

CITY ATTORNEY IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE C

Measure C proposes amendments to the City's existing term limit regulations. Under these existing regulations, after the Mayor or a member of the City Council has served in office for three consecutive terms, they are not be eligible to be elected or appointed to that same position again until at least two years has passed from the date that they left office.

If approved by voters, Measure C would amend the City's existing term limit regulations to prohibit a person who had served as the Mayor and/or as a member of the City Council for two consecutive terms or a combination of full and partial terms totaling seven consecutive years from being elected or appointed as Mayor or as a member of the City Council for a period of two years after they leave office. In other words, once an individual has served as Mayor and/or as a member of the City Council for two consecutive terms or a combination of full and partial terms totaling seven consecutive years, that person could not be elected or appointed as the Mayor or as a member of the City Council until they have been out of office for two years.

Measure C also provides that any person (whether appointed or elected) who serves more than one-half of a term as Mayor or a member of the City Council is deemed to have served a full term in office for purposes of the term limits regulations. Further, if a person resigns or is removed from the position of Mayor or as a member of the City Council (other than to assume a different elective City office as either Mayor or member of the City Council), that person is deemed to have served a full term in office for purposes of the term limits regulations.

Measure C also proposes to change the Mayor's term in office from two years to four years. Because, however, the Mayor's term was already extended to four years, Measure C would not modify the existing term for the Mayor.

Measure C's proposed amendments to the City's existing term limits regulations would apply prospectively only. This means that the proposed new regulations

would only apply to terms of office for the Mayor and members of the City Council that start on or after the effective date of Measure C if Measure C is approved by voters.

Measure C was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters.



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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure C. If you would like a copy of the measure, please call the Oxnard City Clerk's office at 805-385-7803 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also access the full text of the measure and other election materials on the City's home page at www.oxnard.org.