

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE S

“City of Irvine Personal Information Privacy Act”

Mayor Krom writes that this proposed ordinance will "respect the California Public Records Act." In fact, it is an attempt to undermine California law so your elected officials can hide from the public documents they don't want you to see.

This "Secrecy Ordinance" would allow city officials on a "case-by-case basis" to decide if they can deny you and the press your right under state law to see public records. Their justification is that they are protecting "personal information," but just what is "personal information" is left to the discretion of city officials.

The California Government Code states:

The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.

The Secrecy Ordinance asks you to yield your sovereignty, to give your public servants the right to decide what is good for you to know, and what is not good for you to know.

DO NOT LET CITY OFFICIALS DECIDE WHAT IS GOOD FOR YOU TO KNOW.

STOP SECRECY AT CITY HALL.

VOTE NO TO STOP THE SECRECY ORDINANCE.

VOTE NO ON MEASURE S.

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