

## Argument In Favor Of Proposition A

### **PROPOSITION A PROTECTS POLICE, FIRE, AND LIFEGUARD SERVICES**

Voting “Yes on A” ensures that Police, Fire, and Lifeguard services receive protection and priority. Proposition A exempts these safety professionals from Managed Competition.

Police, Fire and Lifeguard services should NOT be contracted-out to private companies. Core safety services must be protected as an essential first duty of government, performed only by persons directly accountable to the Mayor and taxpayers.

### **PROPOSITION A: PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES ONLY BY CITY PROFESSIONALS**

Police Officers and Lifeguards have the duty to courageously protect our residents and the power to arrest them. Professionals with this kind of duty and power should ONLY be employed by the public, not a corporation no matter how well managed.

Firefighters who bravely step into harm’s way deserve the guarantee that our City will give them the best training and support possible. Our homes, our families, our lives, and our economy all depend on the quality of these brave women and men. We cannot entrust this to outside interests.

### **PROPOSITION A KEEPS THE BEST SAFETY OFFICERS WORKING FOR SAN DIEGO**

Proposition A keeps public safety employees working for San Diego. It assures their public safety benefits and due process rights cannot be reduced by shifting their employment to private companies. This is important to keep them from seeking jobs in other cities that may offer better pay or job protection.

In the past few years we have doubled the number of recruits currently entering the Police Academy. At the same time, our rate of losing Police Officers who are taking jobs in other jurisdictions is down by 50 percent.

Since 2005, our City has made great progress through reform and hard work. We urge you to vote “Yes on A” to keep this progress moving forward.

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