REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE 1

Our elections are ALREADY SECURE, overseen by the award-winning, ISO-certified Orange County Registrar of Voters. Measure 1 misleads voters, threatening this security by potentially forcing Huntington Beach to conduct its own elections, a task for which the city is UNPREPARED and LACKS INFRASTRUCTURE. This could cost millions, an unnecessary financial burden.

Claims that this measure requires government-issued photo identification are MISLEADING; this requirement is absent from the amendment. Federal law already requires accessibility at all polling places for those with disabilities, making additional ADA-compliant locations **REDUNDANT**. The proposed monitoring of ballot drop boxes is a form of **VOTER INTIMIDATION**, creating fear and uncertainty. These items are all subject to challenge under state and federal law. Again, more of our money flowing out of the city, spent on needless court costs.

The argument that San Francisco allows non-citizens to vote in municipal elections is **FACTUALLY INCORRECT.** Non-citizens are only permitted in school board elections. This misrepresentation reveals the true intent of Measure 1: rooted in FEAR and **DIVISIVENESS**, not in enhancing election security.

Using the term "illegal immigrant" is outdated and indicative of the measure's intent—to sow division. Our current election system is secure, efficient, and cost-effective. There is **NO EVIDENCE** of voter fraud in Huntington Beach that justifies such a drastic, costly, and risky overhaul.

For our city's stability, fiscal responsibility, and the integrity of our elections, VOTE NO on Measure 1.

"The undersigned author(s) of the rebuttal to argument in favor of Charter Amendment Measure 1 at the Special Primary Election for the City of Huntington Beach to be held on March 5, 2024, hereby states that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief."

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Rhonda Bolton, City Council Member

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