

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY  
MEASURE AA**

(Sections 421, 422)

Sections 421 and 422 of the Santa Ana charter require that the city follow a competitive contracting and bidding process that ensures maximum quality of goods or services at minimum costs for purchases of services, supplies, materials and equipment. The provisions also contain specific dollar thresholds for formal bidding for both goods and public works contracts, and for contracts which may be approved by the city manager.

The proposed amendments retain the requirements for open, competitive contract requirements, but require quarterly public reports of all contracts approved by the city manager in exchange for moving the dollar thresholds for city manager contracts and formal bids from the charter to ordinance.

The proposed amendments also set aside a separate section of the charter for public works contracts which requires the city council to adopt limits for formal bidding, and permits the city council to adopt alternate contracting processes for public works projects such as design-build.

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**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE AA**

Vote YES on Measure AA if you believe it is important to set financial limits and establish competitive bidding rules in the City of Santa Ana.

Measure AA will amend the City of Santa Ana's Charter Sections 421 and 422 to **create financial limits and create competitive, cost effective bidding processes** in the City of Santa Ana.

The Citizens' Review Task Force of the Charter has studied this issue and believes that the **contracting provisions in the City's Charter are outdated and outmoded.**

More importantly the independent review of the Charter by the Citizens' Task Force voted in favor of **setting limitations by ordinance on the City Manager's contract authority.** Furthermore the City Manager must provide a quarterly report on the contracts, identities of the contractors and amounts of each contract that has been approved by the City of Santa Ana.

Measure AA will require the City Council to establish rules and procedures for competitive bidding by ordinance.

Measure AA will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the City Council prior to permitting dispensing of bidding and/or performing work.

Measure AA will require the City Council to establish rules and procedures for the purchase of goods and services by ordinance.

The Citizens' Review Task Force of the Charter fully supports Measure AA to provide **transparency in contracting for services, materials, supplies and equipment.**

**Hold the City Council and City Manager accountable** by setting limits on contract authority and establishing rules and regulations for the purchase of goods and services for the City of Santa Ana. **Establish transparent contracting provisions that are quarterly provided for public inspection.**

VOTE YES ON MEASURE AA.

s/ Michael Garcia  
Councilmember, City of Santa Ana

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

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

s/ David Benavides  
Member, Citizens' Review Task Force of the Charter

s/ Carlos Bustamante  
Councilmember, City of Santa Ana

**No argument against this measure was submitted**