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### RIVERSIDE COUNTY / CONDADO DE RIVERSIDE

JUNE 5, 2012 / 5 DE JUNIO DE 2012

#### MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS MEDIDAS SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES

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CITY OF RIVERSIDE / CIUDAD DE RIVERSIDE

**E**

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to include a new Charter officer, the City Auditor, appointed by the City Council, with the powers and duties of the City Auditor set by ordinance of the City Council?

¿Deberá modificarse el estatuto de la ciudad de Riverside para incluir un nuevo funcionario por estatuto: el auditor municipal, nombrado por el concejo municipal, con los poderes y las obligaciones del auditor municipal definidos por ordenanza del concejo municipal?

Yes / Sí

No / No

**F**

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended by adding a new section 811, entitled "Commission on Sustainability," which would create a new commission to advise the Mayor and City Council on matters of sustainability as it pertains to environmental stewardship, economic development, and regional advantages as a means of pursuing a higher quality of life, with the powers and duties of that commission set by ordinance of the City Council?

¿Deberá modificarse el estatuto de la ciudad de Riverside agregando una nueva sección 811 titulada "Comisión sobre sustentabilidad", que crearía una nueva comisión para aconsejar al alcalde y al

**H**

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to eliminate the authority of the City Manager to approve or disapprove appointments and removals of subordinate employees of any Charter officer, including the City Clerk and City Attorney?

¿Deberá modificarse el estatuto de la ciudad de Riverside para eliminar la autoridad del administrador municipal para aprobar o desaprobar nombramientos y despidos de empleados subordinados de cualquier funcionario del estatuto, incluyendo el secretario municipal y el abogado municipal?

Yes / Sí

No / No

**I**

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to remove oversight of the maintenance of parkways, shrubs, and trees within street right-of-way from the Park and Recreation Commission?

¿Deberá modificarse el estatuto de la ciudad de Riverside para eliminar de la Comisión de parques y recreación la supervisión del mantenimiento de avenidas arboladas, arbustos y árboles dentro del derecho de vía de las calles?

Yes / Sí

No / No

**J**

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to provide that bids for public works contracts be advertised by electronic means instead of in the newspaper?

**K**

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to make updates, relating to certain titles, elimination of certain duties, posting of certain external audit corrections, de reflection of certain references collected, and "website" through timing of the City Council?

¿Deberá modificarse el estatuto de la ciudad de Riverside para actualizar ciertas actualizaciones relacionadas con ciertos funcionarios municipales, ciertos documentos de auditoría externa de palabras, obsoleto, correcciones actuales, eliminación de impuestos que agregando "acciones" en todo el estatuto?

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## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "E"

### City of Riverside Measure "E"

(Creation of a New Charter Officer, the City Auditor - Charter Section 700)

If approved by a majority of the voters, this Measure would amend the Riverside City Charter to include a new Charter officer, the City Auditor, appointed by the City Council, with the powers and duties of the City Auditor set by ordinance of the Riverside City Council.

The Riverside City Charter currently provides for the appointment, by the Riverside City Council, of three Charter officers: the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the City Manager. This Measure, if approved by a majority of the voters, would add an additional Charter officer, the City Auditor. The powers and duties of the City Auditor would only be set by the Riverside City Council through the adoption of an ordinance, and would not be set forth in the Riverside City Charter.

If this Measure is approved, no immediate fiscal impact is anticipated. Ultimately, the structure of the Office of the City Auditor as outlined in a future ordinance would dictate whether additional funding will be required. Possible changes could include funding for additional staff, as well as the creation of new classifications and/or revisions to salaries for existing classifications. Absent such changes, the City of Riverside has indicated that the existing budget of the City Manager's Office Internal Audit Division would remain sufficient to fund the City Auditor.

This Impartial Analysis is hereby submitted to the Elections Official in conformance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California. This Measure does not result in any new City powers.

Dated: March 19, 2012

By: Gregory P. Priamos  
City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "E". If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk's Office at (951) 826-5557 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "E"

The Charter should be changed to provide for the appointment of a City Auditor reporting directly to the City Council. Currently the city auditor reports to the City Manager. Separation of duties ensures that financial execution and review are not overseen by the same person. Separation is improved when the auditor is appointed by and reports directly to the City Council which is consistent with their overall fiduciary role. There would be no direct cost increase resulting from this change. The current staff and functions would simply be moved to report to the City Council instead of the city manager. The annual, legally-required, external audit would not be affected.

Many large cities in California have council-appointed city auditors. The increased independence of the audit function fosters transparency, citizen confidence, and legislative accountability. It should be noted that this item was the single most requested suggestion by those testifying before the Charter Review Committee in 2011. The consistent theme of the comments is that this new position will increase citizen confidence in the decisions made by City management in terms of both fiscal and operational matters.

To provide flexibility over time, the exact powers and duties of the City Auditor would be detailed by ordinance adopted by the City Council. The duties would likely include financial performance and special operational audits, development of an annual audit plan, and regular reports to the City Council.

We recommend a yes vote on Measure "E"

By: Montgomery Van Wart, Charter Review Committee Member

Peter Benavidez, Charter Review Committee Member

Joan Donahue, Riverside League of Women Voters, President

NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE "E"