

## **Argument in Favor of Proposition B**

### **GIVE VOTERS THE RIGHT TO MAKE REFORMS PERMANENT**

Proposition B keeps the promise to let voters make a permanent decision on the Strong Mayor system in 2010. With Proposition B, voters decide San Diego's future.

### **CONTINUE STRONG MAYOR SYSTEM**

Voters approved a 5-year trial Strong Mayor form of government in 2004. Unless Proposition B is approved, the Strong Mayor reforms voters adopted will expire automatically – reinstating the City Manager system that led to San Diego's financial crisis.

Our elected Mayor – not appointed staff – is directly accountable to voters and taxpayers for city employee performance.

Under this system, the Mayor and Councilmembers reduced city deficits, increased accountability, and provided checks and balances so past mistakes can't be repeated. But the Strong Mayor system automatically expires unless voters get an opportunity to make it permanent. Proposition B gives you the right to decide.

### **ADD ONE NEW COUNCIL MEMBER**

Today there are eight council districts. This can result in tie votes, causing logjams and delays for reforms and other critical matters.

Proposition B lets voters decide in 2010 if we should add a ninth district to break the logjams at City Hall and gives neighborhoods a stronger voice in decisions.

### **REASONABLE MAYORAL VETO ON COUNCIL POWER**

When the Mayor disagrees with the Council, he can veto their decision.

Currently, the Charter requires the same five Council votes to override a veto as were initially required to approve the same City Council action.

Proposition B will require a 2/3 council vote to override a Mayoral veto when the Council grows to nine members. That is the same requirement as in the U.S. Congress, State Legislatures, and many cities.

Please vote “Yes on B” to let the voters decide on our future form of government.

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