

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE P

The argument by Baron Night says your City Council “rushed” to put this issue on the ballot. However, this is not the case. Council members spent nearly two years studying charter cities versus general law cities before appointing a Charter Exploratory Committee.

This seven-member Committee made 34 public outreach appearances throughout the city to discuss the charter, and an informative public service announcement was televised for more than three months on Buena Park cable TV. In addition, stories thoroughly explaining the charter appeared in two issues of “Buena Park Today” which is mailed to all 23,871 households in the city.

Mr. Night says the charter will be a “blank check.” This is not correct as the California State Constitution sets restrictions on spending limits for cities. Also, all cities remain subject to California state law on matters of statewide importance including open meeting laws.

Our charter will grant the people of Buena Park all rights given Californians by the “home rule” provision of the California State Constitution. Mr. Night is not correct when he says there is something wrong with a one-page charter. This is the most common type of charter being adopted by California cities today, and it simply says the city has the authority to adopt laws and regulations with respect to our own municipal affairs. Remember, the Declaration of Independence is also only one page in length.

Vote “Yes” on Measure P to return local control to Buena Park residents.

s/ Jim Dow, Mayor
City of Buena Park

s/ Gail Dixon, CEO
Buena Park Area Chamber of Commerce

s/ Irene Fogle, Chair
Buena Park Senior Citizens Commission

s/ Don McCay, Chair
Buena Park Charter Exploratory Committee

s/ Jim Adams, Council Representative
Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council