

CITY OF VERNON
MEASURE Y - MAYORAL ROTATION CHARTER AMENDMENT

BALLOT TEXT

Shall the measure amending Chapters 3.5 and 3.6 of the Vernon City Charter to state that during City Council installation following a regular municipal election, the position of Mayor shall be filled by the Council Member entering their fifth (last) year of their Council seat's term, and the position of Mayor Pro Tempore shall be filled by the Council Member entering their fourth year of their Council seat's term, and so on in descending order if necessary, be adopted?

CITY ATTORNEY IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE Y

Measure Y was submitted to the voters by the City Council of the City of Vernon. This measure, if approved, will amend Chapters 3.5 and 3.6 of Article III of the Vernon City Charter to change the automatic rotation process for selecting the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore from one by which the positions are rotated based on year of election, to one where positions are rotated so that the position of Mayor shall be filled by the Council Member entering their fifth (last) year of their Council seat's term, and the position of Mayor Pro Tempore shall be filled by the Council Member entering their fourth year of their Council seat's term.

Chapters 3.5 and 3.6 of the Vernon City Charter provide direction for the installation of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore following a regular municipal election, and at any time there is a vacancy in either office. The current rotation process is based on the order of election of Council Members and was established to ensure each Council Member has an opportunity to serve as Mayor. The proposed ballot measure modifies the rotation process to one based on the year of a Council seat's term, specifying that the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore positions are to be filled by the Council Members serving in the fifth and fourth year of their respective Council seat terms.

The intent behind the proposed change in rotation is to recognize the service of Council Members serving the final year of their term by allowing them to "term out" as Mayor. The amendment provides for the ability of any Councilmember whose turn it is to be Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore to decline the position for whatever reason and for the position to fall to the Council Member entering their fourth (Mayor) or third year (Mayor Pro Tem) of their Council seat's term, and so on in descending order if necessary.


The text of the proposed revised Charter language is available here:

<https://www.CityofVernon.org/Measure>

It is intended and estimated that there will be no financial impact to the City.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure Y. If you desire a copy of the Measure, please contact the City Clerk at (323) 583-8811, ext. 546, or via email at

cityclerk@cityofvernonca.gov, and a copy will be provided at no cost to you. The Resolution placing the Measure on the ballot is also available from the City Clerk's office at the same address and email address, at no cost.



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