

## Rebuttal to Argument Opposed to Measure BB

Measure BB opponents address only two of the constructive changes proposed. They are totally wrong and misguided on both issues. Competitive bidding: their claim is totally inaccurate, without merit and appears purposely inflammatory - they seem not to have read the measure or to be deliberately misrepresenting facts. Competitive bidding was discussed at the town hall meeting held to review Charter changes. Pursuant to community input and legal review, language was specifically clarified to ensure there is no confusion: **COMPETITIVE BIDDING IS STILL REQUIRED**. The measure simply raises the dollar threshold for formal, public bidding, which is extremely inefficient for very small projects and can discourage responsible bidders.

Opponents are equally mistaken regarding revised election rules. The proposed measure helps more citizens and volunteers seek office. The measure prevents the council from becoming self-perpetuating. In politics, name recognition is critical. Currently, an 8-year councilmember need wait only 4 years; they can easily gain the endorsement of former colleagues and sitting councilmembers, enlist previous supporters, and tap former contributors. They effectively run as an incumbent with inherent and tremendous advantages. This measure does not prevent councilmembers from running again. It just makes former councilmembers wait another 4 years and gives less well-known volunteers a chance. That must outweigh the personal ambitions of councilmembers wanting to quickly return to office.

Measure BB proposes positive changes to the Charter. Opposition arguments are inaccurate, misleading and unpersuasive. Support efforts to make Piedmont more democratic, responsive and modern. **SUPPORT BB**

The undersigned proponents or authors of the rebuttal to the argument 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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