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Argument in Favor of Measure ____

We're proud that our elections have always been clean and open to all types of candidates. Now we can improve our system with a plan created by Santa Clarans for Santa Clarans.

We strongly urge you to support a new proposal for three council districts. It's superior to the current six-district plan imposed upon our city.

In 2018, Santa Clara was sued by a group that argued we had a history of racially polarized voting. A judge agreed and created six council districts.

We disagreed. The City -- on behalf of all Santa Clarans -- is appealing the ruling. Furthermore, we strongly believe that Santa Clara residents should determine what's best for Santa Clara.

This year, a diverse group of Santa Clarans on the Charter Review Committee convened to identify the best plan. The Committee recommended three districts to replace the current system after 2020. The three-district plan ensures that in each election after 2020 all Santa Clara neighborhoods will vote -- not just a few.

With three districts, it will be cheaper to run for office. Candidates won't have to communicate across the entire city. Candidates won't need to raise large amounts of money from developers and special interests. Therefore, elections will be more accessible to all people, especially candidates from neighborhoods and ethnic groups that may be underrepresented.

It's fair representation for all. With three districts, every Santa Claran will be represented by two Councilmembers, not just one.

So, if one representative can't find time to help a resident, another could. Finally, this three-district plan preserves the right of Santa Clara voters to directly elect our Mayor now and in the future. Other proposals sought to eliminate this power.

We strongly urge you to support the plan created by Santa Clarans for Santa Clarans.

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