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### Argument Against Measure T

All California cities must have a City Clerk. In 1950, Dixon voters wisely recognized the benefits of an "appointed" City Clerk and voted to no longer have an elected City Clerk.

The City Clerk's job requires specialized professional training and keeping up with law changes is critical. The City Clerk is responsible for understanding and implementing State Laws relating to the Public Records Act, Brown Act, Maddy Act, Conflict of Interest and Campaign Law under the Political Reform Act and the Fair Political Practices Commission, Election Law, amongst others.

The City Clerk must be an experienced Elections Official who conducts the Municipal Elections for Mayor, City Council and for Initiative, Referendum and Recall petitions. In addition, the City Clerk is the custodian of City records, including City Council and Commission minutes, ordinances, resolutions, agreements, contracts, bonds and deeds. The City Clerk may also be responsible for supervision of staff.

It is unreasonable to expect an elected City Clerk to have or be able to quickly obtain the specialized professional skills and training necessary to do the technical job of City Clerk. Furthermore, an elected City Clerk may be unable to or be unwilling to spend the number of hours necessary to properly perform all the important duties of an effective City Clerk. Unlike an appointed City Clerk, an elected City Clerk can only be removed from office by not being re-elected every 4 years or be recalled from office by Dixon voters.

In the history of 70 years with Dixon's appointed City Clerks, except for a few years, only 8 people have held the permanent position of appointed City Clerk. The current appointed City Clerk is a very capable 17 year City employee and a lifetime Dixon resident.

### **VOTE NO ON MEASURE T**

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