

Argument in Favor of Proposition C

Veterans deserve the honor and respect of a fair hiring policy.

The City of San Diego's current veterans hiring policy is outdated and does not protect our most recent veterans-- those who served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The current policy only applies to veterans who served when the military draft was in effect, which hasn't been the case for almost 40 years.

Prop C will update the policy by eliminating the reference to the draft and expand the language so that any person who served in the military during any war, major military action or peacekeeping mission could benefit from the hiring preference.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, servicemembers often struggle to develop career opportunities after their service to our country. This initiative would help provide our returning veterans a necessary channel of access for jobs and careers.

Veterans are skilled, dedicated workers.

San Diego has a long history with our nation's armed forces, and it's time we benefit from the experience of the large number of highly skilled public servants who are discharged from the military into our region.

With Prop C, all job candidates who are hired would be required to pass all Civil Service and other employment testing before the preference is granted.

Putting San Diegans back to work is a priority in the City.

Prop C marks important progress toward ensuring San Diegans are provided appropriate preference for local jobs, which will encourage veterans to stay in San Diego and thereby stimulate our local economy.

**Prop C is a win for veterans, taxpayers and the City of San Diego.
Vote "YES" on C to honor our veterans and put San Diegans back to work.**

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