incorrectly assert that Irvine must adopt multi-district voting to satisfy the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA), defying their own City Attorney, who declared that **"Forcing the most integrated big city in the country to draw race-based districts would be a huge step backwards."** The California Supreme Court recently ruled that, **if at-large voting doesn't satisfy the CVRA, it can be fixed by adopting cumulative voting, limited voting, or ranked choice voting (Pico vs. City of Santa Monica, p. 22).** The only beneficiaries of multi-district voting are candidates, who will have to campaign in only 1 small district.

Measure ____ will reduce your voting power by 80% (2 votes vs. 6 or 7 under at-large voting), weakening representative democracy in Irvine.

One councilmember cannot effectively respond to the needs of a district if 6 favor competing districts. According to the City Council, **under the current system of at-large voting, "Councilmembers and the Mayor are directly accountable to the electorate and must constantly balance the views of individuals and groups with the needs of the entire community."**

While the Councilmembers who argue in Favor of multi-district elections assert that **"District elections will . . . enable candidates to run . . . campaigns without relying on . . . funding from developers and other special interests," they haven't pledged to forgo special interest funding; and their pledge will not bind other candidates.**

Vote NO on Measure ____ to preserve at-large voting and representative democracy in Irvine.

The undersigned author of the Rebuttal to the 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 states that such rebuttal is true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Signed _____

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Concerned Citizen

Date: _____

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