

YES ON PROPOSITION D

DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY, CHECKS AND BALANCES AT CITY HALL

DON'T GO BACK TO AN OUT-DATED SYSTEM

Before 2004, when voters approved the Strong Mayor-Strong Council reform, the unelected City Manager had a vested interest in sweeping problems under the rug. Hiding problems from the public allowed past City Councils to avoid making tough decisions, and it allowed the City Manager to keep his job.

That's how we got - -

- Over \$2 billion in unfunded employee pension obligations
- Hundreds of millions in deferred maintenance for streets, parks, libraries and recreation centers
- Elimination of the fire-fighting helicopter prior to the 2003 wildfires

NEW CHECKS AND BALANCES PROTECT TAXPAYERS

The Strong Mayor-Strong Council reform – approved by voters on a 5-year trial basis in 2004 – created executive and legislative branches of City government.

The Mayor became the chief executive, accountable to voters for City administration. When something goes wrong in City administration, the buck stops with the Mayor – no more finger-pointing without anyone taking responsibility.

The City Council became the legislative branch, responsible for reviewing and approving the Mayor's budget. The Strong Mayor-Strong Council reform also created the Independent Budget Analyst to analyze and question the financial information provided by the City. Problems that were previously swept under the rug are now subjected to vigorous and open public debate.

As a result, major financial reforms were enacted and Wall Street has restored our City's credit rating.

YES ON PROPOSITION D TO MAKE REFORMS PERMANENT

Proposition D makes the reforms approved by voters in 2004 permanent; it also restores the ninth Council seat (eliminated when the Mayor became chief executive) and makes Mayoral veto meaningful by requiring a two-thirds Council majority to over-ride it.

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