

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE R

Councilmembers Shea and Choi oppose Measure R — the Great Park Ratification and Implementation Act. They say it will raise taxes. That's completely false.

The plain truth is set forth in the City Attorney's Impartial Analysis in this Sample Ballot Pamphlet. The City Attorney confirms that the Great Park is self-funding and does not rely on our City's General Fund. **No new taxes are needed to fund the Great Park.** Your "yes" vote on Measure R will make these financial protections tamper-proof.

Our Great Park Plan guarantees that the City of Irvine will design, build and operate the Great Park. We'll never spend more money than we have. The deal we negotiated with the federal government provided your City with \$650 million in land, cash, and Park infrastructure. Obviously, we're starting with plenty of money. **We've already begun building the Great Park...without new taxes.** Period.

Measure R reaffirms City control of the Great Park planning process. **Councilmembers Shea and Choi voted *against* these provisions on April 25, 2006.** Instead, they favored a scheme to surrender control of the Great Park to the County — the same County that was forcing an airport on us, and that today is trying to put a massive 4400-bed jail at our Great Park's edge. Your "yes" vote will make it clear you want Irvine to retain control of the Park planning process.

Irvine's future is now in your hands. **Please vote "yes" on Measure R.**
Thank you.

s/ Larry Agran
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