

# REBUTTAL ARGUMENT TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J

Vote No on Measure J—We won't go back.

Measure J is a power grab led by a Chevron lobbyist. It will **increase the cost** of running for office, **disenfranchise thousands of voters**, and **cost taxpayers** thousands of dollars, yet won't solve a single problem in Richmond.

Measure J sponsors want to overturn election rules because the city council has held big corporations accountable.

Recently, the council agreed to a \$550 million settlement with Chevron and passed a progressive business tax that will fund public safety, fix our streets, and repair parks without increasing taxes on residents.

Measure J seeks to reverse this and install a city council that will give favors to corporations and not hold polluters accountable.

This is how Richmond was governed for decades. We can't go back.

Measure J will *decide most elections in low-turnout primaries* when voter turnout is only half of November elections, and even lower among diverse communities. This system will *disenfranchise low-income voters of color* and favor candidates backed by big corporations. **That's not Majority Rule!**

Instant Runoff Voting (Measure L) has been used for decades throughout the country. It's better than Measure J because it produces

- **True "majority rule"** – candidates win with 50% of the vote
- Candidates have to **speak to all voters**.

Measure L *increases voter participation and majority rule*, and does it with one election. *Measure J does the opposite*.

The wealthy backers of Measure J want to retake Richmond. **Join us and reject the Polluters' Power Grab!**

Each Rebuttal Argument may be up to 250 words.

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Election Date: **November 5, 2024**

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