



Local Ballot Measure: X

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Argument In Favor of Measure X

Term limits are a crucial step in enhancing our democratic process and ensuring a vibrant, representative government. By allowing our elected officials to serve a maximum of 12 years, we empower our community to embrace fresh perspectives and new ideas, fostering innovation and progress.

Choice is at the heart of democracy. Implementing term limits opens the door for diverse voices to enter leadership positions, creating opportunities for individuals from different backgrounds and experiences to contribute to our city's future. When we restrict the tenure of our elected officials, we break the cycle of entrenched power and encourage a dynamic political landscape where all citizens can aspire to lead.

Furthermore, term limits can enhance accountability. When officials know they have a finite time to serve, they are more likely to focus on the needs of their constituents rather than prioritizing their own re-election. This shift can lead to more effective governance, as leaders are motivated to act in the best interest of the community without the looming shadow of career politics.

In this election, voting for the 12-year term limit is not just a vote for change; it is a vote for a more inclusive and engaged democracy. By supporting this measure, we are championing the idea that every citizen deserves a voice in our government, and that our city's leadership should reflect the diversity and dynamism of its people.

Let's seize this opportunity to promote new leadership, enhance accountability, and revitalize our democratic process. Vote yes on the 12-year term limit this November!

/s/ Tyller Williamson, Mayor

/s/ Dr. Kim Barber, Councilmember, District 1

/s/ Gino Garcia, Councilmember

/s/ Bob Bluth, Planning Commissioner

/s/ Libby Downey, Former Councilmember

Rebuttal To Argument In Favor of Measure X

Term limits are not needed in Monterey.

Long-term councilmembers have new ideas and put the city's residents first, ensuring that Monterey is safe, historic, beautiful, and solvent.

Long-term councilmembers included high school coaches, teachers, community college professors, secretaries, small business owners, retirees. They were not "career politicians." They always put serving and saving Monterey for the future as their priorities. They gave us years of balanced, healthy city budgets and new programs. They brought our city together, not creating divisions and controversy.

Measure X takes your choice away to vote for someone who has served you faithfully and well.

Every 2 years for mayor and four years for council, you have the choice to vote for incumbents or replace them. We already have built-in term limits: your vote!

Many council members and mayors have served long-term on city boards and commissions. Their experience allowed them to be outstanding members of the council because experience counts.

A responsive council is held accountable because it listens to the residents, not because of how long they have served. Many new members have their own agendas, not necessarily what the city wants or needs.

We all want leadership, accountability, and a vital democratic process, but term limits don't guarantee that. You do with your vote. If your council is doing a good job, you should have the right to keep them.

Keep your vote and choice.

Vote no on Measure X.

/s/ Alan Haffa, Councilmember

/s/ Jean Rasch, Councilmember Candidate

/s/ Ed Smith, City Councilmember

/s/ Carol Chorbajian, Measure P/S Oversight Committee Member

/s/ Clyde Roberson, Former Mayor