Argument in Favor of Measure C

Vote "YES" on Measure C to reduce abuse of power and provide fair and equitable representation and opportunities for all WESTMINSTER RESIDENTS!

MEASURE C WILL:

- <u>STOP</u> potential corruption and abuse of power by politicians who hold the title of mayor for too long.
- <u>CREATE</u> five councilmember districts which will greatly improve and expand the ability of communities of interest, neighborhoods, and minority groups to elect candidates of their choice.
- PROVIDE constituents in each district the satisfaction of seeing the councilmember they elected serve as the public face of the City of Westminster.
- <u>ALIGN</u> Westminster with 26 other cities in Orange County who appoint their mayor annually.
- DEPOLITICIZE the office of mayor and eliminate the need to undergo a cost-prohibitive citywide political campaign to serve as mayor, providing equitable access and opportunity for residents across all socio-economic groups to serve as mayor.
- INTRODUCE fresh ideas and innovation to Westminster City Council leadership.
- INCREASE the likelihood that the mayor will have local government experience as a Westminster councilmember before serving as mayor.
- <u>EXPAND</u> community and city representation on outside/regional boards and commissions.
- **<u>REMOVE</u>** the illusion that the mayor runs the city or has more legislative power than the other councilmembers.

FACTS:

- Westminster has had only two mayors in 22 years!
- Westminster did <u>not</u> have a directly-elected mayor until 1986. This measure merely reestablishes the original procedure of selecting a mayor annually as it was before 1986.
- Only <u>seven</u> cities in Orange County have a directly-elected mayor, all but one have significantly larger populations than Westminster.

VOTE "YES" ON MEASURE C TO REDUCE CORRUPTION AND PROVIDE FAIR AND EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES AND REPRESENTATION FOR <u>ALL</u> RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER!

s/ Terry Rains Westminster Resident/Community Leader

s/ Claudia Steinmetz Traffic Commissioner/Community Leader

s/ Teri Vu-Nguyen Business Owner/Planning Commissioner

s/ Jessica Lostaunau Teacher

s/ Nguyet Pham Registered Nurse/Planning Commissioner