

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY  
MEASURE E**

This proposed measure would amend the City Charter to change the number of City Councilmembers, establish election districts for City Councilmembers, and establish lifetime term limits for City Councilmembers.

Currently, the City Charter provides that the City Council shall consist of seven members, all elected from the City at large, and that no person shall be elected as a member of the City Council for more than two consecutive terms.

This proposed measure would amend the City Charter to provide that the City Council shall consist of five members, each elected by the district in which such member resides; it would establish the initial boundaries of such districts and provide for the manner in which the boundaries of such districts may be changed; and it would establish that no person shall be elected as a member of the City Council for more than two total terms.

s/ JENNIFER McGRATH  
CITY ATTORNEY

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE E**

It's time to clean-up City Hall. It's time for district elections. Our City Council has spent over a quarter of a million dollars in attorney's fees trying to prevent you from voting on district elections. Recently, Judge Erickson of the Orange County Superior Court ordered the City Council to let you vote on this important issue. Why is the City Council afraid to let you vote?

With district elections, council members will be accountable to you the voters – not special interests. Council members will have to campaign in your neighborhood and listen to your concerns. Just ask yourself: Has your neighborhood been represented by the City Council?

The current at-large election system was last changed in the 1960's. In 1960 the population started at 11,500 but it is now nearly 200,000. Only special interests groups can afford the \$100,000 it can take to campaign citywide to win a council seat. In fact, in the last election three of the winners benefited from nearly \$100,000 in special interest funding. The lesser-funded candidates from your neighborhood don't have a chance against powerful special interest money. This is why so many neighborhoods in our City haven't been represented in more than 20 years.

With smaller districts, every neighborhood in the City will be represented. You will have council members who are accountable to you and your neighbors. The opponents to districts argue that you have less representation with this measure by going from seven at-large council members to five districts. However, having a council member from your neighborhood who is accountable to you is far better than having many council members who aren't interested in your neighborhood issues.

It's time for a change at City Hall. Vote yes for five districts in Huntington Beach. Vote yes on Measure E.

s/ Scott Baugh, Proponent

**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE E**

Don't be fooled by misleading arguments that take away your voting rights. Seven votes every four years are better than **one vote every four years**. Having the right to choose all the representatives who run our city is better than having your choice reduced to **only having a say in 20% of the city**.

Under the **proposed** districting measure, accountability and representation are illusions. Going from seven council members **elected by all voters** to five council members **elected by district** is a loss of representation no matter how you explain it.

The argument in support of districting is false and misleading. **Currently**, each council member **is** accountable to every citizen **regardless of where they live**. City council elections are held every two years, which provides an opportunity to vote out council members who are not responsive to citizen's needs.

**Residents and businesses have always been encouraged to meet with Council members to resolve issues**. In addition the council has committees that meet on neighborhood issues regularly.

The proponents of the districting measure represent the epitome of a special interest group. The proponents **spent over \$80,000** just to get the measure on the ballot. Imagine how much they will spend to get their selected candidates elected.

The districting argument's assertions about smaller districts are purposefully misleading. Districts of **38,000** residents and five square miles each have many neighborhoods with competing interests and concerns. Deal making will become commonplace and many citizens will not be served.

**Vote NO on Measure E.**

s/ EDWARD KERINS  
President, Huntington Beach Tomorrow

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Director, HB Taxpayers Association

s/ SHIRLEY DETTLOFF  
2003 Outstanding Citizen

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