

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

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 two successive four-year elective terms. 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 two successive four-year elective terms upon the expiration of the unexpired term for which he was appointed or elected.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE 1C —
TWO-TERM COUNCIL LIMIT

We recommend a **YES VOTE** on *Measure 1C*, the 2-term council limit, which was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by over 2500 Mountain View voters. Two four-year terms is a reasonable limitation to place on council service. This is the Constitutional limitation for the Presidency. Eight years is adequate time to gain experience and apply that experience in the implementation of one's programs. Two four-year terms is sufficient to provide the desirable continuity in our government and yet provide the opportunity for increased citizen participation by encouraging an influx of new blood into the system.

We support a **YES VOTE** on *Measure 1C*, the 2-term council limit, because we feel that it will ensure revitalization of the council and increase the council's responsiveness to the needs of the citizens. After serving eight consecutive years in council office, the 2-term limit would require a councilmember to be out of office for at least two years. He or she could remain active by performing other civic duties. Others would therefore be encouraged to participate in city government without completely excluding past councilmembers from future council service.

Please **VOTE YES** on *Measure 1C*, the 2-term council limit which has received broad citizen support. It is the only measure placed on this ballot by citizen petition. We believe that the other measures were added to the ballot by a majority vote of the city council in an

attempt to confuse the issue and to split the vote. We urge you to VOTE YES on Measure 1C, the 2-term council limit.

The undersigned authors of the Special Charter Amendment argument in favor of ballot proposition Measure 1C 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 Matthew A. Allen Date 1/6/75

Signed Judith Moss Date 1/6/75

Signed Joe R. Perez Date 1/6/75

Signed Edward G. Shelley Date 1/7/75

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE 1C — TWO-TERM COUNCIL LIMIT

Once again the citizens of Mountain View are being asked to vote on this controversial issue. This same proposal has been presented to the Mountain View voters on four separate occasions. In 1968 the voters returned the City Charter to its original form without any time limit on the consecutive service of City Council Members. It is time to settle this matter once and for all.

Proponents of the measure would have us believe that such a limitation is necessary to prevent incumbents from having an "advantage" when seeking re-election. If we prevent qualified incumbents from seeking re-election as a result of enactment of this term limit, we conceivably could do double damage: we could prevent a qualified Council Member from returning to office to serve us and we could at the same time leave ourselves with the unhappy prospect of electing a candidate without qualifications or experience.

If we multiply the foregoing circumstances by four, the maximum number of Council members who could at any time be prevented from re-election, we could have a majority of unqualified elected Council Members, simply because they happened to be the only choice left to the voters!

Measures 1B, 1C and 1D represent poor legislation and take away basic rights of Mountain View citizens to choose among all candidates for election to office.

The voters of Mountain View have previously determined that the interest of the City is best served without imposition of a restrictive time limit for Council service. We believe this judgment is correct and should be upheld by VOTING NO on Measures 1B, 1C and 1D.

The undersigned authors of the Special Charter Amendment argument against ballot Measure 1C 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, do hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Signed	LaMora V. Lynch	Date	1/9/75
Signed	Joseph Cusimano	Date	1/9/75
Signed	Charles Gordon	Date	1/9/75
Signed	Carl E. Anderson	Date	1/9/75

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