

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure K

Making the City Clerk and City Treasurer appointed positions will ensure that minimum qualifications are established, and experienced skilled professionals are performing these important duties with appropriate supervision from the City Manager.

The Mayor does not have the authority to direct investments, but an elected Treasurer does. In 1994 the elected Orange County Treasurer forced the County into bankruptcy due to independent actions to invest public funds in risky investments.

The City Treasurer is responsible for investing the City's funds for safety, liquidity and returns, but there are no professional qualifications to hold this office, just the ability to win an election. These duties are too important to entrust to one person whose only skill is winning an election.


The City Clerk is responsible for administering elections, local legislation, the Public Records Act, the Political Reform Act, and the Brown Act. These are complex responsibilities that require the right skills and training.


Good governance is a hallmark of democracy which is why Oceanside adopted the Council-Manager form of government. This representative system provides for policy-making power concentrated in the Council as a whole who hire a professionally trained City Manager to oversee the delivery of public services. The Mayor and City Council govern collectively, while the elected positions of Treasurer and Clerk concentrate power in individual officers, whose only qualifications are to be 18 years old, a resident and registered voter, and to win election.

Join us in voting YES on Measure K for accountability, responsibility and good governance.

Signatures:

  
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