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Statewide City Treasurer Ballot Measures 2016 thru 2022**

Rio Vista 2016 [Passed]. The city council placed a measure on the November general election to appoint the city treasurer. Rio Vista, Solano County has a population of 7,360. The measure passed with 2593 votes and 2074 opposed (55.56 % / 45.44%). The City Treasurer wrote the argument in favor of the change to an appointed position. The Solano County Taxpayers Association opposed the measure. The following table highlights excerpts from the voter information pamphlet.

Arguments in Favor	Arguments Against
<p><i>The City Treasurer function requires professional skills and expertise in municipal fund accounting, government reporting requirements, investment regulations and debt management; yet, State statute only requires that an applicant be at least 21 years of age and a resident of the city--criteria regarding technical or financial skills or experience are not factors.</i></p> <p><i>Municipal government and regulations have become more complex and the responsibilities of the City Treasurer require increasing levels of training and experience. Knowledge and experience in any or all of these areas can be criteria for an appointed treasurer – and may never be criteria for an elected treasurer.</i></p> <p><i>Assigning the treasurer duties to finance professional makes good sense. The duties can be assigned to a finance professional (CPA, CIA, etc.) who would have ethical and professional standards to which they swear (or affirm).</i></p> <p><i>Failure to follow those standards is cause for loss of their professional license and therefore loss of ability to earn an income. The City of Rio Vista also has an Investment and Financial Review Committee that provides additional oversight of the City’s finances.</i></p>	<p>Today you have the right to run for the office of City Treasurer. Today you have the right to vote for whom you believe is the best candidate to City Treasurer. Today you can hold your City Treasurer accountable for their actions by virtue of your vote. If Measure N passes you will lose and FOREVER FORFEIT THOSE RIGHTS! Shall we give away our constitutional right, our voice, our power of vote and let a select few appoint whomever they see fit? VOTE NO on Measure N. The City Treasurer’s Office is independent from the City Council and, by law, is responsible for the receipt, custody, deposit, disbursement and investment of all City funds. VOTE NO on Measure N. maintain the people’s right and power to elect government representatives! Support a transparent, accessible government with integrity and accountability. Vote no on measure n. changing the job to an appointed position takes oversight away from voters and chisels away at the democratic process. An appointed city treasurer does not have to live in Rio Vista but will be managing YOUR money. The city treasurer should not be relegated to an appointed bureaucrat. The checks and balances of an elected city treasurer were important to the creators of our Constitution – they need to be maintained to assure good, honest government. The treasurer needs to be accountable to the people because he/she manages their money. As an elected official, citizens may judge the official and recall if necessary. <b>THIS IS A NO BRAINER!</b> Who will want to give up an elected position for an appointee who will</p>

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	<p>not even have to be a resident of the City of Rio Vista? <b>VOTE NO ON MEASURE N.</b></p>
	<p><b>REBUTTAL</b> to Argument in Favor of <b>MEASURE N</b></p> <p>The proponent of Measure "N" argues that a "yes" vote will ensure that the City's finances will have the best oversight possible. The only thing a yes vote on Measure "N" will ENSURE is the voters will lose their constitutional right to vote a City Treasurer in or out of Office!! Do you really want 5 people in a city of 8,000 appointing and controlling your City Treasurer? Do you really trust them to make this type of decision???</p> <p>An elected City Treasurer is independent from the City Council and, by law, is responsible for the receipt, custody, deposit, disbursement and investment of all City funds. What are the qualifications and skills of the City Council who want the power to appoint a City Treasurer??</p> <p>Irresponsible spending needs to be watched by an elected Treasurer. Obviously, the Council wants you to believe that it's not important to have an elected Treasurer as an INDEPENDENT check on their actions.</p> <p>How can the Treasurer be truly independent if that person is hired/fired/controlled by the City Manager and City Council? Remember the City of Bell: look how that turned out with their supposed "internal" controls!</p> <p>Just ask yourself: Why the city wants to change the City Treasurer's Office from Elective to Appointive?" Why the current elected City Treasurer is the sole proponent of the "argument in favor?" What do they want to hide?</p> <p><b>DO NOT BE FOOLED INTO GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE FOR YOUR CITY TREASURER!</b></p>

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Proponents and opponents did not submit rebuttal arguments.

