

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE V

The Marina City Council consists of four elected council members and one elected mayor. Each council member serves a four year term and these elections are staggered so that no more than two council seats are up for election in even numbered years. (2016 two council seats; 2018 two council seats)

The mayor's seat is presently elected every two years. Thus, every two years the majority of the council seats are on the ballot.

The mayor is the person who is identified by the public as the "face" of the city. He/she represents the city at public events, presides over meetings, works closely with the city manager, and nominates people to various committees, commissions and boards.

Due to the present election process, a mayor who desires to seek re-election must devote a considerable amount of her/his second year campaigning, raising funds, and attending events to promote his/her re-election.

A four year term would

1. Ensure that a mayor would be able to devote the first three years of his/her term solely to city matters.
2. Eliminate the potential election of a new city council majority every two years.
3. Bring additional stability to city government through consistent policy decisions that are based on research, knowledge and experience.
4. Reduce the amount of campaign literature, signage and fundraising every two years.
5. Increase the relevancy and impact of Marina's vision via the same mayor participating in meetings with other elected officials, boards and committees over a four year period.

As an informed voter, you have the opportunity to maximize the benefit to the City of Marina by establishing a four year mayoral term commencing in 2018.

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REQUIRED FORM STATEMENT

§9600. All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to this division shall be accompanied by the following form statement, to be **signed by each proponent and by each author, if different**, of the argument:

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the PRIMARY argument in favor of
(primary/rebuttal) (in favor of/against)
ballot proposition V at the Residential General election for the City of Marina
(name or number) (title of election) (name of district/jurisdiction)
to be held on 11/8/16 hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.
(date) (his/her/their)

Signatures of Proponents (in order of appearance):

- (1) Printed Name FRANK O'Connell Title (one) CITY COUNCILMAN
Signed [Signature] Date 8/2/16
- (2) Printed Name DAVID W. BROWN Title (one) MARINA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
Signed [Signature] Date 8/3/2016
- (3) Printed Name GAIL MORTON Title (one) MARINA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
Signed [Signature] Date 8/3/2016
- (4) Printed Name Margaret Davis Title (one) Marina Planning Commissioner
Signed [Signature] Date 8/3/2016
- (5) Printed Name David R. Burnett Title (one) PLANNING COMMISSIONER
Signed [Signature] Date 8/14/2016

Authors (if different from Proponents above):

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Signed [Signature] Date 8/2/16
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Argument Against Measure V ” with the blank space being filled in only with the letter designation given to the measure by the Elections Dept.

Since incorporation in 1975, Marina has had a 2 year Mayoral term providing the greatest oversight and accountability possible to the voters. The previous five Mayors of Marina oppose the 4 year term; and our current Mayor has not supported it. All other Mayors in Monterey County have 2 year terms which are the predominant model for all small cities in California and for the rest of the country.

Only 35% of cities in the country have 4 year term mayors. 65% do not. 4 year mayoral terms are appropriate models for the largest cities with full time \$100 - \$200,000 salaried mayors. For example, the largest 10 California cities have 4 year terms.

While approving 4 year terms, the voters of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland and San Jose restricted their mayors from holding office for more than two terms.

This measure, allowing the mayor to face the voters only once every 4 years, has **NO** term limits. If passed, our Mayor would be less accountable to the voters than the powerful mayors of L.A., S.F., San Jose and Oakland are to their constituents. Our current Mayor will be the longest serving one in Marina's history if re-elected (total of 10 years).

Our Mayor is highly visible, energetic, and popular. Our 2 year term model is not broke. If our City government was on the verge of collapse, such a drastic change (4 year term) might be justified.

If there's one thing voters want from their elected leaders, it's for them to be more accountable and responsive **NOT less!**

Please vote NO on the big city 4 year term mayoral model.

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ballot proposition CITY OF MARINA CHARTER MEASURE at the GENERAL MUNICIPAL election for the CITY OF MARINA
(name or number) (title of election) (name of district/jurisdiction)

to be held on 8 NOV 2016 hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of HIS knowledge and belief.
(date) (his/her/their)

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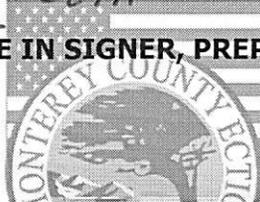
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1989-2010
MAYOR OF MARINA
- (2) Printed Name James E. Perrine Title (one) 1998-2002
Signed [Signature] Date 7/31/16
- (3) Printed Name Caely Jablonski Title (one) Instructor Specialist
Signed [Signature] Date 7/30/14
- (4) Printed Name MICHAEL M. OWEN Title (one) RETIRED - FEDERAL EMPLOYEE
Signed Michael M. Owen Date 1 AUGUST 2016
- (5) Printed Name EDITH V JOHNSON Title (one) MAYOR OF MARINA
Signed Edith V. Johnson Date 1990-1993
8/1/2016

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Impartial Analysis of City of Marina Measure V

Measure V, if approved by a majority of the voters voting on the measure, will amend the City of Marina Home Rule City Charter to change the term of office for the mayor from two years to four years, commencing with the 2018 general municipal election.

Government Code section 34900 et seq. permits the City to have a directly elected mayor and for the mayor to serve either a two-year or a four-year term. The voters of the City of Marina previously voted to have a directly elected mayor who serves a two-year term. Measure V, placed on the ballot by the City Council, would amend the City Charter to change the mayor's term to four years, which would be the same as the term of the other council members. The measure would be in effect for the general municipal election to be held in November 2018.

If the measure is not approved by a majority of voters voting, the mayor's term would remain at two years.


s/ ROBERT R. WELLINGTON
CITY ATTORNEY