



BALLOT MEASURE L

Ballot Argument Written in FAVOR of Measure L – Inspector General

Today, the City of Riverside has a population of over 330,000 people and a budget that exceeds 1.5 Billion. Therefore, the time has come to create the position of Inspector General (IG) to assist local government to enhance accountability and transparency.

An Inspector General can serve as an independent watchdog, ensuring that public funds are used efficiently and effectively while minimizing the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse.

The presence of an IG can help identify inefficiencies, recommend improvements, and restore public trust by holding city officials and departments accountable for their actions. This role is particularly critical in ensuring that taxpayer money is spent in a manner that benefits the community, enhancing the overall integrity of city governance.

Given the city's significant budget, there is a heightened need for ensuring that public funds are used efficiently. An IG can conduct regular audits and evaluations of city programs and contracts to identify areas where resources are being wasted or could be better utilized. By recommending cost-saving measures and more effective practices, the IG helps ensure that taxpayer dollars are maximized to benefit the community.

The Riverside City Council & Mayor appoints A Charter Review Committee every 8-10 years to review, discuss and recommend changes to its Charter that serves as the City's Constitution.

Should this ballot measure be approved by the voters in November of 2024, the time and effort devoted by This recent Riverside Charter Review Committee will be remembered for their tireless work and accomplishment. And will clearly signify how Democracy Works.

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