

Argument in Favor of Measure ___

City of Torrance

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Vote Yes on ___ to strengthen accountability, transparency, and ethics in Torrance city elections and government.

Measure ___ helps ensure Torrance does not encounter the problems with corruption and mismanagement that have plagued other local cities.

The Torrance City Charter was adopted in 1947 and has not been updated since 1973. A City Charter is the basic document that defines the organization, powers, functions, and procedures for city government, equivalent to the constitution for federal or state governments.

Voting Yes on ___ updates obsolete and outdated sections of the Torrance City Charter to comply with current state and federal law and improve government efficiency and transparency. Measure ___ follows best practices adopted by other California cities.

Specific amendments include:

- **Strengthening requirements for public disclosure and transparency related to the city budget, spending of public funds, and audits of city finances and accounts**
- **Expanding the circumstances under which a member of the City Council and other city elected offices may be removed, including criminal activity and lack of meeting attendance**
- **Increasing disclosure requirements for campaign donations to candidates for city offices**
- **Requiring all lobbyists to register with the City and ethics training for city officials**
- **Strengthening rules prohibiting councilmembers and city officers from hiring relatives to city positions**
- **Strengthening conflict of interest restrictions**
- **Restricting compensation for members of the City Council to no more than the California minimum wage, which is currently \$16 per hour**
- **Updating elected official descriptions to be independent of gender**
- **Confirming local control of city elections**

Measure ___ will not increase taxes and is designed to increase the efficient operation of city government, avoid potential corruption and mismanagement, and increase public transparency.

Join trusted Torrance leaders and vote Yes on ___ for transparent and efficient city government that works for the interests of Torrance residents.