

## **KEEP THE FOX OUT OF THE HENHOUSE**

Prop C allows the mayor to choose the person who audits all city management and all city departments. The mayor is the city manager in charge of all city departments; allowing any mayor to appoint the person who will audit the city departments is like having the fox guard the henhouse.

## **HONEST GOVERNMENT NEEDS AN INDEPENDENT CITY AUDITOR**

Public confidence in the city's finances begins with the auditor. An independent auditor ensures trustworthy, timely and accurate financial reporting and increases taxpayer confidence in how tax dollars are spent.

## **SAN DIEGO LOST ITS CREDIT RATING BECAUSE OF MANAGEMENT INTERFERENCE**

In 2004, the city auditor left in disgrace when it was found that false and misleading financial statements were issued under pressure from management. Prop C allows this behavior to continue.

## **PROP C PROTECTS POLITICAL INTERESTS, NOT THE TAXPAYERS**

The auditor's job is to protect the taxpayers by being an objective and independent check on the city's financial controls and performance. The auditor must not be a political rubber stamp.

## **PROP C IS A SMOKESCREEN**

Prop C bundles together a confusing mix of City Charter changes. Voters do not have a real choice about which items to support and which to reject.

## **PROTECT YOUR TAX DOLLARS**

National auditing standards require auditors to be independent from the entity they examine. Prop C violates those requirements by having the fox guard the henhouse.

**“Lack of independence negatively impacts the auditor's ability to be objective.  
The citizens of San Diego deserve better.”**

John Torell, San Diego City Auditor, 2005-2007

## **VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION C**

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