

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

Appoint Carlsbad's City Clerk

State law requires all cities to have a City Clerk.

The City Clerk position can either be elected or appointed.

According to the City Clerks Association of California, the City Clerk's Office is a service department within a local government which the City Council, all departments and the public rely on for information. The City Clerk is not a legislator or policy maker. Appointed City Clerks are non-partisan and ensure actions by the City Council are in compliance with all statutes and regulations as well as properly executed, recorded and archived.

80% of California cities appoint their City Clerk rather than having them elected by voters.

Of the 18 cities in San Diego County only Carlsbad, Oceanside and National City elect their City Clerk.

Role Requires Technical Skill

Since 2012, city staff handle the day-to-day duties of the City Clerk's Office as the Carlsbad elected City Clerk position is more ceremonial than administrative.

In addition, the job duties, requirements and legal responsibilities of a City Clerk have become more complex and technical requiring specific training, certifications and skills. Elected City Clerks typically do not have these credentials when they take office and may take up to four years to obtain the credentials. The city can require an appointed City Clerk to have these credentials before appointment.

Vacant since August 2021

The previous Carlsbad City Clerk resigned in August 2021. Since then, all responsibilities of the Carlsbad City Clerk have been performed by professional, credentialed staff with no impact to services provided to residents.

Measure C will make the City Clerk an appointed position, ensuring an appropriately qualified individual fills this role. The city will maintain the same level of service and will save approximately \$40,000 a year by converting the role from elected to appointed.

Please join over 80% of cities throughout California and make the City Clerk appointed in Carlsbad.

ARGUMENT/REBUTTAL SIGNATURES

(The following statement is required by California Elections Code Section 9600.)

The undersigned authors of the Direct argument in favor of ballot proposition C
 at the Statewide Primary election for the City of Carlsbad Jurisdiction Letter
 to be held on June 7, 2022 hereby state
 that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.
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* If provided, this title may be printed in the Sample Ballot/Voter Information Pamphlet.

