

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY
MEASURE DD**

(Sections 901.1, 910, 911, 912)

Section 901.1 of the charter prohibits board and commission members from serving as local campaign treasurers. This amendment will also prohibit the appointment to boards and commissions of a person who, at the time of appointment, is serving as the treasurer of a local campaign committee.

Section 910 of the charter creates the planning commission and confers upon it the responsibility to prepare a comprehensive master plan for the city and a 10 year capital improvement plan. State law has replaced the term "master plan" with "general plan" and the role of writing the capital improvement plan has been assumed by professional staff. The proposed amendments mirror the planning commission's role as set forth in state law for overseeing updates to the city's general plan and will still require the commission to annually review the city's capital improvement plan for consistency with the general plan.

Sections 911 and 912 of the charter address the city's personnel board. Section 911 addresses the qualifications for membership on the board and section 912 describes board's powers, which include hearing appeals of suspensions, demotions and dismissals of city employees. Under section 911, a public employee cannot serve on the board. This amendment will alter that restriction to only prohibit City of Santa Ana employees from serving. This is consistent with the limits on all other boards and commissions. This proposal also amends section 912 to clarify that the board's jurisdiction to review dismissal of city employees is limited to disciplinary dismissals. There are situations such as medical disabilities and lay-offs where an employee is terminated for non-disciplinary reasons, which have been long considered beyond the powers of the board.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE DD

We urge you to vote YES on Measure DD.

The Citizens' Review Task Force of the Charter and the Charter Review Committee of the City Council believes that an amendment of Sections 901.1, 910, 911 and 912 of the City's Charter is necessary.

Section 901.1 of the Charter needs to be amended to prohibit campaign treasurers for the Mayor or Councilmembers to be appointed to any City board or commission.

Section 910 of the Charter needs to be amended to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Planning Commission regarding its review of the City's General Plan and review of the capital improvement program.

Section 911 of the Charter needs to be amended to prohibit government employees of the City of Santa Ana from serving on the Personnel Board, a board that hears appeals from suspended, demoted or dismissed City of Santa Ana employees.

Section 912 of the Charter needs to be amended to clarify the type of suspensions that the Personnel Board can hear.

The Citizens' Review Task Force of the Charter believes that these changes to the Charter will clarify the Charter and assist the Planning Commission and Personnel Board in fully understanding its responsibilities.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE DD.

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Mayor Pro Tem, City of Santa Ana

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Councilmember, City of Santa Ana

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Member, Citizens' Review Task Force of the Charter

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No argument against this measure was submitted