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Argument Against Measure U

Vote NO on these Charter Amendments. They are a mishmash of ideas that don't make sense – like tossing a bunch of laundry in the hamper to be washed (whitewashed in this case).

Director of Public Works and the County Surveyor. A similar proposed change was presented to the voters just a few years ago and they wisely rejected it. We should again VOTE NO. When a vacancy recently arose, there was no problem attracting qualified candidates. There is NO reason to change the current charter and potentially pay two people to do what one person does now.

Public Administrator. This is a vital function that can and should be performed by a person elected by the people, not someone plucked from the bureaucracy. The Public Administrator job involves managing the assets of people who do not have someone to settle their affairs, or worse, are the victims of financial abuse. We do not need faceless bureaucrats with no accountability to the voters of Fresno County holding this position. **DO NOT GIVE AWAY YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE** for a person who holds such an important position of trust.

Local Preferences. Our Charter already requires preference to Fresno County products and vendors - when price and quality are equal. This change is not necessary. It is unimaginable that our elected board of supervisors would give preference to people and businesses outside of Fresno County. **OUR BUSINESSES AND TAXPAYERS COME FIRST.** We should not be misled. This is solution in search of a problem that does not exist in our county.

Measure U asks voters to fix problems that do not exist.

Vote NO on these Charter Amendments. They reduce voter power and oversight. In an era in which we need greater accountability, these amendments send us in the wrong direction. Vote NO.

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The undersigned proponent(s)* or author(s)* of the PRIMARY
 argument AGAINST (primary/rebuttal)
 ballot measure U (in favor of/against)
 at the STATE WIDE 2016 GENERAL ELECTION (name or number)
 election for the CO. OF FRESNO (title of election)
 to be held on NOV 8, 2016 (jurisdiction) hereby state that such argument is
 (date) true and correct to the best of HER knowledge and belief."
 (his/her/their)
 Signed _____ Date 8/17/16