

Argument in Favor of Measure G

Measure G is a common sense improvement which streamlines county purchasing requirements and reduces unnecessary bureaucracy.

As currently worded Charter Section 602 requires all business owners who provide services to the County to sign a written contract with the County. This includes providers of routine services who do not use written contracts in the normal course of their business. For example, the County had to do a written contract with a jeweler to get a clock repaired. These are the types of services for which you, as an individual, would never require a written contract. These small business owners often resist this change in their normal business routine. When they are willing to sign a contract, they usually seek to renegotiate the County's standard contract, which is designed for more complex transactions, so that most of the provisions are eliminated. The County usually agrees to such revisions in order to obtain the necessary services. This costs county taxpayers and small businesses time and money, and benefits nobody. Instead of a costly bureaucratic process, these simple services should be acquired through a straightforward, streamlined, documented agreement such as a purchase order, which does not have to be signed by the service provider.

This measure fixes the glitch in Charter Section 602 which the Grand Jury said "significantly increased costs to the County" and "creates several inefficiencies." The Charter Review Committee also independently recommended a similar fix to Section 602.

Measure G creates both efficiency and accountability by requiring the purchase of services to be made with proper and appropriate documentation. This minor change will make government more efficient, save taxpayer dollars and make it easier for small businesses in El Dorado County to do business with the County.

The undersigned authors of the primary argument in favor of ballot Measure G at the General Election for the County of El Dorado to be held on November 2, 2010 hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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