

## City Attorney's Impartial Analysis of Measure Q

In Suisun City ("City"), the term of office for the Mayor and Councilmembers is four years. At the present time, these elective offices do not have limits on the number of term that may be served (i.e., "term limits"). Measure Q, if passed, establishes term limits upon the elective offices of Mayor and Councilmember. The Suisun City Council voted to place Measure Q on the ballot for the November 3, 2020, general municipal election.

Measure Q would establish a general combined lifetime term limit of four terms served as Mayor and Councilmember, but does not change the term of service length of four years. The four terms need not be consecutively served in the same office. For example, a person could potentially serve one term as Councilmember, then one term as Mayor, then two more terms as Council Member.

Measure Q also provides an exception to this general rule that would allow a councilmember to be eligible to serve up to an additional two terms as Mayor, beyond the term limit of four terms.


Additionally, if an unexpected vacancy occurs on City Council (e.g., a Councilmember resigns during their term), and this vacancy is filled by election/appointment, this partial term will not count towards the four term limit if the remainder of the partial term is less than half of the full term. For example, City Council appoints someone to fill a vacancy in which there is only one and half years remaining in the term. This partial term would not count towards the four term limit.

Measure Q also permits the City Council to adopt clarifying regulations through a resolution to address unique circumstances that may arise in the future provided that interpretation is in compliance with the intent of Measure Q.

Measure Q applies to terms of office beginning with the November 3, 2020, general municipal election. Measure Q will not apply to terms served or partially served prior to Measure Q.

A "Yes" vote approves establishing term limits for the elected offices of Mayor and Councilmember. A "No" vote disapproves establishing such term limits. This Measure will take effect only if a majority of voters vote "Yes" at the November 3, 2020, general municipal election.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure Q. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Suisun City Clerk's Office at 707 421-7302 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.



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