

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION C

KEEP THE FOX OUT OF THE HENHOUSE

Prop C allows the mayor to choose the person who audits all city management and all city departments. The mayor is the city manager in charge of all city departments; allowing any mayor to appoint the person who will audit the city departments is like having the fox guard the henhouse.

HONEST GOVERNMENT NEEDS AN INDEPENDENT CITY AUDITOR

Public confidence in the city's finances begins with the auditor. An independent auditor ensures trustworthy, timely and accurate financial reporting and increases taxpayer confidence in how tax dollars are spent.

SAN DIEGO LOST ITS CREDIT RATING BECAUSE OF MANAGEMENT INTERFERENCE

In 2004, the city auditor left in disgrace when it was found that false and misleading financial statements were issued under pressure from management. Prop C allows this behavior to continue.

PROP C PROTECTS POLITICAL INTERESTS, NOT THE TAXPAYERS

The auditor's job is to protect the taxpayers by being an objective and independent check on the city's financial controls and performance. The auditor must not be a political rubber stamp.

PROP C IS A SMOKESCREEN

Prop C bundles together a confusing mix of City Charter changes. Voters do not have a real choice about which items to support and which to reject.

PROTECT YOUR TAX DOLLARS

National auditing standards require auditors to be independent from the entity they examine. Prop C violates those requirements by having the fox guard the henhouse.

"Lack of independence negatively impacts the auditor's ability to be objective. The citizens of San Diego deserve better."

John Torell, San Diego City Auditor, 2005-2007

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION C

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