

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Y

The Mayor is the presiding officer of the City Council and serves as the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes. The Mayor Pro Tempore performs the duties of Mayor during the Mayor's absence.

Chapters 3.5 and 3.6 of the Vernon City Charter establish the process for the installation of a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem from the City Council.

Currently, both positions are designated according to a rotation process based on the order of Council Member elections. For example, the position of Mayor is filled by the Council Member whose election immediately followed the election of the prior Mayor. With the current process, the rotation order for Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem may be impacted by individual Council Member elections including Special Elections as may occur due to unexpected City Council vacancies such as resignations or recalls.

Measure Y modifies the rotation process to one based on the year of a Council seat's term and would specify that the seat of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem be filled by the Council Members serving in the fifth and fourth year of their respective Council seat terms. This allows for consistency of order based on Council Member seats instead of individual election dates. The rotation process proposed by Measure Y would not be impacted by unexpected City Council vacancies or elections.

Measure Y maintains an automatic rotation process for the selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Measure Y recognizes the service of Council Members serving the final year of their term by allowing them to "term out" as Mayor.

A YES VOTE ON MEASURE Y IS A VOTE FOR A FAIR, CONSISTENT AND ORDERLY PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF A MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE.

Vote Yes on Measure Y!

Signed _____

Mayor Judith Merlo
On behalf of the Vernon City Council

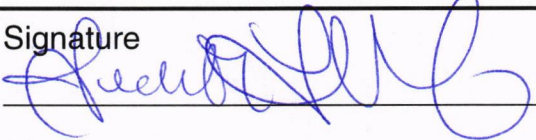
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ARGUMENTS

FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9, Chapter 3, beginning with Section 9200) of the Elections Code shall be accompanied by the following form statement **to be signed** by each proponent, and by each author, if different, of the argument:

The undersigned proponents or authors of the primary argument in favor of Measure Y at the General Municipal Election for the City of Vernon to be held on April 8, 2025, hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Print Name <u>Judith L Merlo</u>	Signature 
Title <u>Mayor</u>	Date <u>11/19/2024</u>
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