

To: City Council President Peters and Council Members
From: League of Women Voters of San Diego
Date: July 17, 2006
Re: Item S400 Reorganization of City Departments

Please take note of our concern and disappointment in the docketing process that would enable the Mayor's "reengineering" proposals to be docketed for council action without adequate public notice and without benefit of analysis by the council's Independent Budget Analyst.

Our concern is that this is an example of the type of abuse that can easily occur in our city during the period of adjustment to our new form of government.

The mayor's proposal, whether intentional or not, blurs the division of power between his office and yours, perhaps to the extent of violating the city charter.

As some of you will remember, the League of Women Voters strongly recommended a system of monitoring the initial stages of our new government. One of the safeguards we worked hard to establish was the office of Independent Budget Analyst.

We urge you to remove this item from consideration during today's appropriations discussion and redocket the mayor's proposal contingent on an analysis by the IBA and City Attorney, to be provided to the general public as well as the City Council.

Thank you.

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