

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

ELECTION ISSUES AND PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

MEASURE "N"

The election issues proposed charter amendment, Measure "N," contains three elements. The first is to change the selection of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor from odd numbered years to even numbered years, following the City Council election. The second part of the Charter amendment replaces Section 506 of the City Charter electing Councilmembers at-large and requiring that the selection process be set by ordinance in the City's Municipal Code. The third element of the proposed Charter amendment is to repeal Article XI, "Board of Education," from the City Charter. This pertains to the election method for members of the Ventura Unified School District Board of Education.

Selection of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

- Prior to 2014, the City Council was elected in odd numbered years.
- In 2014, the election of the City Council was changed by the voters from odd numbered years to even numbered years.
- Section 703 of the City Charter currently requires that the selection of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor occur in odd numbered years.
- This proposed Charter amendment would change the selection date for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor from odd numbered to even numbered years to commence in 2018 to follow the pattern of having the City Council election followed by the selection of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a two-year term.

Election Process for City Council

- Existing City Charter Section 506 requires that the City Council be elected at large.

- The proposed Charter Amendment, Measure “N,” modifies City Charter Section 506 to require that the election process for the City Council be set forth by ordinance in the Municipal Code.

School Board Election Process

- Article XI, “Board of Education,” of the existing City Charter requires that the governing board of the Ventura Unified School District be elected at large from within the district.
- The proposed Charter amendment, Measure “N,” repeals Article XI and allows the Ventura Unified School District to be subject to state law in the election of its governing board.

To pass, this Measure must obtain at least 50% plus one of those votes cast on the Measure as “yes” votes.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by a vote of the City Council.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure “N.” If you desire a copy of Measure “N,” please call the City Clerk’s Office at **(805) 658-4787** and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

The full text of Measure “N” can also be found on the City’s website at: cityofventura.net/election.

Respectfully submitted,

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