

Argument Form

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Argument in Favor of Measure

Measure Title

A Measure Pertaining to the Sacramento Mayoral Accountability and Community Equity Act of 2020

Election Date: November 03, 2020

Reason for Argument (Max 300 Words)

This is a moment of change and opportunity in our country and our city. Strong Mayor? No! Accountable Mayor? Yes! Sacramento needs an accountable leader who is empowered to act in times of emergency, who has the ability to implement reforms when change is needed and who can fight for budget priorities that advance equity and economic progress.

Accountability In A Crisis: The COVID 19 pandemic has shown how important it is for an accountable Mayor to be able to act quickly and decisively in urgent times. The virus has also exacerbated systemic inequities between people and neighborhoods. An accountable Mayor needs to be empowered in times of emergency or natural disaster to deliver real results.

Accountable To Our Citizens: Measure A establishes a participatory budget process, giving citizens direct input on spending priorities, including investment in economic opportunity, youth services, mental health and public safety reforms. It requires the city to analyze the racial, ethnic, LGBTQ and gender impacts of all its major decisions. Citizens rightfully expect our city to maintain its strengths and make more progress to help people in neighborhoods too often left behind. Our Mayor must be accountable and have the tools to deliver.

Accountability and Balance: Measure A is balanced. It strengthens the City Council by giving it exclusive authority over land use and planning decisions. The Mayor's executive authority is kept in check by a stronger City Council. It also establishes term limits that allow the Mayor to serve no more than two terms.

Sacramento is facing big challenges in the years ahead. We need an accountable leader and City Council that can act quickly to address pressing issues like managing growth, homelessness and housing and getting our economy back on track. Vote Yes on Measure A for accountability, transparency and progress.

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