
MEASURE G

PROPOSAL TO AMEND PLACER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 503

Shall Article V, Section 503 of the Placer County Charter be amended to give the County Executive Officer final authority for the appointment, suspension and removal of appointive department heads other than County Counsel?

YES _____

NO _____

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY PLACER COUNTY COUNSEL

This measure proposes a charter amendment (“Amendment”) to Section 503(b) of the Placer County Charter (“Charter”) for purposes of providing the County Executive Officer with final authority to appoint and remove appointed County department heads. The current language of the Charter gives authority to the County Executive Officer to perform those tasks, but also requires confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. This Amendment would give the County Executive Officer final authority to appoint, suspend or remove appointive department heads. The office of County Counsel is not included in the Amendment since the terms of that office are set forth separately in the Charter.

The Placer County Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance 6026-B at its meeting on June 23, 2020 and requested that the Elections Official place the ordinance on the ballot at the November 3, 2020 election.

A “Yes” vote is a vote in favor of this Charter Amendment. A “No” vote is a vote against this Charter Amendment. This Measure will be approved if it receives a simple majority of “Yes” votes.

Karin E. Schwab, County Counsel

By Clayton T. Cook, Deputy County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure G. If you desire a copy of the measure or of the proposed amendment to the Charter, please call the Elections Official at 530-886-5650 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

Vote Yes on Measures F, G, H and I to keep Placer County running effectively and efficiently.

Eliminate redundancy in our County's governing Charter to save taxpayer dollars, streamline administrative procedures and ensure County elected officials live in Placer County.

Measures F, G, H and I are recommended changes to Placer County's Charter, the County's governing document. The recommendations were developed by a committee of local residents and approved for voter consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

- Measure F focuses the duties of the Civil Service Commission to hearing grievances and disciplinary appeals while redirecting all other personnel responsibilities like job descriptions, compensation and filling vacancies to the County's Director of Human Resources, a more qualified and appropriate manager of such functions.
- Measure G enhances accountability by providing the County CEO with the final authority over nearly all County Department Head hirings, firings and suspensions.

- Measure H clarifies our County governing Charter by eliminating discrepancies between local and state law concerning bidding thresholds.
- Measure I guarantees Placer County will always be represented by local residents. Measure I requires those seeking county-wide elected office live in the County at least 30 days prior to filing to run for office and must continue to live in Placer County while they hold office.

Measures F, G, H and I ensure Local, Efficient and Effective Government.

Vote Yes on F, G, H and I!

Bonnie Gore, Chair, Placer County Board of Supervisors
Cindy Gustafson, Member, Placer County Board of Supervisors

Dave Butler, Chair of Placer County Charter Review Committee, Former Rocklin City Council Member

Tom Indrieri, Executive Director, Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce

Carol Garcia, Sierra College Board Trustee, Former Roseville Mayor

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G WAS SUBMITTED

PROPOSED CHARTER TEXT REVISION

If a majority of the electorate of Placer County approves the measure, then Article V, Section 503 of the Placer County Code shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 503 Other Duties.

(b) Appoint, suspend or remove ~~subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors~~ all appointive department heads except County Counsel. Appointments shall be on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications as determined by screening and selection procedures.
