ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE U

Argument Against the "Brea Open Governance Act"

The City of Brea prides itself on open and transparent government and has always exceeded the requirements of the Brown Act and the California Public Records Act.

- All council meetings are held in open forums; community members are always given the chance to address the city council,
- All agendas are posted and published on the Internet at least 72 hours before each council meeting (24 hours for special meetings),
- All regular city council meetings held in the council chambers are video-recorded and available on the city website,
- All public records requests are promptly addressed in strict compliance with state law.

Why then do we need this measure? The answer is we don't!

This measure subjects Brea to different requirements than those applied to every other City in the State of California and would require Brea taxpayers to pay even higher costs for Public Information Requests.

This measure would not allow the city council to stop speakers from the use of profanity or any other abusive language during city council meetings.

This measure creates a randomly chosen 3-person committee with the power to levy fines on city employees who allegedly do not comply with the measure.

This measure also prevents the elected City Council from meeting in closed session with the City Attorney to conclude and approve terms of purchasing property or on terms in employee union labor agreements. This item alone would place the City's limited dollars at great risk in negotiations.

Please vote no on Measure U. It is unnecessary and would create additional costs to Brea taxpayers.

City Council of the City of Brea

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