

Argument opposed to Ballot Measure BB

THIS MEASURE SHOULD BE REJECTED BY VOTERS. The ballot wording noted as, "and other minor technical amendments" suggests that the proposed Charter changes are minor and inconsequential. These are not “minor” technical changes, but electoral changes to limit voter choice and a reduction of contract bidding rules that weaken fiscal oversight.

This amendment reduces required competitive bidding on many city contracts. Contract management and oversights were “lessons learned” from Piedmont's undergrounding debacle costing taxpayers over \$2 million dollars. Measure BB reduces important rules for fiscal oversight and obtaining the best bids for taxpayer dollars. Now is not the time for relaxing bidding rules when large capital projects are planned at Coaches Field, the Piedmont Pool, and Linda Beach Field.

This amendment replaces required Council meetings to those approved simply by Council resolution. Calling electoral changes for City Council “term limits” is disingenuous. Measure BB does not “modify term limits for City Council” – for it makes no changes to the 2-term limit for elected officials. Instead, it increases the amount of time before termed-out council members can run again from 4 to 8 years. It limits who incumbent City Council members run against, further protecting incumbency and others by prohibiting proven, voter-supported volunteers from serving again. The Piedmont School Board rejected this restrictive amendment limiting candidates. Keep competitive bidding, save tax dollars, and eliminate proposed electoral limits within the Charter by voting NO ON MEASURE BB!

The undersigned proponents or authors of the direct argument in favor of or opposed to Measure BB at the General Municipal Election for the City of Piedmont to be held on November 6, 2018, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their/knowledge and belief.

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