

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE ____

An initiative petition proposing an amendment to the Hayward City Charter has qualified for the June 7, 2016 ballot, which, if approved by a simple majority of voters voting on the measure, would move the City's general municipal election from June of even-numbered years to November of even-numbered years. In addition to the proposed charter amendment, there is a municipal code amendment which more specifically outlines how the change in election dates would take place.

At the current time, Hayward's general municipal election is consolidated with the Statewide Primary Election which is held the second Tuesday of June in even-numbered years. The general municipal election has been consolidated with the Statewide Primary Election since voters approved the change in 1994. Prior to the change in 1994, the general municipal election was held in April of even-numbered years.

The City of Hayward's general municipal election includes election of a Mayor and members of the City Council. The Mayor is elected every four years. The six members of the City Council serve staggered four-year terms. For example, in 2016, voters will fill four of six Council seats. In 2018, voters will fill the seat of the Mayor and two of six Council seats.

A general municipal election might also include proposed measures sponsored by the City Council or initiative measures such as charter amendments, ordinances, and general or special taxes.

The proposed charter amendment and municipal code amendment, if approved by a simple majority of voters voting on the measure (50 percent plus one vote), would become effective after certification of election results and applicable to the 2018 general municipal election.

The effect of the municipal code amendment would be to extend the terms of incumbents elected in June, 2014 and June, 2016, respectively, to November, 2018 and November, 2020 – a period of five months in each of those election cycles – in order to align with general municipal elections held in November, 2018, and thereafter.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of measure ____ if you desire a copy of the proposed charter amendment and proposed ordinance, please contact the City Clerk's office at 777 B Street, Hayward CA 94541. Telephone number (510) 583-4400, and a copy will be sent to you at no charge. Free copies of the proposed charter amendment and proposed ordinance are available at the City Clerk's office or via e-mail to CityClerk@hayward-ca.gov.

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