

Rebuttal to Argument In Favor of Measure CC

Vote NO! Reject Measure CC – the HIRE, BUT NOT FIRE Measure - eliminating our City Council's right to evaluate, direct and terminate Council-hired key employees: Fire Chief, Police Chief, Finance, Public Works and Recreation Director, etc. This administrative change was recommended by the City Administrator at lightly attended meetings with little public participation.

Measure CC would decrease the authority of the City Council, transferring it to one person, the City Administrator, who would be the only person to evaluate, direct, and terminate the Council-hired key employees without Council consultation or directive. Measure CC increases the power of an unelected administrator holding no public accountability.

Piedmont’s Charter has effectively served Piedmont for generations. Separating Council-selected employees from Council oversight creates conflicts and misplaced loyalties detrimental to Piedmont. Key employees should be loyal to the citizens of Piedmont and “serve at the pleasure of the City Council,” not at the pleasure of the City Administrator.

Our Charter requires our five-member Council to vote on key employee hiring selections, evaluations, direction, compensation, and terminations. The public and Council should not be isolated from undisclosed policies and injudicious decisions by City Administrators.

Piedmont success depends on the accountability of our elected Council to make important decisions of hiring and firing key employees, rather than abdicating to an unelected City Administrator.

Measure CC proposes a “solution” to a problem that doesn’t exist. Keep Piedmont’s elected Council strong and protective. VOTE NO on CC!

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