
MEASURE L

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ROSEVILLE CITY CHARTER

Shall Section 2.03 of the City Charter be amended to: (1) outline the process for the selection of the next vice mayor; (2) establish a district-based rotational process for the seating of the mayor and vice mayor starting in 2022; and (3) specify that the term of the mayor and vice mayor is two years?

YES _____

NO _____

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY THE ROSEVILLE CITY ATTORNEY

The City Council has placed before the voters the question whether to amend Section 2.03 of the City Charter entitled "Assumption of office by, meeting of council, and seating of mayor and vice mayor."

Currently, Section 2.03 provides that the Councilmember who received the highest number of votes in the latest at-large election shall be seated as vice mayor for two years and then mayor for two years. In December of 2019, the City Council adopted Chapter 2.06 of the Roseville Municipal Code establishing by-district elections. The current method of selecting the vice mayor by highest number of votes is problematic under a by-district election system because the districts are not equal in population and may not have the same number of candidates running for Council.

To resolve those issues, this Charter Amendment would revise Section 2.03 to specify that the Councilmember who received the highest number of votes in the 2018 election, the City's current vice mayor, shall be seated as mayor for a two year term following the certification of the 2020 election. The City Clerk shall draw lots from all of the districts, except the district where the mayor resides, to determine who will be seated as vice mayor for a two year term. Following each general municipal election after 2020, a vice mayor shall be seated by rotation in sequential order of the five districts. After the vice mayor's term terminates, the vice mayor shall be seated as mayor. This Charter Amendment clarifies that the mayor and vice mayor shall each serve a two year term.

A "Yes" vote is a vote in favor of this Charter Amendment. A "No" vote is a vote against this Charter Amendment. This Measure will be approved if it receives a simple majority of "Yes" votes.

Robert R. Schmitt
Roseville City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure L. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Elections Official at 916-774-5263 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE L

This Measure provides a necessary solution which is clear and transparent for how the mayor and vice mayor are selected now that the City Council serves by Districts. This measure has no fiscal impact.

The Charter Review Commission recommends approval of Measure L.

Susan Rohan, Charter Review Commission Chair

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE L WAS SUBMITTED

PROPOSED CHARTER TEXT REVISION

Sec. 2.03. Assumption of office by, meeting of council, and seating of mayor and vice mayor.

The council shall be sworn in and assume office, subject to the qualifying provisions of this charter, upon receipt of a certified statement of the results of the election pursuant to California Elections Code 15372, as it may be hereafter amended. The council shall hold its first meeting at that time. ~~The councilmember who received the highest number of votes in the latest election shall be seated as vice mayor. The vice mayor's term of office shall commence upon assumption of office and continue until the election, qualification and assumption of office of their successor following the next General Municipal Election. Upon termination of a councilmember's term of office as vice mayor, the vice mayor shall be seated as mayor. The mayor's term of office shall commence upon assumption of office and continue until the assumption of their successor following the next General Municipal Election.~~ Following the certification of the 2020 General Municipal Election, the councilmember who received the highest number of votes in the 2018 election shall be seated as mayor for a two (2) year term and the City clerk shall draw lots among all of the electoral districts except the district where the mayor resides to determine the selection of the initial vice mayor. The selected councilmember shall be seated as vice mayor for a two (2) year term. Following each General Municipal Election thereafter, a vice mayor shall be seated by rotation in sequential order of the five (5) districts. Upon termination of a councilmembers' term of office as vice mayor, the vice mayor shall be seated as mayor. The mayor and vice mayor shall each serve a two (2) year term.