



MEASURE CC

Municipal Code Amendment

Measure CC—City of East Palo Alto: Term Limits Measure

The Question:

Shall the measure providing that no person shall be eligible to serve for more than three (3) consecutive full terms on the City Council be adopted, with service of partial terms exceeding two years qualifying as a full term?

The Situation:

Currently, the East Palo Alto municipal code does not limit how long an individual may serve on the City Council.

The Proposal:

Measure CC would limit individuals to a maximum of three consecutive four-year terms, or 12 years total. A partial term of more than two years would count as a full term. Any terms served by an individual on the City Council before December 2026 would not count towards the term limit. After serving the maximum number of terms, individuals would be required to step away for two years before running for a seat again.

Voting "YES" would adopt these term limits for City Council Members.

Voting "NO" means City Council Members would not be subject to term limits.

A simple majority is required to approve the measure.

Fiscal Effects:

N/A

Supporters Say:

- Term limits bring new voices and new ideas into City Hall.
- Term limits allow individuals who did not previously see themselves as having a chance to run for office.
- Term limits already exist in six cities within San Mateo County, as well as for state legislators, our governor, the President, and the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

- The measure is not retroactive, and current Council Members' past service does not count against them.

Opponents Say:

- Term limits already exist; it is called voting someone out of office.
- The majority of cities in San Mateo County do not have term limits.
- Limits members' experience on the council and on regional boards.

Supporters:

- Webster Lincoln, Mayor, City of East Palo Alto

Opponents:

- Javanni Brown
- Ravneel Chaudhary
- Luis Rosas

Sources:

- <https://smcacre.gov/elections/november-3-2026-statewide-general-election>
- [https://www.cityofepa.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/city_clerk/page/8901/measure_cc - resolution and full text 2.pdf](https://www.cityofepa.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/city_clerk/page/8901/measure_cc_-_resolution_and_full_text_2.pdf)