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### City of Huntington Beach, Charter Amendment Measure No. 2

Shall proposed Charter Amendment No. 2, which provides that the only flags to be displayed by the City on City property are the United States Flag, the State of California Flag, the County of Orange Flag, the City of Huntington Beach Flag, the POW-MIA Flag, the six Armed Forces Flags, the Olympic Flag during the Summer Olympic Games, and any other flag if authorized by a unanimous vote of the City Council, be approved?

#### What your vote means

YES	NO
A "yes" vote on this measure would add new Section 806 to the Charter.	A "no" vote on this measure would not add new Section 806.

#### For and against

FOR	AGAINST
<p>Tony Strickland Mayor</p> <p>Gracey Van Der Mark Mayor Pro Tem</p> <p>Pat Burns City Council Member</p> <p>Casey McKeon City Council Member</p>	<p>Dan Kalmick Councilmember</p> <p>Natalie Moser Councilmember</p> <p>Rhonda Bolton Councilmember</p>



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## Full Text of Measure B City of Huntington Beach

EXHIBIT A  
CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURES  
PROPOSED ADDITIONS SHOWN AS UNDERLINED  
PROPOSED DELETIONS SHOWN AS ~~STRIKETHROUGH~~

Charter Amendment Measure No. 2

### SECTION 806. DISPLAY OF FLAGS.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the City shall only fly or display at or on any of the City's properties the following flags: the American flag, the POW/MIA flag, the State of California flag, the Huntington Beach City flag, the County of Orange flag, or any of the flags of the six branches of service: the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Space Force. During the Summer Olympic Games, the Mayor is authorized to order the display of the official Olympic flags for four weeks prior to the dates of the games, and for up to two weeks thereafter. The City may display any other flag in addition to those already enumerated, but only if authorized by a unanimous vote of all members of the City Council.

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### Impartial Analysis City of Huntington Beach Measure B

#### CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE 2

This proposed Charter amendment, if adopted, would amend the City Charter by adding new Section 806 related to the City's display of flags on City property, to read as follows:

"SECTION 806. DISPLAY OF FLAGS. Except as otherwise provided herein, the City shall only fly or display at or on any of the City's properties the following flags: the American flag, the POW/MIA flag, the State of California flag, the Huntington Beach City flag, the County of Orange flag, or any of the flags of the six branches of service: the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Space Force. During the Summer Olympic Games, the Mayor is authorized to order the display of the official Olympic flags for four weeks prior to the dates of the games, and for up to two weeks thereafter. The City may display any other flag in addition to those already enumerated, but only if authorized by a unanimous vote of all members of the City Council."

The proposed Charter amendment is nearly identical to current law set forth in Huntington Beach Municipal Code Section 13.07.010, with new language included in the ballot measure about the display of the official Olympic flags, and the display any other flag in addition to those already enumerated if authorized by a unanimous vote of all members of the City Council.

A "yes" vote on this measure would add new Section 806 to the Charter. A "no" vote on this measure would not add new Section 806.

This measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council.



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## Argument in Favor of Measure B

Huntington Beach is an American city within the United States of America where all citizens are equally represented first and foremost under our government flag, the American flag. There is no other flag that represents unity and equality more than our American flag, favoring no other persons or groups over others. Supporting this flag in Huntington Beach are our other government flags of the POW/MIA, the State of California, the County of Orange, the City of Huntington Beach, and, those of our military branches, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guards, and Space Force. We propose that the only flags to fly or be displayed at Huntington Beach City Civic Center and City of Huntington Beach owned poles and/or properties, with the exception of the Olympic flag, be the American, POW/MIA, the State of California, the County of Orange, the City of Huntington Beach, and, those of our military branches, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guards, and Space Force. (Other flags may be flown but only with unanimous support of the City of Huntington Beach City Council.)

