Argument in Favor of Measure ___

Our charter would allow us to declare our independence in local matters from the politicians in union-controlled Sacramento.

Thirteen residents of the independent Costa Mesa Charter Committee convened 16 times over 10 months to draft the Costa Mesa Charter. They took the best parts from the charters of Newport Beach, Irvine, and Huntington Beach and drafted a "local constitution" for Costa Mesa.

Becoming a charter city simply puts Costa Mesa residents in charge – not Sacramento politicians.

After a year of study and debate, the blue-ribbon committee—made up of concerned and active residents—voted 10-1 to approve the charter.

The Citizens Charter Committee determined we can govern ourselves better than Sacramento. Sacramento doesn't act with our best interests in mind. The citizens of Costa Mesa can do a better job.

In declaring Costa Mesa a charter city, residents would:

- Be free from Sacramento and have ultimate control over local affairs.
- Require voter approval for any increase in public employee pension benefits.
- Set strict standards for public contracting.
- Save millions in tax dollars by freeing the city from having to pay union wages on locally funded projects such as fire stations and libraries.
- Require maximum transparency while negotiating contracts with public employee labor unions.

Costa Mesa's charter also contains important safeguards for residents because it:

- Preserves all our 61 years' worth of city laws and policies.
- Ties elections, council compensation and adoption of ordinances to state law, preventing any abuses by a single city council.

Newport Beach, Huntington Beach and Irvine are among the more than 130 charter cities in California that believe the best form of government is Home Rule and the government that is closest to the people.

The residents of Costa Mesa deserve the right to govern themselves: Yes on Measure ___!

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