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Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure ____

“Charter Amendment to Expand City Council and Establish City Council Districts”

The argument against Measure __ reflects a misunderstanding of its purpose. Minority voices and voters have never been silenced or diluted in Irvine. The fact of the matter is that Irvine is the most diverse and thoroughly integrated city in America, with a broad array of political, economic, social, and ethnic viewpoints represented on the Irvine City Council. We should all take great pride in that remarkable achievement.

But Irvine's City Council of just five members — elected citywide to govern 300,000 residents — is ill-equipped to fully represent the diverse interests and concerns of each of our many villages and neighborhoods spread over 66 square miles. The purpose of Measure __ is to ensure that as Irvine grows, we have a City Council that is increasingly responsive to the needs of our residents in every part of our City.

Specifically, Measure __ provides for two things. First, Measure __ expands our City Council from its current five members (a Mayor and four Councilmembers) to seven members (a Mayor and six Councilmembers). And second, Measure __ creates six geographic Council districts of equal population (about 50,000 people each) so that all of Irvine's residents — whether in older neighborhoods or in newer neighborhoods — will have their own Council representative.

Most of the cities and school districts in Orange County have successfully transitioned to district elections in recent years. It's time for Irvine to do the same.

For better and more responsive representation on the Irvine City Council, please join us in voting YES on Measure __.

The undersigned authors of the Rebuttal to the Argument Against 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 rebuttal argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Signed _____

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