The City of San Clemente does not currently impose term limits on its City Council Members. Measure “__” proposes the adoption of an Ordinance which would establish term limits for City Council Members as set forth below.

If Measure “__” is approved, no person who has served two consecutive four-year terms on the City Council will be permitted to seek nomination or election for a new term until he or she has stayed off the Council for at least two years after the expiration of his or her second consecutive term. Partial terms (less than four years) to fill Council vacancies will not generally count against the term limit. Therefore, someone who has served a prior partial term could still serve two consecutive four-year terms. However, a person could not serve two consecutive four-year terms and then serve a partial term unless and until two years have passed from the end of the person’s two consecutive full four-year terms and the beginning of the partial term.

Measure “__” prohibits the City Clerk/Election Official from accepting or verifying nomination papers for any person, including any nomination for any write-in candidate, or from certifying or placing on the list of certified candidates, or printing on any ballot, ballot pamphlet, sample ballot or ballot label, the name of any person whose candidacy, if successful, will exceed the term limits set forth in Measure “__”.

If Measure “__” is approved, it would apply prospectively to all future four-year City Council terms starting with those elected at the November 3, 2020 election. Measure “__” was placed on the ballot by the San Clemente City Council.

A "yes" vote on Measure "__" will authorize the term limits on City Council service as set forth above.

A "no" vote on Measure "__" will not authorize the term limits on City Council service as set forth above.

Measure “__” requires majority voter approval to pass.

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