

REBUTTAL ARGUMENT TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE L

Measure L – Less Than 50% Vote

Measure L’s Oakland-style Instant Runoff Voting doesn’t require candidates to win by receiving a majority of votes cast.

- Since Instant Runoff Voting was initiated in Oakland in 2010, only once has a Mayor in Oakland gotten elected with a majority of votes cast. Only once.
- City Councilmember candidates using Oakland-style Instant Runoff Voting are routinely elected with less than 50% of votes cast. This would make representation in Richmond even weaker.

Brings Oakland to Richmond

Overlaying Oakland-style voting in Richmond means Richmond would be more like Oakland when it comes to how local government is run. When candidates can win without being chosen by a majority of voters, then public policy suffers and voters lose faith in their representatives, just like in Oakland.

Penalizes Voters

Measure L penalizes voters. With Measure L’s Oakland-style voting, if a voter doesn’t vote for one of the top candidates, then her ballot will be eliminated and not counted toward the final vote tally. That voter’s voice will be silenced.

Difficult to Vote. Difficult to Audit.

Rather than a simple one-person one-vote system, Oakland-style voting is so complex that even election officials have made serious mistakes, taking months to uncover and even longer to identify and seat the actual winner.

Vote NO on Measure L.

Voting in Richmond should be made easier, not more difficult and more complicated. We should also demand a true majority vote system so all of our voices can be heard.

Each Rebuttal Argument may be up to 250 words.

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