

# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

(This Measure will appear on the ballot in the following form.)

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## **MEASURE B**

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED "PRESERVING BALANCED REPRESENTATION IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY"**

Should the Charter of San Diego County be amended to direct a redistricting commission to maintain the current practice of establishing representative boundaries where at least three Board of Supervisor districts include unincorporated territory, with two of the districts having area predominately outside incorporated cities, as population will permit?

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This measure requires approval of a simple majority (50% plus 1) of those voting on the measure. Full text of this measure follows the argument in favor.

## **COUNTY COUNSEL IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS**

This measure was placed on the ballot by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. If approved by a majority of the voters voting on the measure, this measure will amend the San Diego County Charter related to redistricting the supervisorial districts.

The San Diego County Charter currently requires the Board of Supervisors to reapportion the supervisorial districts every ten years. The Charter also requires the district boundaries be drawn such that the area of at least two districts is substantially outside the City of San Diego.

This Measure will require a redistricting commission authorized by state law to reapportion the supervisorial districts every ten years rather than the Board of Supervisors. The Measure will also require the district boundaries be drawn such that at least two districts are predominantly outside of all incorporated cities rather than just the City of San Diego. The Measure will also add a requirement that the district boundaries be drawn such that at least three districts include unincorporated area.

## **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B**

### **Preserving Balanced Representation in Unincorporated Areas of San Diego County**

The San Diego County Charter establishes the structure of County government, and defines how County government operates in order to best serve the County's residents.

This proposed change to the County Charter is designed to ensure that any resident of this region, whether they live in a city or in the unincorporated area, will have their voice heard and their interests fairly represented on the Board of Supervisors.

### **A diverse county requires equal representation of communities on the Board of Supervisors**

The County of San Diego is over 4,000 square miles with over 3.3 million residents calling our great county home.

The five elected officials who represent the over 3.3 million county residents on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors are selected from individual districts whose boundaries are adjusted every ten years following the federal census. Over 500,000 of these residents reside in unincorporated areas.

### **Charter change preserves equal representation**

Currently all five districts include major urban cities and four of these districts include unincorporated area with two of the districts having area that is predominately outside the incorporated cities.

This Charter amendment would mirror existing practice as it relates to the representative make-up of supervisorial district lines and establish it as a protected policy once placed in the County Charter.

### **Will prevent residents of San Diego County from being disenfranchised**

Measure B maintains equal representation of all residents on the Board of Supervisors

### **Please join us in voting Yes on B!**

Kristin Gaspar  
Chairwoman  
San Diego County Board of Supervisors

Dianne Jacob  
Vice-Chairwoman  
San Diego County Board of Supervisors

## **ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B**

No argument against the measure was filed in the office of the Registrar of Voters.

## FULL TEXT OF MEASURE B

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED "PRESERVING BALANCED REPRESENTATION IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY"

IT IS RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego pursuant to California Constitution, Art. XI, sections 3(a) and 3(b) and Articles 2 and 3 (commencing at section 23720) of Chapter 5, Division 1, Title 3 of the Government Code, that the Charter of the County of San Diego (San Diego County Charter) be amended by revising section 400.1 as set forth herein, and that the proposed amendments be submitted to the eligible registered voters in San Diego County for approval or rejection at a special election to be consolidated with the statewide general election to be held on November 6, 2018 in San Diego County, State of California.

IT IS PROPOSED by the Board of Supervisors that the San Diego County Charter be amended by revising section 400.1 to read as follows:

**Section 400.1: Redistricting Commission.** After each federal decennial census, the supervisorial districts of the County shall be reapportioned in the manner specified by general law by a redistricting commission established pursuant to the California Elections code. The supervisorial district boundaries shall be drawn in such a way that the area of at least three districts shall include unincorporated territory with two of the districts having geographic area that is predominantly outside of the incorporated cities as population will permit.