

Sample Ballot

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**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
Consolidated General Election  
**Riverside County**  
November 2, 2004

I HAVE VOTED—HAVE YOU?

This ballot stub shall be removed and retained by the voter.

MEASURE(S) SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS	
CITY	
CITY OF RIVERSIDE	
II	Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to add a new section 810, which would add the Community Police Review Commission to the Charter?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
JJ	Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to allow the City Council (1) to conduct an election for a bonded indebtedness by a mail-ballot election; and (2) to sell such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness at public sale by notice inviting bids or by negotiated private sale?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
KK	Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to (1) provide that bids on public works contracts can be accompanied by such other form of bidder's security as the City Council establishes by ordinance; and (2) add a new Section 1114, entitled "Use of design-build procurement for public works projects," which would permit the award of contracts for the combined design and construction of public works projects?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
LL	Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to provide that the City change its independent auditor at least every five years?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
MM	Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to (1) allow the board of public utilities to award and execute contracts for construction, goods or services for the public utility; (2) allow the director of public utilities to approve work to be done at the customers' request and expense; and (3) allow the director of public utilities to negotiate and execute contracts with individual retail customers for utility services?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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Examine both sides of each card for voting opportunities.

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## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "MM"

(City of Riverside's Board of Public Utilities)

This measure contains three proposed amendments to the City of Riverside Charter.

The first portion of this measure concerns the power of the City's Board of Public Utilities ("the Board") to award and authorize public utilities department contracts. The current Charter provides that most procurements of goods, services and construction for the public utilities department be approved by both the Board of Public Utilities and the City Council if the procurement exceeds \$50,000. If passed by a majority of voters, this measure would authorize the Board, instead of the City Council, to award contracts for public utilities public works projects, purchases of equipment, materials, supplies, goods and services, if the procurement exceeds \$50,000, and authorizes the City Manager or his designee to execute such contracts or issue purchase orders, as appropriate. The limitation on such power is that the funds for such contracts must be included in the City Council-approved budget for public utilities.

The second portion of this measure concerns work done at the request and expense of a customer of the City's Public Utilities. Current law provides that such work be approved by both the Board of Public Utilities and the City Council. If passed by a majority of voters, this measure would allow the Director of Public Utilities to authorize and execute contracts for such work. The two limitations on the director's power would be that the work must be done pursuant to rules established by the Board and approved by the City Council, and if the cost of such work exceeds \$100,000, that the City Manager must approve as well.

The third portion of this measure concerns individual contracts with public utilities department customers for water, electric and any other utility service. Current law provides that all such individualized contracts be approved by both the Board of Public Utilities and the City Council. If passed by a majority of voters, this measure would allow the Director of Public Utilities to negotiate and execute such individualized contracts for such utilities. The limitation on the director's power would be that the rate under such utility contracts would be established by the Board and approved by the City Council in accordance with existing Charter provisions.

If Measure "MM" is approved, there would be no direct fiscal impact to the City.

By: City Attorney  
City of Riverside

**The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "MM." If you desire a copy of the proposed Charter language, please call the City Clerk at 951-826-5557 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you or view the full text at [www.riversideca.gov](http://www.riversideca.gov).**

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "MM"

The City should be allowed to serve its utility customers faster than the current charter allows. Under this proposal, the City Council would still control all spending and policies.

This measure allows the utilities board to execute contracts that are within the scope of work and budget already approved by the Council. It would allow the City utilities director to approve work done at the request and expense of customers. It also would allow the director to negotiate and execute contracts with individual retail customers following rules and rates previously approved by the Council. This latter change would allow the City to attract and retain economically important institutions and companies and, if de-regulation returns, would allow the City to compete for the utility business of its biggest customers.

The current charter's requirement that all these contracts return to the council for unnecessary redundant votes delays projects for at least 30 days, if not two months.

By: Marcia McQuern

Dorothy Bailey

Sharon L. B. Tyrrell

Eric Haley

Ben Johnson, II

**NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE "MM"**

