

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE \_\_

A “Yes” vote on Measure \_\_ ensures the selection of the City Clerk for the City of Martinez will be based on qualifications and experience, not the results of a political campaign. The public deserves the duties of the City Clerk to be performed efficiently and properly in accordance with standards of conduct.

The current qualifications to serve as elected City Clerk require only that a candidate be of-age and a registered voter. There is no guarantee that an elected City Clerk will possess the necessary skills and expertise required; as a result, nearly 85% of California cities now appoint their City Clerks. This ensures the selection of City Clerk will be based on education, experience, and professional abilities. Furthermore, Measure \_\_ will potentially save the City money by eliminating salary and benefits provided to an elected Clerk and removing the cost of the Clerk election every four years.

Historically, elected City Clerks perform narrow statutory duties. However, as cities have become more complex, the duties of the Clerk have become more technical. Clerk responsibilities require professional skills and expertise in Elections, the Political Reform Act, the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, Records Retention, Conflict-of-Interest Regulations, the City’s Municipal Code, and the ability to serve as the Clerk of the Council, while remaining neutral.

Your “Yes” vote will convert the elected Martinez City Clerk position to a staff position appointed by the City Manager and ensure the City’s operations be run effectively by a qualified and trained individual. The Martinez City Council, elected City Clerk and City management support Measure \_\_ and urge you to vote “Yes.”

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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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Councilmember  
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