

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE _____

Union City voters should vote NO on becoming a Charter city. Why? All three CA cities that have filed bankruptcy were Charter cities: San Bernardino, Stockton and Vallejo. Charter cities are exempt from state laws on salary limits for elected officials. For example, the City of Bell paid its City Manager \$800,000/year and Council members \$100,000/year. Do you want this in Union City? Also, Charter cities are exempt from 1986 Proposition 62, which mandates a public vote whenever cities want to raise taxes on business licenses, hotel rooms, certain real estate transactions and other items. Do you want to waive your vote if the City wants to increase your taxes? You are already burdened with one of California's highest sales tax rates at 10%. Now the City wants to add a real estate transfer tax that will significantly increase the cost for you to sell or buy a home or business in Union City. The City is taxing us two years later for the same programs in Measure QQ. Why are they requesting more taxes? The City is not managing our tax dollars wisely and is asking for the freedom to increase taxes without voter approval. Vote NO on Measure "_____".

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