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Argument In Favor Of Measure R

The Suisun City Council requested to put to a vote by the people whether to change the City Clerk from an elected to an appointed position, which is required by the Government Code. The annual savings is approximately \$20,000 per year.

The City Clerk's role has grown more and more complex, yet the qualifications remain the same. Any citizen over the age of 18 and a registered voter may seek election to the position of City Clerk. There is no requirement in the Government Code to have any qualifications or experience needed in order to perform the duties. In addition, it does require the person to have an understanding of the critical responsibilities of the position in order to best meet the needs of the community and the public at large.

However, due to changes in legislation, a specific level of expertise is necessary to perform the job. Unique to the Clerk's role, ongoing training is necessary to adapt to the constant changes to the open meeting laws, election laws, the public records act, the voting rights act, and other controlling legislation.

Over the years, the needs of our community have grown. Not only do we have a minimum of 2 Council Meetings per month, we have 3 separate Commissions that meet 1 to 2 times per month, plus a host of community meetings, town halls, workshops, etc. The time commitment is intense but necessary to do the job well.

Measure R will give opportunity for the City Clerk to be subject to the same evaluation and hiring practices as other City employees. It will ensure that we will have a qualified professional with the right skills and experiences necessary for the job.

Please vote "Yes" on Measure R to make the City Clerk an appointed position.

/s/ Lori Wilson, Mayor