

CITY ATTORNEY IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

Measure \_\_ presents to the voters of San Carlos the question of whether the Office of City Treasurer should be made appointive rather than elective. A "yes" vote would make the City Treasurer appointive. A "no" vote would keep the City Treasurer elective. The City Council placed the measure on the ballot by unanimously adopting Resolution 2024-068.

California law requires that general law cities like San Carlos have either an elected or appointed City Treasurer. Under current law, the requirements to run for City Treasurer are that an individual be at least 18 years of age and be a registered voter of the City. If Measure\_\_ passes, the City Council may set education and training requirements, allow for review of the City Treasurer's performance annually, and remove the requirement that the City Treasurer be a San Carlos resident.


As the City Treasurer responsibilities have become more specialized, they have increasingly been handled by professional staff with the required expertise. While the City Treasurer is generally responsible for receiving and depositing City funds, these duties are now handled by the City's Finance Division. Currently, the City Treasurer is elected to a four-year term of office, considered a part-time position, and has a stipend of \$560 per month with health and pension benefits comparable to the City Council. The City of San Carlos took a similar approach to the city clerk position, with voters approving making that position an appointed office in 2009.

If Measure \_\_ passes, the City Treasurer would be appointed by the San Carlos City Council and no longer elected by San Carlos voters. The City Council would appoint the City Treasurer when the term of the current incumbent expires in December 2024 or if the voters elect a City Treasurer on November 5, 2024, in December 2028, or if a vacancy in the office occurs. In lieu of making the appointment, the City Council may also, by duly enacted resolution, delegate that authority to the City Manager.

If approved, the measure would save the cost of holding an election every four years for the position. The City would save additional costs up to approximately \$35,000 per year in salary, health, pension benefit, and professional dues savings

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure \_\_\_\_. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at (650) 802-4219 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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