

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY
MEASURE Z**

(Sections 400, 1200, 413)

Under Section 400 of the city charter, new council terms begin at the first regular meeting after the election is certified. Certification can take place as much as 28 days after the election, resulting in the start of the term ranging from mid-November to early December. This measure will set a firm date of the 2nd Tuesday of December for all new terms, providing certainty for new council terms as well as board & commission terms that are tied to council terms.

Section 1200 of the charter requires that elections be called by ordinance. The measure will streamline election procedures by allowing elections to be called by resolution, consistent with the rules for most other cities.

Section 413 of the city charter restricts the city council's ability to revise ordinances between 1st and 2nd readings, imposes limits on when the city council may authorize emergency orders for the payment of money, and is not clear when the council may take actions other than by ordinance. This amendment will permit modification of an ordinance after 1st reading so long as its purpose and intent is preserved; make it clear that emergency orders for the payment of money may be made at any council meeting, and limit the need for the council to act by ordinance only when required by the charter or state law.

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE Z. IF YOU DESIRE A COPY OF THE MEASURE, PLEASE CALL THE SANTA ANA CLERK OF THE COUNCIL OFFICE AT 714-647-6520 AND A COPY WILL BE MAILED AT NO COST TO YOU. THE TEXT OF THIS MEASURE IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT: <http://www.santa-ana.org/coc/>

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Z.

We urge you to vote YES on Measure Z.

This amendment to the City of Santa Ana's Charter Sections 400, 413 and 1200 will allow the City Council to **operate more effectively** as a board similar to other municipalities.

Measure Z will create a **more representative form of government** by allowing the City Council to **efficiently incorporate resident comments** presented during the introduction of an ordinance prior to the final reading of the ordinance.

Measure Z will allow the City Council to quickly provide necessary **emergency funds for police, fire** and other essential city services **during a state of emergency**.

Measure Z will help ensure that the safety of residents is maintained during a state of emergency.

We have studied this issue and want to give you the facts about Measure Z.

1. Measure Z provides clarity for the start of the term of Councilmembers.
2. Measure Z will allow the City Council to efficiently make changes to ordinances in response to public comments.
3. Measure Z will allow the City Council to operate by ordinance, resolution or motion pursuant to the Constitution or Laws of the State of California.
4. Measure Z will allow for the payment of essential funds to Santa Ana's public safety professionals.

Santa Ana's public safety professionals, the Charter Amendment Citizens' Task Force and a Charter Review Committee of the City Council all support Measure Z to **increase Santa Ana's ability to be responsive, effective, efficient and representative**. Make sure that the City of Santa Ana can respond in any emergency situation and is responsive to its residents.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE Z.

s/ Michael Garcia
Councilmember, City of Santa Ana

s/ Lisa Bist
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Santa Ana

s/ Jose Solorio
Councilmember, City of Santa Ana

s/ Michael Metzler
Member, Citizens' Review Task Force
of the Charter

s/ Carlos Bustamante
Councilmember, City of Santa Ana

No argument against this measure was submitted