

Brea City Council
Matters From The Audience (03/04/2014)
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Earlier this evening in closed session Council reviewed the City and County's recent laws, in the election's law violation lawsuit, and an ultimate cost to the city that could well be over half a million dollars. Likely you also discussed whether to file an appeal or not.

We believe there are good reasons why you should not make such an appeal.

The Court of Appeal has ruled that the appeal was neither moot nor frivolous and rejected the city's motion to dismiss.

The Court of Appeal has ruled that the City Clerk violated election law and subsequently failed to make available to the public that which was submitted to the registrar of voters.

The Court of Appeal noted the city refused to follow the law despite a request by the opposition's attorney. At the point it would have cost the city nothing to refrain.

The Court of Appeal has ruled that the action of the City Clerk was neither a typographic error nor an attempt to express the intent of the counsel.

The Court of Appeal has ruled that issues are likely to recur while evading review given the timeframes applicable to elections.

It is the opinion of many that the matter should have been resolved at the very beginning at no cost to the city. We can think of no rationale that would justify the city to pursue a further appeal.

We are asking you to please refrain to such an appeal. Thank you!