

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE E

A vote to establish city council districts will dramatically reduce your voting power. Vote **NO** on Measure E.

Currently, voters elect **seven** council members every four years. Under districting, voters would elect only **one** council member every four years. That council member would be concerned with only one district of the city. If the council member elected under districting does not happen to represent your views, you have no other recourse for another four years.

Districting would lead to vote swapping and deal making such as other jurisdictions with districts. We need council members who have the good of the entire city in mind and not just their district. What happens in one part of our city affects all the citizens in our city.

Over the last forty years Huntington Beach has become one of the best and safest cities in Orange County. This was accomplished under the current elected-at-large form of city government with significant citizen participation. This has created a city with one of the finest park, library and school systems in Southern California.

Each citizen should ask why the backers of this initiative spent over \$80,000 for paid signature gatherers to get districting on the ballot. These vested interests simply want to get their hand picked candidates elected who will follow their agenda on the city council.

Don't be fooled by initiative backer's promises of accountability and representation. The opposite is true. The voters of Huntington Beach should reject this deceitful districting initiative. Vote **NO** on Measure E.

s/ EDWARD KERINS
President, Huntington Beach Tomorrow

s/ CHUCK SCHEID
Director, HB Taxpayers Association

s/ FLOSSIE HORGAN
Founder, Bolsa Chica Land Trust

s/ SHIRLEY DETTLOFF
2003 Outstanding Citizen

s/ TIM GEDDES
Southeast HB Homeowners Community Leader

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE E

Why did our City Council spend over a quarter of a million dollars in attorney's fees trying to stop you from voting on district elections? It's because they don't want you to have better representation in your neighborhood. The City Council is afraid that you will take control of your City. Fortunately, the Superior Court Judge told the Council they were wrong in filing the lawsuit and ordered the Council to let you decide what's best for our City.

The opponents to district elections have one thing in common — they all belong to special interest groups who currently control our City Council. The opponents don't care if your streets have potholes or if your sidewalks are in disrepair or if the sewer pipes in your neighborhood are leaking, as long as they get to control the City Council.

Ask yourself why the opponents are resorting to insults and scare tactics as a means to oppose district elections? It's because they took a poll showing 68% of the voters want better representation through district elections. With district elections you will have a councilmember who is accountable to you and your neighborhood.

The opponents' polling information reveals why they pressured the City Council to file a lawsuit to stop you from voting on district elections. However, aren't you tired of our City Council wasting millions of dollars in attorney's fees on legal tricks?

It's time for a change at City Hall. It's time for district elections. Vote yes on Measure E.

s/ Scott Baugh,
Proponent