

Arguments submitted against Board Proposed Bylaws Amendment, Measure 2

Bylaws Amendment, Measure 2:

Bylaws Amendment proposed by the Co-op Board to add the following language to the Co-op's Bylaws: Section 1.02 (c) "The Sacramento Natural Foods Co-operative shall not discriminate in its employment, purchasing, or any other practices on the basis of race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, disability, political opinion, or national origin."

“Argument opposed to Measure 2 submitted by Charles Steven Arevalo

If you think the Co-op should carry products based on politics and political agendas, vote NO.

If you think the Co-op should stop carrying products from small California farms because of the policies of California's government, vote NO.

If you think the Co-op should stop carrying products from China, Japan, Arab countries or any other nation because of their governmental policies, vote NO.”

http://www.sacfoodcoop.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1530:view-the-pro-and-con-arguments-on-the-ballot-measures&catid=51&Itemid=82%20%29

Analysis of False Ballot Argument "against" Board's Proposed Ballot Measure*

Arevalo: “If you think the Co-op should carry products based on politics and political agendas, vote NO.”

Reality: The Bylaws amendment would prohibit the Co-op from making any purchasing decisions other than purely economic; this would preclude purchasing it makes based on criteria like supporting small farms, purchasing fair trade, no testing on animals. If you think the Co-op should be able to make product and other decisions based on other than strictly economic criteria, vote no on this amendment.

Arevalo: “If you think the Co-op should stop carrying products from small California farms because of the policies of California's government, vote NO.”

Reality: If you think the Co-op should be able to buy products from small or local farms and make purchasing decisions based on sustainability or geographic proximity, vote no on this amendment

Arevalo: “If you think the Co-op should stop carrying products from China, Japan, Arab countries or any other nation because of their governmental policies, vote NO.”

Reality: If you think that Co-op Members should be able to decide about the origin of products their store carries, vote no on this amendment.