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City of Westminster, A Measure to Change the Term of Office for the Office of Mayor from a Two-Year Term to a Four-Year Term

Shall an ordinance be adopted that changes the term of office for the mayor from a two-year term to a four-year term?

What your vote means

YES	NO
A “Yes” vote is a vote in favor of changing the mayor’s term of office from a two-year to a four-year term.	A “No” vote is a vote against authorizing this change.

For and against

FOR	AGAINST
Ryan Billings Vice Chair, Community Services and Recreation Commission Khanh Nguyen Vice President, Westminster School District	Mark Lawrence Westminster Resident



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Impartial Analysis City of Westminster Measure E

This measure, which was placed on the ballot by the Westminster City Council, proposes to change the term of office for mayor from a two-year term to a four-year term. The measure requires a majority vote of the electorate.

Currently, Westminster city council members are elected to a four-year term, while the mayor is elected to a two-year term. If approved by a majority of the voters, the measure would standardize the terms of office for all members of the City Council and the mayor would serve a four-year term like all other city council members. If approved by a majority of the voters, the measure would amend Section 2.04.100 to change the two-year term of office for the mayor to a four-year term. This change would become effective at the expiration of the current mayor's term of office, which will occur in November 2018. If approved by a majority of voters, the person elected mayor at the November 2018 election would serve a four-year term.

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure E. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Office of the City Clerk at 714-548-3237 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.



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Argument in Favor of Measure E

Measure E is a common-sense reform to Westminster's city government. Measure E does one simple thing: change the term of Mayor from 2 years to 4 years.

By taking this simple action, Measure E changes our city for the better:

- Curb the power of special interests in Westminster
- Reduce City government dysfunction
- Focuses the Mayor on governing, not campaigning

Under a 2-year term, the **Mayor needs to raise twice as much money from special interests** because the Mayor has to run twice as many elections than he or she would with a 4-year term. **Measure E puts a stop to this!**

The Mayor of Westminster should not be endlessly campaigning for office and begging special interests for campaign contributions. Westminster needs the Mayor to be doing his or her job as the leader of our city, not constantly raising campaign contributions and running for re-election.

Every local government office Westminster residents vote for has a four-year term: County Supervisor, District Attorney, Sheriff, County Treasurer, County Auditor, County Assessor, County Clerk-Recorder, County Superintendent of Schools, City Council Member, School Board Member, Water Board Member, and even Sanitary District Board Member.

Measure E makes it clear that the Mayor of Westminster should not be any different than any other local government office.

The only other offices Westminster residents vote for with 2-year terms are State Assembly and U.S. Congress. Westminster needs government that works, not the wasteful broken government provided by the State Legislature in Sacramento or the U.S. Congress in Washington.

Vote "Yes" on Measure E to keep Sacramento and Washington's dysfunction out of Westminster.

Vote "Yes" on Measure E to curb the power of special interests in Westminster.

Vote "Yes" on Measure E for common-sense reform in Westminster.

s/ Ryan Billings
Vice Chair, Community Services and Recreation Commission

s/ Khanh Nguyen
Vice President, Westminster School District

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure E

First Measure E is nothing but an imbecilic move by city hall to retain power. Back in 1984 the city decided to enact an ordinance to limit the term of the mayor. This was done after a series of events within city hall that left the citizenry with unanswered questions and no recourse to address their concerns. At this time the city is facing numerous Lawsuits for Racism, retaliation, violations of civil rights. The mayor has said nothing to address these egregious problems. This should be unacceptable to those in our community. In times of crisis we need leadership not silence and this measure ensures that there is no accountability at city hall.

Secondly, is the point the Measure E proponents are making with regards to special interests. In a quote from Bess Truman, "Politics cheapens a man and a woman for that matter when they are paid for by their endorsers and donors." Thus the notion that the mayor has to pay attention to his donors and special interest groups is once again precisely the need for a two-year term. The main job of the mayor should be to improve the lives of those that reside in Westminster instead we have had our taxes and water rates increased. It is quite simple our quality of life has not improved under the current leadership.

VOTE NO ON MEASURE E.

s/ Mark Lawrence
Resident, City of Westminster

Ballot Measures-E**Argument Against Measure E****Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure E**

I write this letter in opposition to the proposed ballot measure changing the mayor's term from two to four years. The reason for this is simple accountability. In the city over the past years there has been allegations of corruption, fraud, and other reported acts of wrongdoing. Because of this the city adopted an ordinance that mandates the mayor run for re-election every two years. This keeps the office accountable to the voters in the city.

Recently, there have been lawsuits regarding racism, retaliation and corruption within The police department. One of the more outrageous allegations against the department Was the placement of a "WHITES ONLY" sign at the back of the police station. The mayor said absolutely nothing, and by his silence he condoned their conduct. This resulted in a judgment against the city in the amount of over three million dollars.

Perception is reality and when nothing is said about racism, retaliation, and corruption Committed by the police department it puts a label on the city

Furthermore, without accountability at the mayor's office these systemic and pandemic Problems will continue to plague our city.

Thus, I reiterate my opposition to extending the term of the mayor from two to four years.

s/ Mark Lawrence
Westminster Resident

Do you think the status quo is acceptable?

Opponents of Measure E would trick you into voting against our community interest.

Don't let the special interests fool you into voting against change at City Hall.

We need a strong Mayor who will fight for us instead of being beholden to those that write big campaign contribution checks.

We need a strong Mayor who will have the flexibility to make the tough decisions for us instead of worrying about his re-election next year.

We need a strong Mayor who will have the time to focus on governing instead of constantly campaigning.

Passage of Measure E will give us that kind of Mayor.

Tune out the special interests and their misleading statements against change.

The status quo is not working for us.

Join us in voting for Measure E to shake up City Hall!

s/ Ryan Billings
Vice Chair, Westminster Community Services and Recreation Commission

s/ Khanh Nguyen
Vice President, Westminster School District