ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL FORM

ELECTION DATE: March 3, 2015

JURISDICTION: City of Bell

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☐ Argument in Favor
☑ Rebuttal to Argument Against
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REBUTTAL ARGUMENT TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE __

It has been three years since the Bell scandal occurred and nothing has been done to correct any of the defective provisions in the City Charter. Changes require a vote of the people. It’s time to act!

This Measure makes immediate changes. It does the following:

• Prohibits the City from making loans to employees
• Prohibits the councilmembers from getting paid for being on different City bodies
• Limits council compensation
• Prohibits conflicts of interest
• Allows Council meetings to be held in the Community Center
• Allows a Planning Commission to be formed with residents and commissioners instead of the City Council

Former CAO Rizzo and the Bell 8 sought to have the City pay for their legal costs in the criminal prosecutions. It took a recall to stop them. This measure prevents that from ever happening again. Why does the City need to take another year before fixing this as advocated in the argument against the Measure?

Other changes to the Charter are necessary but these will require a great amount of community discussion. We support this and have started the ball rolling. The City Council is creating a citizen committee to look at these Charter changes but this process could take up to a year with a lot of community involvement. The reforms in this Measure are too important to wait, and four of your councilmembers believe the time has come to start fixing the Charter. We urge your yes vote on these changes.
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election for the City of Bell  
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hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

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   Signature  

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