

Argument Against Measure ___ - Charter Amendment 15

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Election Date: March 5, 2024
Jurisdiction: Fresno County

Measure I.D. (if any):

DEC 01 2023

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We oppose Measure _____. This County Charter Amendment challenges State law that ensures two powerful county elected officials, the Fresno District Attorney and the Fresno County sheriff, are elected during Presidential election years when voter engagement and turnout is significantly higher.

Democracy is strongest when our representatives are chosen at elections with the highest voter turnout and greatest diversity of voters. Presidential elections are more representative of our County's voters than midterm elections. In recent years, our Elections office has made great strides in removing barriers to voter participation. Ensuring that a larger and more inclusive pool of voters can vote for vital law enforcement candidates who reflect their values is critical to making democracy work.

If Measure ____ is approved, it will surely be challenged in the courts, since State law mandates that Charter counties like Fresno County, elect the district attorney and sheriff during the presidential cycle.

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The undersigned author(s) of the: Argument in Favor Rebuttal to Argument in Favor Argument Against Rebuttal to Argument Against

of ballot measure Charter Amendment 15 at the Presidential Primary election

for the County of Fresno to be held on March 5, 2024 hereby state that this

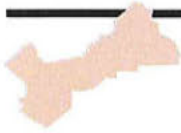
argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

Signature table with 5 rows. Row 1: Anna Caballero, Senator, 11-27-23. Row 2: Joaquin Arambula, Assemblymember, 12-1-23. Row 3: League of Women Voters of Fresno, Co-President, 11/29/2023.

IMPORTANT FILING INFORMATION: I, Kay Bertken am the designated filer of the above titled argument/rebuttal. Please notify me of any questions pertaining to this filing. Below is my contact information.

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District Board

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Contact Person's Name (Printed): _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

B. **The following information is submitted by the author(s) to establish that the organization or group is a Bona Fide Association of Citizens**



Bona Fide Association of Citizens (Group or organization has not been formed to support or oppose the measure)

Name of Association: League of Women Voters of Fresno

Principal Officer's Signature: _____

Principal Officer's Name (Printed): Kay Bertken

Title: Co-President

Phone: 559-824-1135 Fax: _____ E-mail: Kaybertken752@gmail.com

Bona Fide Association of Citizens (Group or organization has been formed to support or oppose the measure)

Name of Association: _____

Principal Officer's Signature: _____

Principal Officer's Name (Printed): _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

