



Local Ballot Measure: BB

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Argument Against Measure BB

Please join me, the last surviving former Mayor of Seaside in voting NO on this Measure. *Let voters be in charge*, not power brokers.

When the Mayoral term was set to 2 years, the founders of Seaside made the wise, democratic choice for maximum **voter** effectiveness, nimbleness and flexibility in determining the makeup of the Council. Virtually all small and midsize cities are organized like this (nationwide!), including new cities.

This existing arrangement allows **voters** to quickly and *easily* change the majority of the entire *Council* without needing to resort to recalls, special elections and the like.

If stakeholders don't enjoy what the council is doing, the community can easily correct the situation by voting differently in just two years.

Conversely, if this gets approved and the community needs leadership change before 4 years have passed, a **recall** will have to be undertaken. That's expensive and complicated.

This Measure, quietly brought forward by a single pastor and supported by only 4 additional (admittedly well known) individuals at a solitary Council meeting in April, begs the question: **why?**

The office of Mayor went unchallenged as recently as 2 years ago (no election was held). Popular Mayors tend to have at *least* 4 years in office already. Many, like the current Mayor have served six or more years.

But now it seems "power brokers" want to limit *your* agency!

Are there plans for something unpopular in the 2026 time-frame?

Remember: they know how difficult it is to recall an elected officeholder.

I left office after one term because the community wanted to reverse a single Council decision. Seaside lost a **lot** of ongoing revenue from that reversal, but whether a Mayor likes it or not, the **voters** should always be the rightful deciders of the City's future, not a handful of "elites."

/s/ Felix Bachofner, Former Mayor of Seaside

Rebuttal To Argument Against Measure BB

No arguments In Favor of Measure BB were submitted.