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Rebuttal to Direct Opposition Argument to Measure MM

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Residents for Reform is correct to be concerned about a city council attempting to raise taxes and borrow money without a vote of the people. Measure MM, the Taxpayer Protection Act, is the first step to protect Newport Beach taxpayers.

The Taxpayer Protection Act makes it more difficult for City Council members to place a tax increase on the ballot.

The Taxpayer Protection Act is intended to close the loophole in the Newport Beach City Charter that makes it easier for a city council to propose raising taxes.

In fact, this was already voted on and passed by the taxpayers of Newport Beach decades ago, but because the courts established a loophole for charter cities it didn't apply to Newport Beach.

Jon Coupal, President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association agrees, "This measure closes that loophole for the City of Newport Beach by requiring, as mandated by Proposition 62, that local taxes receive a two-thirds vote of the governing body as a necessary condition prior to being place on the ballot."

A yes vote on Measure MM will require five votes by the council, rather than a simple majority, and is the first step towards complete taxpayers' protection.

Your support of Measure MM is essential to keeping taxes low in the City of Newport Beach and finally ensures that Newport Beach is in full compliance with the taxpayer protections most California residents have enjoyed for decades.

Vote Yes on Measure MM and Close the Higher Taxes Loophole.

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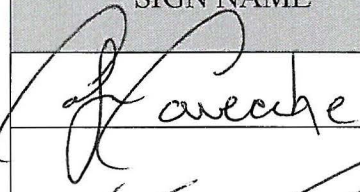

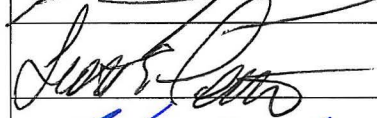

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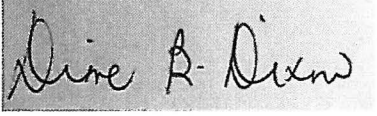
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