



BALLOT MEASURE L

Ballot Argument Written AGAINST Measure L – Inspector General

Vote NO on Measure L.

Measure L creates an expensive, untested, and unnecessary Office of Inspector General at Riverside's City Hall. Riverside would be the only city in California, with a council-manager form of government, that employs an Inspector General. If the office is the best practice to promote fiscal oversight, why does no other city have an Inspector General?

The measure proposes an appointed charter officer with powers to investigate fraud, waste and abuse. Yet, the size of the office and its investigative powers are unclear and undefined. Those elements will be determined later by the City Council. The measure seeks 'increased accountability,' however there is no guarantee that the office will have the tools and resources necessary to accomplish that goal.

Moreover, does the city need a fiscal sheriff? Our council-manager form of government is widely recognized as fostering efficiency, effectiveness and integrity. Plus, Riverside's Internal Audit Division currently carries out all the generally accepted auditing standards listed in Measure L.

Measure L only guarantees more government bureaucracy. The office may cost taxpayers as much as \$1,000,000+ in employee staffing and operation. That means less money for safer neighborhoods, re-paving roads, park improvements, and tree trimming.

We may want to look to other cities to improve our Audit Division's scope and performance. But no other city has found it necessary to invest in an office that focuses on investigations instead of improving the city's cost effectiveness and efficiency.

Vote NO on Measure L and look for more transparent, productive, and proven methods to assure fiscal responsibility and management.

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