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**ARGUMENT / REBUTTAL**

Election Date: November 3, 2020  
 Proposition: Measure J - Charter Amendment Public Works Contracts  
 Jurisdiction: City of San Buenaventura  
 Argument In Favor:  (300 Words)      Rebuttal to Argument Against  (250 Words)  
 Argument Against  (300 Words)      Rebuttal to Argument In Favor  (250 Words)  
 Argument Deadline: July 30, 2020      Rebuttal Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement Must Be Typed**

The City of Ventura Charter currently limits options for ways to deliver critical public works projects to our residents. This proposed Charter amendment will enable the City to use more than one method to deliver needed road repairs, sidewalk improvements and pipe replacements by allowing the flexibility of project-by-project determinations. Having more options will allow us to deliver capital projects faster and at a lower cost. We will also be able to complete energy sustainability projects at little or no cost to the City by using the money from the energy savings to fund the projects. In doing so we will continue to maintain the highest principles in public contracting of open and fair competition.

Ventura is a Charter City which is authorized by the State Constitution to determine how it exercises its local contracting authority. The California Public Contract requires all cities, including charter cities, to follow the Public Contract Code unless a Charter provision in a charter city expressly exempts it or a charter city's ordinance conflicts with a provision of the Public Contract Code. This proposed Charter amendment would exempt Ventura from the Public Contract Code unless the City on a project-by-project basis elects to be bound by it. By adopting this amendment, the City would have the ability to utilize public works contracting methods and procedures currently available to other cities under State law. If this amendment is not adopted, the City would continue to be limited to a single method of public works contracting, thereby eliminating the potential for faster project delivery, cost savings for the City, and most energy savings projects.

Please vote yes on this Charter amendment, to allow the City the options and flexibility necessary to continue delivering great public works projects in a more timely and cost-effective manner.

