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ELECTION DATE: November 8, 2016

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#### **Charter Amendment 1 adds an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy between the people of Culver City and our first responders.**

Under the current charter, the democratically elected City Council has ultimate authority over the Police and Fire Chiefs. So, if the community has a problem with the police or fire department, we can go directly to our elected leaders and ask them to fix it. If City Council ignores our concerns, we can vote them out.

Charter Amendment 1 would destroy that accountability by giving absolute power over the hiring, firing, and compensation of the Police and Fire Chiefs to a single unelected executive—the City Manager.

History proves that our current charter works. In 1998, a local newspaper reported serious problems with our police department. According to the article, our police were routinely targeting people of color in traffic stops and the department's practice of hogtying suspects had caused two deaths. The community demanded change, and our elected leaders prodded the department to improve. That process led directly to today's proactive and professional force. According to a recent survey, 84% of Culver City residents believe that our police department is "good" or "excellent." Similarly, under the stewardship of our City Council, our fire department has avoided the nepotism scandals that have plagued other local fire departments.

#### **Communities should directly control the institutions that are meant to serve us.**

Recent events have shown that the partnership between the people and our police and fire departments is more important than ever. This is not the time for less democracy. Our citizens deserve to have a say in the oversight of our most trusted public servants.

Vote **NO** on Charter Amendment 1.

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