



## ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Z

### Background:

- In 1927 the citizens of Pacific Grove voted to adopt a charter that included as one of its provisions a seven-member city council.
- In 2022 a council elected under that same provision proposed by means of a ballot measure that the charter be amended to reduce the size of the council from 6 to 4 and for no good reason. Pacific Grove voted against this change (measure O) in 2022.
- The present Council refuses to accept the 2022 ballot decision and the majority vote of the citizens of Pacific Grove.
- Meanwhile Pacific Grove is expected to increase its voter base by as much as 20% in the coming years with its housing initiatives. Why should we decrease Council's representation now?

The proposed amendment runs counter to our community's commitment to expanding representative democracy, diversity, equity, and opportunities for public service and citizen participation.

Having a seven-member council has so far resulted in:

- More opportunities for citizens to serve
- Broader and more diverse representation
- More voices weighing in on important decisions
- Wider sharing of Council duties
- Increased regional agency participation

The people of Pacific Grove have benefited from having a seven-member council for 97 years. The proposed charter amendment is unjustified.

**Please vote NO.**

Respectfully,

Chaps Poduri, Councilmember, City of Pacific Grove  
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Tina Rau, Candidate for Pacific Grove City Council

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