

**ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION
OF THE PROPOSED LAWS ARE THE OPINIONS
OF THE AUTHORS.**

**COMPLETE TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW**

**ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST MEASURES
1A, 1B, 1C AND 1D**

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
SPECIAL CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION
CONSOLIDATED WITH THE COUNTY SCHOOL
BIENNIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION,
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1975**

MEASURE 1B

By amending SECTION 500 of ARTICLE V thereof, to read as follows:

Section 500. Term of office.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, the members of the council shall hold office for a term of four (4) years from and after the first Tuesday following their election and continuing until their respective successors qualify.

Ties among candidates for any office shall be settled by the drawing of lots.

No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the City Council for more than one successive four-year elective term. Any person appointed or elected to the City Council to fill an unexpired term of not more than two years in length shall, however, be eligible to serve one successive four-year elective term upon the expiration of the unexpired term for which he was appointed or elected.

THERE WAS NO ARGUMENT SUBMITTED IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE 1B — ONE-TERM COUNCIL LIMIT

Jean Hixson, City Clerk

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE 1B — ONE-TERM COUNCIL LIMIT

We recommend a *NO VOTE* on *Measure 1B* which provides for a limit of one four-year term on council membership. A reasonable limit on council service would be beneficial but one four-year term is too stringent a limitation. The limitation we choose must be long enough to allow an adequate amount of experience to be developed on the council. It should also be sufficiently long to maintain continuity of council membership over several years. For these important considerations one four-year term is just not long enough.

On this ballot are measures for no council limit, a 1-term limit, a 2-term limit and a 3-term limit. Measure 1C, the 2-term limit, was placed on the ballot by a citizen petition with over 2500 signatures *ONLY* after a majority of the council twice refused to place it on the ballot. Measures 1A, 1B and 1D were then added by a majority vote of the council in what we believe is an attempt to confuse the issue and split the vote. For *ANY* of these measures to pass it must receive more yes votes than no votes *AND* more yes votes than any of the *OTHER* measures which *ALSO* receive more

yes votes than no votes. Unfortunately, the yes votes of those favoring some council limitation may now be split among the 1, 2, and 3-term limit measures. *Avoid splitting the vote; VOTE NO on Measure 1B.*

The 2-term limit, Measure 1C, provides the proper balance between increasing citizen participation and council responsiveness on one hand and the requirements for experience and continuity of membership on the other. We recommend a *NO VOTE on Measure 1B*, the 1-term limit, because it does not provide this essential balance.

The undersigned authors of the Special Charter Amendment argument against ballot proposition Measure 1B at the Special Charter Amendment Election, Consolidated with the County School Biennial Governing Board Member Election, for the City of Mountain View to be held on March 4, 1975, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Signed	Richard J. Wilmuth, Chairman	Date	1/6/75
	Citizens for the Two-Term Limit		
Signed	Martha (Nan) Barr Huber	Date	1/7/75
Signed	Robert D. (Bob) Capriles	Date	1/7/75
Signed	George R. (Russ) Curtis	Date	1/8/75
Signed	Carolyn L. McCormick	Date	1/9/75
