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Hello,
Attached please find a letter from Citizens Planning Association in opposition to Agenda item A-9
From Marell Brooks
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Re: Opposition to Item A-9 Local Ballot Measures Supporter/Opponents Printing

Dear Members of the Board:

Citizens Planning Association urges a NO vote on Item A-9, brought forward by the County Elections office. If adopted, Item A-9 would invalidate efforts to provide increased transparency in Government.

Specifically, item A-9 seeks to exempt Santa Barbara County from the requirements of AB 1416, also known as the DISCLOSE Act, which is designed to provide greater transparency to ballot measures.

AB1416 would require a voter's ballot to include a short list of those who support or oppose a ballot measure. **Each list is limited to no more than 125 characters**, with rules to avoid political parties and newly-created sham organization from being listed.

The cost of adding 125 characters to the 75 word ballot description is minor in comparison to the benefits to voters.

We urge you to reject the request and follow the DISCLOSE ACT to provide greater transparency to voters.

Sincerely,

Marell Brooks, President
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