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## **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE L**

### **Vote YES on Measure L**

Cerritos residents deserve a government that respects their taxpayer dollars, increases voter participation, and prioritizes fiscal responsibility. Moving our Cerritos municipal elections to November of even-numbered years and consolidating them with statewide elections is a common-sense good government reform that will reduce election costs and make better use of taxpayer funds.

- **SAVE MILLIONS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS.** Conducting separate municipal elections requires public funds for election administration, ballot preparation, polling locations, staffing, and other election-related expenses. Consolidating city elections with the November statewide elections will reduce the cost of administering separate municipal elections, saving millions of taxpayer dollars over future elections.

- **INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION.** Aligning city elections with statewide elections results in higher resident participation in selecting their city leaders. Higher voter participation ensures that more Cerritos residents are represented and heard.

- **PROMOTE STRONG AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.** Consolidating elections is a more efficient use of taxpayer dollars, and demonstrate a commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Measure L is good government. Cerritos faces important financial priorities, and every opportunity to use public funds more efficiently deserves serious consideration. Money saved on duplicative election expenses can remain available for other community needs and city services.

We owe our residents transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of their hard-earned tax dollars.

Let's reduce unnecessary election expenses, encourage greater voter participation, and make our local government more efficient.

**We respectfully request that you VOTE YES to save taxpayer dollars and increase voter participation in a stronger, more representative Cerritos!**

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