

MEASURE Y

COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE Y

Measure Y is a proposal to impose limits on the number of back-to-back terms that individuals may serve as members of the Board of Education (Board) of the Palo Alto Unified School District (District). Specifically, the Measure, if adopted, would prevent an individual from serving more than two back-to-back terms on the Board. However, an individual could serve again after two back-to-back terms on the Board if that individual was off the Board for at least four years before serving again.

Measure Y, if approved, would go into effect on December 1, 2018, and only terms beginning on or after that date count toward the two-term limit. A person who serves more than one half of a term is deemed to have served one full term for the purposes of this limit. A person who resigns or is removed from office with less than half a term of service is deemed to have served a full term for the purposes of this limit.

The Measure was put on the ballot by the Board. To pass, the Measure must be approved by a majority of voters who vote in the election.

A "yes" vote is a vote to impose a limit of two consecutive terms on the number of terms an individual may serve on the Board.

A "no" vote is a vote to not to impose such a limit.

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COMPLETE TEXT OF MEASURE Y

PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION TERM LIMITS MEASURE

FINDINGS

In 1996, the California State Legislature amended specific Government Code and Education Code sections to permit the governing body of a local public agency, such as a school district, to adopt a proposal to limit the number of terms a member of the governing board may serve and to submit that term limit proposal to the electors. The City Charter of the City of Palo Alto provides for the Palo Alto Unified School District's ("District") Board of Education ("Board") and provides it with the powers and duties prescribed by the Education Code, including the authority to place a term limit measure before voters. The Board believes that the District's voters should be provided the opportunity to decide whether term limits shall be imposed on members elected to the Board.

TERM LIMIT PROPOSAL

Pursuant to Education Code, section 35107, and the findings above, the Board adopted the following proposal to limit the number of consecutive terms a member of the Board may serve ("Proposal") on June 19, 2018. This Proposal, if approved, by a majority of the votes cast by the registered voters residing within the boundaries of the District and voting thereon will prohibit an individual from serving more than two consecutive (2) terms on the Board as follows:

No person may serve for more than two consecutive terms as a Board member. No person who has served two consecutive terms shall be eligible to serve on the Board, whether through election or appointment, until four years have passed since the last day of their prior consecutive term. After any four year absence, a new two consecutive term limit applies.

Any person who serves in excess of one half of a full term as a Board member, by way of appointment, election, or any combination thereof, shall be deemed to have served one full term.

Any Board member who resigns or is removed from office with less than one half of a full term remaining until the expiration of the term shall be deemed to have served a full term.

The limitation on the number of consecutive terms shall apply only to terms that begin on or after December 1, 2018. Prior terms beginning before December 1, 2018 will not count toward the consecutive two term limit.

This limit is enacted pursuant to the authority provided by the City Charter of the City of Palo Alto and the Education Code and can only be amended or repealed pursuant to the requirements of the Education Code.