

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

Orange County's unfunded pension liability is over \$5 billion. We must rein in out of control government employee pensions.

This ballot measure will prohibit taxpayer subsidies of politicians' employee pension contributions. In other words, this measure will require Orange County's politicians to pay their own employee pension contributions instead of using a taxpayer subsidy to pay their employee pension contributions.

The Orange County Charter is the county's version of a constitution. **By voting for this measure, we will enshrine pension reform as one of the core principles of our County government.**

This measure ensures the politicians can **never again** vote to give themselves a taxpayer funded subsidy of their own employee pension contributions; **only the voters will have the ability to ever change this.**

Passing this measure will send a message to self-serving politicians:

- No more taxpayer subsidies of employee pension contributions
- The voters have the ultimate power to decide what happens with taxpayer money
- Taxpayer dollars should go to public safety, roads, and parks, not to subsidize pensions for politicians

In the private sector, people have to fund their own 401(k) retirement accounts and there *might* be an employer match. Why should the taxpayers have to fund the politicians' entire pensions? **This ballot measure stops this perk.**

The *Orange County Register's* Editorial Board wrote in support of sending this ballot measure to Orange County voters because they support requiring elected officials to pay their own employee pension contributions. The Orange County Employees Association (OCEA) leadership supports this measure and its efforts to require elected officials to pay their own employee pension contributions. When the *Orange County Register's* Editorial Board and the OCEA leadership agree on something, you know it must be a good idea.

Vote "Yes" on this measure to reform pensions and make the politicians pay for their own pension benefits.

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No argument against this measure was submitted.