



ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL FORM

ELECTION DATE: March 3, 2015 MEASURE I.D. (if any): _____

JURISDICTION: City of Bell

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE ____

In 2010, residents of the City of Bell faced a serious crisis of public confidence in local government. Councilmembers were being paid enormous salaries for sitting on local boards that never met. Councilmembers and staff were raising their own salaries whenever they chose and laughing about it behind closed doors. The City Manager was making loans to City staff and signing contracts without the approval of the City Council. Pensions were being set up that would have cost the City millions of dollars.

Then the citizens pulled together to change the direction of the City. Among the things that the new City Council has done is to create a Charter Committee made up of representatives of all segments of the community to review and improve the City Charter. In the course of putting that Committee together, the City Council has determined that there are several non-controversial Charter changes that need to be put in place immediately.

The City Council has put those changes on the ballot for your approval. Additional changes will be considered by the Committee in the future at open public meetings where everyone can see and understand what is happening. Any additional changes will also be subject to approval by the voters.

We urge you to VOTE YES to approve these changes to our City Charter. By limiting Council compensation, prohibiting loans to employees, fixing the recall process, prohibiting financial conflicts of interest, preventing the City indemnifying councilmembers for their criminal acts, eliminating the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer office, and other changes, this Charter Amendment will help prevent the sort of corruption which has occurred in Bell in the past.

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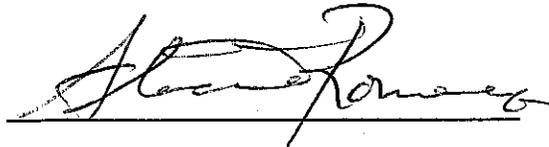
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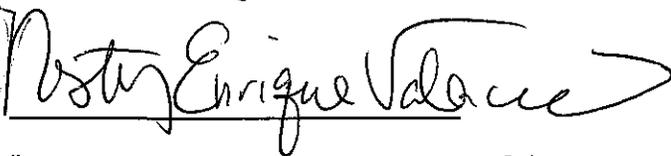
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 Argument Against Rebuttal to Argument in Favor

of ballot measure Charter Amendment at the General Municipal
(name and/or letter) (title of election)

election for the CITY OF BELL to be held on
MARCH 3, 2015 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the
(date)

best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

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2.	<u>ALI SALEH</u> Printed Name <u>COUNCIL MEMBER</u> Title to Appear on Argument	<u>Ali Saleh</u> Signature <u>11/21/14</u> Date
3.	<u>Violeta Alvarez</u> Printed Name <u>Council member</u> Title to Appear on Argument	<u>Violeta Alvarez</u> Signature <u>11/21/14</u> Date
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