

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure BB

Read the measure - key fiscal changes are ignored in the argument. Most important is the weakening of competitive bidding. BB calls for to-be-determined bidding rules but grants Council the right to waive those rules. Soon the city will begin several large private/public projects and a facility maintenance program that calls for millions in repairs. Bidding is essential to cost control – bids for two city hall restrooms ranged from \$150,00 to \$500,000 – and should be mandatory to save taxpayer dollars. Current rules allow \$75,000 projects without formal bidding. Reject BB and make Council come forward with the bidding ordinance before granting waiver authority.

Proponents claim a problem we don't have - no termed out-council member has ever run again after 4 years. First-term council members always do, and BB limits who they run against for re-election – that is the advantage being gained here. Proponents found only one California city with this 8-year limit. Most Council elections go uncontested – why limit voter choice by making it harder for volunteers to run again? Volunteerism is essential to Piedmont's success and lets voters get to know the candidates personally, an asset to our community. Regular monthly meetings are needed for oversight by Council and for rapid community response, as was seen with cell towers.

The other changes in BB are non-essential. Anti-discrimination protections are already in place under state law and can be strengthened by ordinance. Protect Piedmont's fiscal oversight and proven volunteer leadership and VOTE NO on BB.

"The undersigned proponents or authors of the direct/rebuttal 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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