

Rebuttal to Argument Against AAA – Auditor

Vote Yes on Measure AAA and Strengthen the City Auditor

We are confident that Long Beach voters will read and understand the plain language of Measure AAA and realize that the argument Against Measure AAA is full of falsehoods.

Measure AAA will not gut the City Auditor's authority. **City Auditor Doud fully endorses Measure AAA** as it strengthens – not diminishes – the Office's oversight authority.

Measure AAA will not remove the City Auditor's ability to obtain certified copies of all City contracts. That Charter provision remains unchanged. Measure AAA takes it one step further by allowing the City Auditor to examine **ALL CITY RECORDS**, not just contracts and financial records.

Measure AAA requires the City Auditor to issue all audit reports to the Mayor, City Council and City Clerk to ensure that those who are responsible for City operations are aware of audit findings and recommendations. Opponents falsely claim that the City Clerk reports directly to the public. Rather, the Charter clearly states the City Clerk is hired by and serves at the pleasure of the Council.

The City Auditor is elected by and reports directly to Long Beach residents. The City Auditor posts all audit reports – which are public records – online for the public. Neither the Mayor nor management can bury audit reports.

Measure AAA will strengthen the City Auditor's role as an independent watchdog by authorizing the Office to: 1) to access all city records and 2) to conduct **PERFORMANCE AUDITS OF ALL CITY OPERATIONS** to identify cost savings and improve City services.

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