Rebuttal to Argument Opposing Measure C

Over 59,000 Santa Clara County voters qualified Measure C for the ballot to ensure that 1,200 nurses, 750 correctional peace officers, and 300 prosecutors and public defenders get a fair say in labor disputes.

Why is MEASURE C necessary?

- 1. So that employees who aren't allowed to strike for public safety reasons still have a fair way to resolve labor disputes.
- 2. The County doesn't have a fair and cost effective way to resolve labor disputes. This has resulted in strikes, costly lawsuits and 9 year delays in settling labor disputes.
- 3. So the Supervisors won't play politics with labor disputes.

Today, your nurses could go on strike and shut down our emergency rooms. MEASURE C ensures that they stay on the job while a neutral arbitrator resolves any labor disputes.

County government cannot cite a single study demonstrating that arbitration costs more. There is not a single example they can point to where government services have been cut because of arbitration. Not one.

Measure C requires an independent arbitrator, jointly selected by employees and the county to use facts and evidence before making any ruling.

Why? Because MEASURE C, requires the arbitrator to consider the County's financial condition before making any financial decisions. That safeguard does not currently exist in our Charter.

The arbitration provision in Measure C has been used successfully in over 20 California jurisdictions including Gilroy, Palo Alto and San Jose.

Keep nurses, correctional officers and prosecutors on the job.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE C.

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