Angels 2018 [Failed]. The City Council of Angels in Calaveras County placed a measure to make the city clerk and city treasurer appointed positions. Angels has a population of 3,826. The measure failed 604 votes opposed to 583 in favor (50.88 % / 49.12%). The city attorney impartial analysis repeated the state law authority to make the change. However, no proponents or opponents submitted arguments for the sample ballot and voter information guide.

Arguments in Favor	Arguments Against
None	None

Ceres 2018 [Failed]. Later that year, on the November 2018 general election ballot, voters rejected a city council effort to change the city treasurer from an elected to appointed position. Ceres, in Stanislaus County has a population of 49,302. The vote failed by almost a two to one margin, 6,952 opposed to 3,821 in favor (64.53%/35.47%). The following table highlights excerpts from proponents of the measure.

Arguments in Favor	Arguments Against
<p>Transitioning to an appointed City Treasurer will save taxpayer money, streamline City operations and ensure only the most qualified individuals are eligible to hold this critically important position. State law only provides that an elected City Treasurer has to be 18 years old and a resident of the city. An appointed City Treasurer would be required to have technical qualifications, professional skills and finance background and experience in order to meet the requirements for the job.</p> <p>City government, state laws and federal regulations have become more complex and the responsibilities of the City Treasurer require increasing levels of education, training and experience. An appointed City Treasurer would be required to meet these requirements. An elected City Treasurer is not required to meet these requirements.</p> <p>The elected officials who oversee the city’s finances need qualified professionals to assist them in their review of government accounting, budgeting, financial markets and investment policies in order to best serve the public.</p>	None.

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<p>Assigning the City Treasurer duties to a finance professional just makes good common sense. In addition, this measure would also save the city money since we would not have to pay to hold an election for City Treasurer every four years.</p> <p>For all of these reasons, the undersigned members of the Ceres City Council urge you to support Measure X.</p>	
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Proponents and opponents did not submit rebuttal arguments.

Torrance 2020 [Failed]. At a March election, voters rejected an effort to amend the city charter to make the city treasurer an appointed position, 22,965 opposed and 13692 in support (64.55% / 37.35%). Torrance is in the Los Angeles County with a population of 147,067. The city council had placed the measure on the ballot. The city attorney’s impartial analysis noted that an appointed position would allow the city council to establish professional skills and experience requirements to competently and responsibly discharge the duties of the office. Similar to Escondido, the city treasurer in Torrance manages the city investment of funds, prepares a monthly investment report, files monthly investment report with the city council and prepares the annual investment policy.

Despite incurring the costs of placing the matter on the ballot, the city council did not submit a ballot argument in support of the measure and no one else submitted an argument in support of the change. As you will see below, the opponents of the measure did participate.

Arguments in Favor	Arguments Against
None	<p><b>BEWARE.</b> Voting for Measure J takes away your choice and gives it to one person—an unelected City Manager. Even the City Council will have no say in who is the City Treasurer. You will have given tremendous power to a city bureaucrat that you cannot remove from office.</p> <p><b>HAS HAPPENED BEFORE.</b> In 1992, this same issue was on that ballot. Then, it was an issue with a City Clerk not doing the job but still getting paid rather than the City Treasurer.</p> <p>Torrance voters rejected that measure by more than 2 to 1. Torrance is a large city. We can find a capable City Treasurer, from among 150,000+ residents. A full-time City Treasurer should be a Torrance resident! If qualified candidates are willing to move to Torrance, they are eligible too.</p>

