

Argument in Favor of Measure DD

Give ALL Santa Ana residents a voice in city elections by voting **YES on Measure DD**!

For the first 150 years of our nation's history, 40 states and territories at various times allowed noncitizens to vote.

Being involved in the community is an important part of American life. Measure DD will give noncitizen residents greater opportunities to participate in the community and democratic process. Santa Ana will be a stronger city when all residents can participate in making decisions that affect their daily lives, including decisions about who gets to represent them at City Hall.

About 1/4 of Santa Ana residents currently don't have a say in city elections just because of their immigration status. Many have lived here for decades and contribute greatly to the local economy. They pay taxes, own homes and property, run local businesses, work, and raise families in Santa Ana. They should be able to vote for the city officials who make decisions impacting their daily lives. Measure DD will empower them to do so.

We deserve a local government that works for all Santa Ana residents. By passing Measure DD city officials will face greater pressures to be more transparent, responsive to residents' needs, and responsible with our taxpayer dollars. Expanding the ability to vote in city elections to all adult residents will help ensure that Santa Ana city government is accountable to everyone who lives here.

Federal law is clear that noncitizens can legally vote in local elections if state and local law allows it. A 2023 court ruling confirmed it is constitutional for charter cities like Santa Ana to expand who can vote in local elections.

Vote **YES on Measure DD** to ensure Santa Ana city government represents ALL of us.

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