OFFICIAL BALLOT ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CHARTER AMENDMENT H

Special Interests are always trying to buy influence at City Hall. Charter Amendment H will help stop them.

Our city faces serious challenges. Our elected officials should focus on addressing them instead of spending time fundraising for their next campaign.

Vote \underline{YES} for Charter Amendment H to rein in pay-to-play politics and change the way we finance election campaigns. Charter Amendment H will:

- Prohibit campaign contributions and fundraising by bidders on most large City contracts.
- Increase disclosure requirements for bidders for City contracts.
- Punish violators by banning them from winning city contracts for up to four years.
- Strengthen the Campaign Finance Trust Fund established by Los Angeles voters by lifting the maximum balance in the fund to give candidates greater incentive to agree to the city's voluntary campaign spending limits.
- **Protect taxpayers and public funds** because it will not increase taxes or take away from other important programs, and has provisions to protect the budget in fiscal emergencies.

The League of Women Voters of L.A. says:

"Candidates shouldn't have to be wealthy or know wealthy donors to have a chance to run for office and win. Charter Amendment H will help voters choose city officials who have the best ideas and experience, not just the best fundraisers."

Bob Stern, co-author of the 1974 Political Reform Act, says:

"Measure H will strengthen the Ethics and Campaign Finance laws passed overwhelmingly by Los Angeles voters in the original Measure H in 1990."

Join the nonpartisan coalition of nurses, teachers, small business owners, good government experts, consumer groups, workers, seniors, environmentalists, and faith communities in voting <u>YES</u> on H.

VOTE <u>YES</u> ON H: CAMPAIGNS SHOULD BE WON, NOT BOUGHT BY SPECIAL INTERESTS.

For more information, please visit www.YesFairElections.org

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THE TRUTH ABOUT MEASURE H

Measure H will <u>NOT</u> cost L.A. more money. Opponents will say anything to protect special interests that spend millions to buy elections.

As taxpayers, we want an honest City government. We need H.

VOTE YES ON H: Stop politics-as-usual at City Hall.

"As taxpayers, we need to ensure that services we care about – public safety, parks, libraries, youth and senior services, LAX – aren't auctioned off to the biggest campaign donors." — Raquel Beltran, League of Women Voters of Los Angeles.

Measure H reins in pay-to-play politics by banning bidders on City contracts from giving or raising campaign contributions and strengthening the Campaign Trust Fund.

DON'T TRUST SPECIAL INTERESTS OPPOSING H AND DEFENDING THE CURRENT SYSTEM.

Join the League of Women Voters, small business owners, nurses, neighborhood councils, religious leaders, and good government groups in voting **YES**.

VOTE YES ON H: H is for Honest Government

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