



Local Ballot Measure: X

Impartial Analysis of Measure X

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

Current law does not have limits on the length of time a person may hold elective office in the City.

If the measure is approved, the City's Charter would be amended to establish a limit on the total amount of time that may be served in any elective office of the City or combination of elective offices in the City.

If approved, the measure prohibits a person from serving more than twelve (12) years total in any elective office in the City, whether such time is served in the position of Mayor, Councilmember, or any combination of time served in those elective offices.

The following alternative scenarios demonstrate how a 12-year term limit affects holding elective office in the City:

- A person could not serve in any elective office after holding office for 12 years (6 terms) as Mayor
- A person could not serve in any elective office after holding office for 12 years (3 terms) as Councilmember
- A person could not serve in any elective office after holding office for 8 years (2 terms) as Councilmember and 4 years (2 terms) as Mayor
- A person could not serve in any elective office after holding office for 4 years (1 term) as Councilmember and 8 years (4 terms) as Mayor

The proposed term limit would not apply to any term to which a person is appointed by the City Council to fill a vacancy.

If approved, term limits would apply to future terms starting with persons elected in the November 5, 2024 election.

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 The measure would be effective until repealed by voters.

A "yes" vote will authorize term limits.

A "no" vote will not authorize term limits.

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