

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE S

“City of Irvine Personal Information Privacy Act”

To protect your privacy rights while preserving transparency in how the people’s business is conducted in Irvine, **join me in voting YES on Measure S — The City of Irvine Personal Information Privacy Act.**

In a Public Records request, Councilmember Christina Shea solicited “as many public e-mail lists as possible.” This led to the release of more than 175,000 addresses, e-mail addresses, and other private information to Councilmember Shea.

Contrary to assertions made by Measure S opponents, this initiative will not authorize or allow the City to violate any applicable laws or regulations, including the California Public Records Act.

All information related to the business of government will remain fully accessible.

Elected officials, City employees, people who do business with the City, apply for licenses and permits, or correspond with the City and its public officials expect the information related to their public activities and interactions to be open for scrutiny by the public or the press.

What **Measure S** will do is allow the City, on a case-by-case basis, to consider whether information provided by an individual citizen for a “non-public” purpose — for example, signing up for youth sports or classes — should be released when a Public Records Act request is made.

Measure S will allow the City to protect individual personal information to the fullest extent of the law, better ensuring that the privacy rights of individuals who participate in City programs and activities are respected.

YES on S!

Thank you.

s/ Beth Krom
Mayor of Irvine