Vote YES on this charter amendment.

s/ Tony Strickland  
Mayor

s/ Gracey Van Der Mark  
Mayor Pro Tem

s/ Pat Burns  
City Council Member

s/ Casey McKeon  
City Council Member

## Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure B

**VOTE NO on Measure 2.** The proponents of Measure 2 present a narrow and exclusive view of representation that does not reflect the diverse fabric of Huntington Beach. Let's examine the facts:

- **EQUAL REPRESENTATION?** The claim that the American Flag represents all citizens equally is a flawed notion. The LGBTQ+ community's fight for basic rights, the Civil Rights movement, ongoing efforts for gender and racial equality are part of our nation's journey towards inclusivity. The American Flag symbolizes a nation striving towards a more perfect union.
- **POW/MIA FLAG – A COMMEMORATIVE SYMBOL:** The POW/MIA flag, while deeply significant, is not a government flag. It's a commemorative symbol, representing a specific group. The current Council's acceptance of this flag, while excluding others, reveals a selective approach that contradicts their own argument.
- **CULTURAL REPRESENTATION SUPPRESSED:** The recent incident at Oakview Library, where a child's display for Mexican Heritage Month was removed due to this restrictive policy, is a glaring example of how this measure stifles cultural expression and education in our community.

Incorporating such exclusionary language into our City Charter is not reflective of the inclusive, vibrant spirit of Huntington Beach. This measure not only undermines our city's identity as Surf City USA but also alienates residents who do not feel represented by the selected flags.

Measure 2 is more than just about flags; it's about enshrining a narrow viewpoint into our foundational document.

**VOTE NO on Measure 2** – for a Huntington Beach that embraces all its citizens.

s/ Dan Kalmick  
City Council Member

s/ Natalie Moser  
City Council Member

s/ Rhonda Bolton  
City Council Member



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## Argument Against Measure B

## Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure B

**VOTE NO** on Measure 2.

Let's not diminish the significance of our City's "Constitution" by making it all about...flags.

NO provision in our City Charter requires a unanimous vote. Yet, Measure 2, centered merely on flags, seeks to be the FIRST to demand such unanimous consent. How does it make sense that a mere policy on flags would necessitate such a rigorous voting process, when more vital issues don't?

This charter amendment already exists as an ordinance - one that's been modified multiple times, showcasing its lack of clarity and foresight. Originally, it didn't even permit the display of the Olympic flag. Should Huntington Beach be privileged to host Olympic events in 2028, wouldn't this initial oversight have been embarrassing? Now, the City Council wants to embed this fluctuating policy into our most foundational document. Flags are symbols of pride and unity, but this amendment seems to perpetuate division.

Furthermore, the underlying intention is evident. The ordinance, which this Charter Amendment is based on, aims to prevent our City from displaying the Pride Flag. This isn't just about flags; it's about enshrining exclusivity in our City's foundational document. Such a policy misaligns with the inclusive values of the Olympic spirit and, more importantly, our City's spirit.

Our City Council should be prioritizing critical matters - public safety, infrastructure upkeep, and ensuring robust City finances. Do we really want to divert our focus and energy to flag policies in our City Charter? Maintain the dignity of our City's Constitution. **VOTE NO** on Measure 2.

s/ Dan Kalmick  
Councilmember

s/ Natalie Moser  
Councilmember

s/ Rhonda Bolton  
Councilmember

Measure 2 is not complicated, Government flags only placed on City of Huntington Beach government poles and/or displayed on City of Huntington Beach government property. Vote YES on Measure 2. Our government flags are symbols that say we are all equal and unified under these flags. No person or group is held above or below in importance than another. No person or group is to be favored or is to be discriminated against. There is a saying associated to MLK; We can live together as brothers and sisters or die apart as fools. (Martin Luther King said: "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish as fools.") Vote YES on Measure 2.

True inclusion represents everyone equally as an American, a resident of California, a resident of Huntington Beach and of course pays homage to the Veterans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the Liberty and Freedom that America provides. Any other flag flown by the Government, segregates society and elevates a segment of residents over others. These Government flags represent all Huntington Beach residents equally.

There is no place for political agendas that divide our community. This is a path forward that is good for all. Vote YES on Measure 2!

s/ Tony Strickland  
Mayor

s/ Gracey Van Der Mark  
Mayor Pro Tem

s/ Pat Burns  
City Council Member

s/ Casey McKeon  
City Council Member