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CALL TO ACTION!

Assembly Member Roger Hernandez intro (again) to make West Covina go to "dist elections!"

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Last year, our Assembly Representative Roger Hernandez introduced Assembly Bill 278 which would have required our city to go to "District-based Elections" It failed to pass. We will reintroduce this year as Assembly Bill 278. It is being reintroduced by Mr. Hernandez.

If passed, **this State-imposed law will affect West Covina and El Monte**. It will require West Covina and others throughout the state with populations over 100,000 to change from an at-large election process to "district-wide" elections. Cities will have to go through the cost of drawing up districts.

In 2009, West Covina had a ballot measure on this very issue. It was Measure D. It was to go to District-wide elections. Measure D was resoundingly defeated by the voters of West Covina. Voters chose to keep "at-large" elections.

The first question you have to ask is what business is it of the State to interfere with elections? City residents have the right to decide how they are governed.

The second question is how much will this proposed law cost? The city is still financially struggling. AB 278 will inflict yet another financial burden on city government.

The third question would be why Mr. Roger Hernandez thinks reintroducing this bill

idea. Shouldn't he support local interests and local control?

Our state has many more priorities that Mr. Hernandez should focus on such as re jobs to California, improving water infrastructure during this critical drought or refo criminal justice system to promote safe communities.

The voters of West Covina have spoken on this issue. **I urge voters in West Covina opposition to AB 278 by calling the office of Assembly Member Roger Hernandez.**

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Even if you don't live in a city with a population of 100,000 you should still be conc maintaining the right to local control and local governance!

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