

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS (APPOINTED CITY TREASURER)

California law requires all general law cities to have the position of city treasurer. The Government Code provides that the City Treasurer shall, among other duties, receive and safely keep all money the Treasurer receives; comply with all laws governing the deposit and securing of public funds; pay out money on warrants signed by legally designated persons; and perform such duties relative to the collection of City taxes and license fees as are prescribed by ordinance.

The position of city treasurer may be either an elected position or an appointed position. Elected city treasurers must reside and be registered to vote in the city where they hold office. No other requirements or minimum experience qualifications apply to elected city treasurers. Appointed city treasurers serve at the pleasure of their city council, and are not required to be residents or voters in the city in which they serve. A city council may establish minimum qualification requirements for appointed city treasurers.

The office of City Treasurer for the City of San Clemente is currently an elected office. California Elections Code section 36508 authorizes a city council to submit to the voters the question of whether an elected office, other than that of a city council member, shall be made an appointed office. The San Clemente City Council directed that this question be submitted to the voters of the City of San Clemente concerning whether the City Treasurer shall be made an appointed position.

A “yes” vote on Measure __ is a vote in favor of making the City Treasurer of the City of San Clemente an appointed position. A “no” vote on Measure __ is a vote against making the City Treasurer of the City of San Clemente an appointed position. If a majority of the voters voting on Measure __ vote “yes”, then the City Treasurer will become an appointed position, and the City Council will appoint a City Treasurer at the expiration of the term of the City Treasurer now in office, or upon a vacancy in the office of City Treasurer, whoever occurs first.

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