

RECEIVED

Ballot Argument Against City of Santa Barbara Charter Amendment  
Measure \_\_\_\_ - 2024, March 5, 2024 Election

DEC 19 2023

VOTE NO ON MEASURE \_\_\_\_ - 2024!!

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
SANTA BARBARA, CA

Although this measure is cloaked in the language of giving the City more authority over contracting for public works construction projects, it would do anything but. It would harm local, Santa Barbara contractors who employ local residents, and it would reward out-of-town contractors who employ workers from outside of the area. It would, over time, cost the City of Santa Barbara tens of millions of dollars in higher construction costs that could instead be spent on construction, maintenance, and improvement of local public roads and facilities, while taking jobs away from local Santa Barbarans. By resulting in more construction workers driving from out-of-town to Santa Barbara on a daily basis, it would increase traffic congestion and harm the environment.

NO ONE CONCERNED ABOUT CITY FINANCES, LOCAL WORKERS, OR THE ENVIRONMENT SHOULD SUPPORT MEASURE \_\_\_\_ - 2024!!

The City Charter currently requires that there be a fair bidding process for City construction projects from which the lowest, responsible bidder is selected. The purpose of the proposed Charter amendment is to eliminate the requirement for a fair bidding process with the lowest bidder receiving the contract. Many local contractors--employing local employees--would no longer be able to bid on City projects while the cost of City projects would increase.

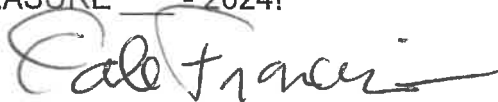
MEASURE \_\_\_\_ - 2024 BENEFITS NO ONE EXCEPT POLITICALLY CONNECTED, OUT-OF-AREA CONTRACATORS!

Sometimes, the most important things that happen in local government go unreported. Millions of dollars that could go to repairing streets, sidewalks, parks, and public safety facilities will instead go to benefiting big out-of-area construction companies that make big contributions to local politicians.

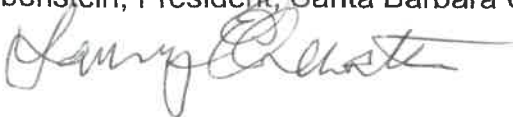
VOTE AGAINST THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CONSTRUCTION-POLITICAL COMPLEX!

VOTE NO ON MEASURE \_\_\_\_ - 2024!

Dale Francisco



Lanny Ebenstein, President, Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association



December 18, 2023

TO: CITY CLERK, CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

RE: BALLOT ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION TO MEASURE \_\_\_ - 2024.  
CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT ON MARCH 5, 2024, ELECTION

FR: Dale Francisco

Lanny Ebenstein, President, Santa Barbara County  
Taxpayers Association


Dear City Clerk:

Attached is a ballot argument in opposition to Measure \_\_\_ -2024, the City Charter Amendment on the March 5, 2024, election.

Please send us a copy of the argument in support of Measure \_\_\_ -2024, if one is submitted, and the requirements for a rebuttal argument.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Dale Francisco

(2407 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93105; PO Box 22007, SB, 93121;  
email: dale\_francisco@outlook.com; ph. 805 570-5464)



Lanny Ebenstein, President  
Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association

(P.O. Box 21621, Santa Barbara, CA 93121; email: lannyebenstein@aol.com;  
ph. 805 682-9815)