

# Argument against City of Torrance Charter Revision

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We agree our City Charter needs an upgrade. But the proposed revision, Measure \_\_, is badly flawed. Important protections for Torrance residents, businesses, and taxpayers are deleted.

Case in point: Measure \_\_ removes all references to Torrance Unified School District. Torrance became a charter city to locally control our public schools. Our Charter detached us from the Los Angeles Unified School District. Imagine if LAUSD— whose enrollment is shrinking—decided to “re-incorporate” Torrance Unified School District? They could not be stopped without that charter provision.

Further, Measure \_\_ removes the Airport Fund from our Charter, allowing ANY use of monies derived from airport operations and business on airport property. Our current Charter requires they first be used for airport operations and improvements. Yes, an Airport Fund will continue to exist with Measure \_\_ but without restrictions on how monies are spent. It's likely the first step to defunding and then eventually closing our Airport.

Finally, the ballot question is misleading. Council salaries have always been restricted. The misdirection avoids mentioning the council salary increase. Measure \_\_ raises salaries from \$100/month to almost \$2800/month or \$33,600 annually. That's \$235,200 extra for a government that needed a sales tax increase to balance the budget last year.

We do agree council monthly pay should increase and be tied to the minimum wage. But use the formula adopted when the mandated minimum wage was \$1/hour—100 times the hourly minimum wage equals monthly council salary. They would be half that proposed by Measure \_\_ but still increase when the minimum wage does.

Measure \_\_ was written by a detached and unelected government bureaucracy rather than our preference—a broad-based citizen's commission. Measure \_\_ consolidates power away from voters, and places it firmly in the hands of unelected City bureaucrats.

Don't let that happen! Vote NO on Measure \_\_.

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