**Los Angeles Measure S**

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**A Yes Vote Means:** You want to impose a two-year moratorium on projects seeking General Plan Amendments or zone or height-district changes, and adopt certain other new requirements regarding the General Plan.

Those in favor say it will:

* limit City Hall’s power to award special land-use favors to big developers
* end the unethical practice of letting developers handpick the “expects” who prepare reports
* allow local neighborhoods to plan their own neighborhood future
* impose a short two year-year time out on the biggest and worst development projects
* encourage new affordable rental housing construction

**Supported by:**

* Environmental groups including *Environmental Justice Collaborative, Environmental Quality Act, LA Audubon Society, Citizens for LA Wildlife*
* Homeowners and homeowner associations
* Social justice groups including *Catholic Worker Homeless Services, Global Government Emergency Services*
* Multiple Neighborhood Councils
* Tenant groups including *Los Angeles Tenants Union*
* Some government officials including *Richard Riordan, Past President of the Los Angeles Planning Commission, Diane Watson*

**A No Vote Means:** You do not want to impose a two-year moratorium on projects seeking General Plan Amendments or zone or height-district changes, or adopt certain other requirements regarding the General Plan

Those against say it will:

* cost the city millions in lost revenue from permits and other fees
* cost lost jobs
* drive LA into recession

**Supported by:**

* Mayor Garcetti
* United Firefighters
* United Way
* National Organization of women
* LA Federation of Labor
* CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice
* Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission

**In Summary:**

I am not a legal analysis and can only give a summary of what I have read and researched. My conclusion is that it depends on the values and lens one has in viewing Los Angeles’ future.

Those who are in favor measure S what to preserve their neighbor hoods, and oppose mega construction with its effects on the environment and the infrastructure.

Those who oppose Measure S are concerned about the loss of revenue and jobs in Los Angeles.

You may want to read the opinion section in the Sunday LA Times opposing Measure S

I welcome any additional insights or comments.

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