

## ARGUMENT AGAINST CHARTER AMENDMENT B

SUPPORT SOLAR POWER. VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION B.

There is a more efficient way to produce more solar power AND at a lower cost using better technology - but if Prop B passes - the City will be forced to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on outdated technology that benefits no one except for the people who paid to put this on the ballot.

This multi-billion dollar plan was placed on the ballot at the last minute as the result of City Hall backroom dealings. There was no engineering and operational input from DWP. The Council did not consider the impact on Ratepayers, the overall cost of this massive project, or the impact on the already burdened infrastructure. Our rates were just raised 24%! (✓ New text)

It is just another one of these tricky deals that says it's about solar energy and workforce development.

The LA Times wrote, "This rush to the ballot has the scent of swindle about it."

The Council's own analyst explained that it would be simpler for the DWP to design a solar plan with the public's involvement and then have the Council vote on an ordinance. It's really that easy.

Trade union members, environmentalists, solar equipment manufacturers, DWP Ratepayers, and citizens are disgusted with secret self-serving deals that favor special interests, in this case the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

- IBEW was the Mayor's largest financial supporter.
- IBEW will be handed the entire "contract." There is no competitive bidding.
- Other skilled trade unions can do the work more efficiently.
- The IBEW monopoly will cost Ratepayers hundreds of millions extra, which could be better used to buy additional solar power!

Don't be fooled by City Hall. Demand honesty and transparency.

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