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#### **VOTE NO ON MEASURE V: A COSTLY SPECIAL INTEREST SCHEME**

An LA-based special interest group is behind both Measures V and W, costing Ontario taxpayers over a million dollars for a special election. The same special interest group was behind a similar measure in Anaheim, which voters overwhelmingly rejected after an independent study showed that it would permanently harm the city's budget, result in millions in lost economic activity, and cause 5,128 job losses.

#### **PUTS PUBLIC SAFETY AT RISK**

The special interest backing Measure V falsely claims that it's needed to protect hotel housekeepers. In reality, Measure V does NOT enhance the safety of hotel employees because the city of Ontario ALREADY passed an ordinance that requires hotels to equip workers with panic buttons. Instead, Measure V will reduce city revenue and could lead to cuts in public safety and other essential services — putting all Ontario residents at risk.

#### **ANOTHER BLOW TO SMALL BUSINESSES**

Let's be clear: Measure V isn't about billionaires – there are none in Ontario – or about big corporations. It's an attack on our local businesses.

Ontario family-owned hotels and small businesses already face some of the highest state taxes and utility costs in the nation. Measure V imposes an unsustainable \$30-per-hour wage mandate on many Ontario businesses that will cause their operating expenses to skyrocket. These local businesses have no choice but to raise prices, reduce hiring, or cut staff altogether.

Vote NO on Measure V.

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