

Impartial Analysis of Measure D

This measure is placed on the ballot by the City Council of the City of Red Bluff (“Council”) and places before the voters the question of whether the City of Red Bluff offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer should be converted from elected positions to Council appointed positions. State law requires all general law cities, like the City of Red Bluff, to have a City Clerk and a City Treasurer.

Under state law, the only qualifications for holding office as City Clerk or City Treasurer are that the officeholder must: 1) be a resident of the City of Red Bluff; 2) be registered to vote in the City of Red Bluff; and 3) be at least 18 years of age. If a majority “Yes” vote on the measure occurs, the Council would be permitted to establish minimum professional qualifications for each office and to hire, manage, and remove the City Clerk and City Treasurer. Further, it would no longer be required that each officeholder be a City resident or registered to vote within the City of Red Bluff. A “Yes” vote on Measure __ will make the positions of City Clerk and City Treasurer appointive. A “No” vote on Measure __ means the City Clerk and City Treasurer will continue to be elected by a majority vote of the electorate.

The statutory responsibilities of a City Clerk include keeping accurate records of Council meetings; attesting to ordinances passed by the Council; publishing and keeping a book of City ordinances; strict adherence to the Brown Act, Public Records Act, and the Political Reform Act; and serving as custodian of the City seal. The City Clerk is also the City’s elections official and filing officer for campaign and economic interest statements. The statutory responsibilities of a City Treasurer include compliance with all laws governing the deposit, investment and securing of public funds; payment of money on warrants; and maintenance of accounts of all receipts, disbursements, and fund balances.

Currently, both offices are elected for a four-year term. If the offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer are converted to appointed positions, the City Council may, thereafter by ordinance, delegate the power to appoint the City Clerk or City Treasurer to the City Manager.

The current terms of office for the City Clerk and Treasurer elected in November 2024 will expire on November 7, 2028. A majority “Yes” vote of the electorate would mean that the City Council may authorize the City Manager to appoint a City Clerk and City Treasurer at the expiration of each such term, as described above, or earlier if either office is vacated during the then-existing term of office.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure D. For a copy of the measure, please contact the City Clerk Department at (530) 527-2605 or email arice@cityofredbluff.org, a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.

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