



## Local Ballot Measure: V

### Impartial Analysis of Measure V

The City Council of the City of Monterey unanimously approved placing this measure on the ballot.

If the measure is approved, the City's Charter would be amended to make clerical corrections and clarifications to conform to current practices.

This proposed amendment makes changes to:

- **Charter section 2.2 – Eligibility of Elective Officers**

This measure does not change the application or operation of existing law, but substitutes gender-neutral terminology and makes grammatical corrections.

- **Charter section 4.4 – Legislation**

Existing Law: Requires an ordinance to be read out loud at a City Council meeting when it is first introduced. Current law requires ordinances to be published in the newspaper in full at least three days before adoption and that substantive amendments to an ordinance be republished in the newspaper before adoption.

Proposed amendments: If approved, this measure authorizes ordinances to be adopted without reading the ordinance out loud at the meeting in which it is introduced. In practice, this first reading of the full text of the ordinance has been waived on motion of the City Council. The measure also allows for the adoption of ordinances with substantive or clerical amendments between the time of the ordinance's introduction and the time of its final passage as long as the general scope and original purpose are retained. The measure requires newspaper publication of the title and number of the ordinance within 15 days of its adoption.

- **Charter section 4.5 – Appointment and Removal of Officers, Employees and Appointees**

Existing law: Provides that the Board of Library Trustees appoints and removes Library personnel.

Proposed amendment: If approved, the measure reflects that the Library Director appoints and removes employees of the Library. This measure does not change existing practice.

- **Charter section 5.1 – City Manager**

Existing law: Provides that the City Manager appoints other City employees, which would include the Library Director.

Proposed amendment: Reflects that the Board of Library Trustees (not the City Manager) appoints the Library Director as is stated elsewhere in the Charter and as is consistent with current practice. This amendment also deletes outdated language regarding the absence of the City Manager and the position of the Secretary to the City Manager.

- **Charter section 7.1 – Public Library and Board of Library Trustees**

Existing law: Provides that the Board of Library Trustees appoints and removes library personnel. It also provides that the Board selects materials for circulation or study in the Library.

Proposed amendments: If approved, the amendments reflect that the Board of Library Trustees does not appoint or remove Library personnel other than the Library Director. It also clarifies that the Library Director implements Board policy for the selection of materials for circulation or study. These updates conform with current practice.

This Charter amendment proposed by this measure will only become effective if approved by a majority of voters voting on the measure.

A "yes" vote approves the Measure.

A "no" vote rejects the Measure.

The measure would be effective until repealed by voters.

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