

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure O

In 1889 Pacific Grove was incorporated as a city governed by a five-member Board of Trustees. The city founders got it right: a five-member legislative body is the right size for Pacific Grove. An overwhelming majority of California cities (90 percent) have a five-member city council.

Good reasons to vote yes are:

- Efficiency and effectiveness
- Responsiveness to the public
- Increased public influence with less members to contact
- Enhanced accountability
- Lower costs and administrative burden
- Smaller likelihood of factions that can divide councils

Diversity will occur with the election of diverse and thoughtful councilmembers, not simply with additional councilmembers.

Reducing council from 7 to 5 will serve to strengthen Pacific Grove's representative government and bring the city in line with regional and statewide counterparts.

Vote Yes for a right-sized city council.

Thank you.

Bill Peake, Mayor

Nick Smith, Councilmember

Jenny McAdams, Councilmember

Amy Tomlinson, Councilmember

Luke Coletti, Councilmember

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