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The Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association prides itself on taking a close look at issues and basing decisions on thorough review. Unfortunately, this did not happen in this case.

Although we believe the principle of selecting the lowest bidder on government projects is a good one--and though we believe there is much in the City of Santa Barbara bidding process that would benefit from reform--we are persuaded on the basis of further information that the current measure would not address the issues we are most concerned about, and therefore take no position on it.

Dale Francisco adds that, in his experience on City Council, the lowest bid on Public Works projects was not always the most cost effective in the long run. He agrees with the Taxpayers Association that there are more areas for improvement in the Public Works procurement process, but now believes that this ballot measure will result in higher quality, on-time infrastructure projects for the people of Santa Barbara.

We appreciate the public process in the City of Santa Barbara and the integrity of its election officials. We look forward to continuing participation in City of Santa Barbara issues in the future.



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