

Rebuttal To Argument Against Measure ___: Repealing Pinole City Council Term Limits

The argument against Measure ___ contains misleading statements. The current councilmembers are in office not because they are entrenched, too powerful or self-serving; it's because they've done a good job. They steered Pinole through a financial meltdown during a long recession and the end of Redevelopment. They kept Pinole running smoothly while other California cities declared bankruptcy. They should be lauded, not derided. Voters should be allowed to let them continue to serve.

Challengers may always run. In 20 council races during the last 30 years there has been much diversity of professional backgrounds of the 16 councilmembers elected: eight women and eight men, some Asian or Latino, including a council with four female members in 1999.

Interestingly, 5 of the 20 council races since 1988 had no challengers – NO CONTEST! Another five times only one challenged the incumbents. The last competitive Pinole council election was in 2012. Where are the challengers? Those complaining about incumbents like to complain, but their names rarely appear on the ballot.

Some Pinole incumbents have lost their next election, including the late Gretchen Mariotti and Betty Boyle. In 2006 a council election was decided by only 70 votes out of 5,925 votes cast! The opportunity to be elected exists, with or without term limits.

Repealing Pinole term limits will ALWAYS allow voters the most choices in any election. Voters may keep a competent, knowledgeable councilmember or make a change. Voters ALWAYS control incumbency. Vote "YES" on Measure ___ on June 5, 2018!

The undersigned Proponent(s) or Author(s) hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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