

**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 1D

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

THERE WAS NO ARGUMENT SUBMITTED IN FAVOR OF MEASURE 1D
THREE-TERM COUNCIL LIMIT

Jean Hixson, City Clerk.

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE 1D —
THREE-TERM COUNCIL LIMIT

We recommend a *NO VOTE* on *Measure 1D*. This measure provides for a limit on city council service of three successive four-year terms or 12 consecutive years. Should someone be elected or appointed to fill an unexpired term of up to two years, that person would be permitted to serve for up to 14 consecutive years. We feel that a limit on council service should be imposed but that it should be less than 14 years.

Council service should be limited to a period short enough to prevent the perpetuation of controlling factions on the city council. A limitation should be imposed which helps encourage qualified citizens to participate in city affairs and to seek public office. It should reduce the incumbent advantage and allow the non-incumbent to run on a more nearly equal footing. It should increase the city council's responsiveness to the desires of the city's residents. We support a *NO VOTE* on *Measure 1D* because it will *NOT* accomplish these objectives.

We believe that a more stringent limit, such as that provided by the 2-term limit, *Measure 1C*, would accomplish the above objectives while maintaining a continuity of council membership and adequate experience. Therefore, we recommend a *NO VOTE* on *Measure 1D*.

The undersigned authors of the Special Charter Amendment argument against ballot proposition *Measure 1D* 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 Harold E. Rothstein	Date 1/7/75
Signed Angelo Bandettini	Date 1/8/75
Signed Kathryn O. Collins	Date 1/8/75
Signed Robert K. Gegan	Date 1/8/75