
MEASURE H

PROPOSAL TO AMEND PLACER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 608

Shall Article VI, Section 608 of the Placer County Charter be amended to remove bid threshold requirements in the Charter that contradict with State law?

YES _____

NO _____

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY PLACER COUNTY COUNSEL

This measure proposes a charter amendment (“Amendment”) to Section 608 of the Placer County Charter (“Charter”) for purposes of eliminating contradictory language. If adopted, the Amendment would remove Section 608(b), which contains bid threshold requirements for the County, and would bring the Charter into compliance with applicable State law.

The existing language of Section 608(b) of the Charter establishes a threshold amount for bidding on a County project. The bidding process for County projects is also set forth in the California Public Contract Code at sections 20131, 20150.4, 20394 and 20403. The sections of the California Public Contract Code contain thresholds for bidding that conflict with the current language of Section 608(b), and specifically identify threshold amounts that are lower than the threshold amounts contained in section 608(b) of the Charter. The Amendment would remove the contradictory Charter threshold amounts.

The Placer County Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance 6027-B at its meeting on June 23, 2020 and requested that the Elections Official place the ordinance on the ballot at the November 3, 2020 election.

A “Yes” vote is a vote in favor of this Charter Amendment. A “No” vote is a vote against this Charter Amendment. This Measure will be approved if it receives a simple majority of “Yes” votes.

Karin E. Schwab, County Counsel

By Clayton T. Cook, Deputy County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure H. If you desire a copy of the measure or of the proposed amendment to the Charter, please call the Elections Official at 530-886-5650 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H

Vote Yes on Measures F, G, H and I to keep Placer County running effectively and efficiently.

Eliminate redundancy in our County's governing Charter to save taxpayer dollars, streamline administrative procedures and ensure County elected officials live in Placer County.

Measures F, G, H and I are recommended changes to Placer County's Charter, the County's governing document. The recommendations were developed by a committee of local residents and approved for voter consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

- Measure F focuses the duties of the Civil Service Commission to hearing grievances and disciplinary appeals while redirecting all other personnel responsibilities like job descriptions, compensation and filling vacancies to the County's Director of Human Resources, a more qualified and appropriate manager of such functions.
- Measure G enhances accountability by providing the County CEO with the final authority over nearly all County Department Head hirings, firings and suspensions.

- Measure H clarifies our County governing Charter by eliminating discrepancies between local and state law concerning bidding thresholds.
- Measure I guarantees Placer County will always be represented by local residents. Measure I requires those seeking county-wide elected office live in the County at least 30 days prior to filing to run for office and must continue to live in Placer County while they hold office.

Measures F, G, H and I ensure Local, Efficient and Effective Government.

Vote Yes on F, G, H and I!

Bonnie Gore, Chair, Placer County Board of Supervisors
Cindy Gustafson, Member, Placer County Board of Supervisors
Dave Butler, Chair of Placer County Charter Review Committee, Former Rocklin City Council Member
Tom Indrieri, Executive Director, Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce
Carol Garcia, Sierra College Board Trustee, Former Roseville Mayor

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE H WAS SUBMITTED

PROPOSED CHARTER TEXT REVISION

If a majority of the electorate of Placer County approves the measure, then Article VI, Section 608 of the Placer County Code shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 608 Purchasing.

- (a) Preference to County Products and Services. When the combinations of price, quality, terms and other conditions of sale are substantially equal, the county shall give preference in purchasing to Placer County goods, services and suppliers.
- ~~(b) Indexing of Bid Amounts. Whenever bidding is required by general law, the threshold amount required for bidding shall be \$30,000 for roads and \$20,000 for contracts other than roads. Such threshold amounts shall then be adjusted annually by the percentage change in the Engineering News-Record Index or subsequent index.~~