

Argument in Favor of Measure ____

I encourage all Santa Barbara residents to support this ballot measure to modernize Public Works contracting. It provides the City Council with the authority to enable multiple contracting methods that are allowed by California State Law. The end goal is the ability to deliver competitively priced, high quality, and on-time capital (construction) projects.

The City Charter adopted in 1967 requires all public works contracts, with few exceptions, to be awarded by low bid contracting. Public agency contracting methods have substantially evolved since the original Charter adoption. The proposed Charter amendment will modernize the City's contracting methods to current standards by permitting City Council to expand the current low bid contracting with such options as: best value, design/build, construction manager at risk (CMAR) and simplified procurement for smaller contracts (<\$500,000). This change is important for large, complex projects (such as the new Police Station) or specialty work to ensure interest from top-tier, more experienced contractors who often will not participate in projects where contracts are awarded by low bid. These alternative contracting methods also allow staff to prioritize contractor qualifications, such as: experience, work type specialties, and prior performance in terms of quality, timeliness, and safety record. Ultimately, the City wants to establish professional relationships with our contracting community who are instrumental in the City's maintenance, repair, and rebuilding of its infrastructure; where contractors are awarded projects at a fair, competitive price and the City receives an end product that the City's residents can be proud of and that will serve the community well for generations to come.

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The undersigned proponent (s) or author(s) of the (primary/rebuttal) argument (in favor of/against) a ballot proposition at the Statewide Primary Election/Presidential Primary Election for the City of Santa Barbara to be held on March 5, 2024 hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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