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	<p>We are not opposed to at some future point, a Charter amendment requiring reasonable education, qualifications and skills for anyone running for City Treasurer.</p> <p>MAKES NO DIFFERENCE. Passing Measure J will not replace the City Treasurer. Our City Treasurer hasn't been to work in over a year. She's still getting paid \$65,000 a year—plus a car allowance of \$450 per month and other benefits paid with your taxes. This can go on until July 2022— the remainder of her term. There's nothing the City Council can do about it because she's an elected official. Measure J will not replace her. Even if Measure J passes, it will not take effect until her term ends.</p> <p>CITY TREASURE IS THE PROBLEM  Please Vote No on Measure J. Help us keep our elected City Treasurer. Don't give up future choice for the sins of the City Treasurer. Help us recall our City Treasurer and elect someone who will do the job.</p>
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El Segundo 2020 [Passed]. In March voters approved a measure to appoint the city treasurer with 3,356 votes and 1,821 opposed (64.83% / 35.17%). El Segundo is a small city in Los Angeles County with a 16,731 population. The City Council placed the measure on the ballot. Signatures on the ballot argument in support included the city treasurer, the mayor, the mayor pro tem, and two councilmembers. No one submitted an opposing argument or rebutted the argument in favor.

Arguments in Favor	Arguments Against
<p>Vote "Yes" on Measure T to improve government efficiency and save taxpayer money.</p> <p>El Segundo currently elects a part-time Treasurer to manage the City's cash and investments of \$100 million. The only requirements to be the elected Treasurer is that you must be 18 years of age or older and a resident of the City. There are no educational or experience requirements to be the Treasurer.</p>	<p>None.</p>

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<p>Two-thirds of California cities have converted their elected Treasurer to an appointed position in an effort to streamline government financial operations, increase transparency, as well as reduce salary costs. By appointing a City Treasurer, existing overlapping duties in the finance functions will be eliminated and will place responsibility for managing the City's cash and investments with a qualified and experienced finance professional.</p> <p>The City will save approximately \$39,000 per year in salary, health insurance and retirement benefits. In addition, the City will maintain complete transparency of its finances and will continue with its longstanding practice of annual audits by independent third-party accounting firms.</p> <p>Measure T is a step forward in making government more responsible and efficient while increasing transparency and reducing spending on salaries.</p>	
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National City 2020. In March, voters rejected a measure that would appoint the city treasurer and the city clerk with 4,059 opposed and 3,747 in support (53% / 48%). National City has a population of 58,582. Once again, although the city council placed the matter on the ballot and incurred the costs associated with a ballot measure, the city council did not support the measure with a ballot argument. In fact, no one submitted an argument in support of or opposed to the change in city organization.

Arguments in Favor	Arguments Against
None	None

Oceanside 2020 [Failed]. On the March 2020 ballot, Oceanside voters rejected, by a 3 to 1 margin, an effort to make both the city treasurer and the city clerk appointed positions with 34,472 opposed and 11,384 in favor (75.2% / 24.8%). The mayor, city clerk (Zach Beck), and three community members signed the ballot argument in support of the change. The city treasurer, a city councilmember, the president of the Democratic Club of Oceanside and two community members submitted argument in opposition to the measure. Excerpts from the argument include:

Arguments in Favor	Arguments Against
Growing complexities of municipal governance and finance necessitate that highly qualified	Both the City Clerk and City Treasurer should be elected, independent watchdogs, not

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<p>professionals serve as City Clerk and City Treasurer.</p> <p>Converting the two elected positions to City Manager-appointed positions will ensure personnel performing related duties are selected based on job-related qualifications, not popularity.</p> <p>The City Clerk serves as the compliance officer for federal, state and local statutes, and oversees our increasingly complex election process.</p> <p>The City Treasurer is responsible for investing the City’s funds for safety, liquidity and returns, but there are no professional qualifications to hold this office, just the ability to win an election.</p> <p>Most neighboring cities fill the roles of City Clerk and City Treasurer through appointment.</p>	<p>subordinates of the City Council appointed City Manager.</p> <p>The City Clerk and the City Treasurer are currently answerable to the public, free from City Manager and City Council interference, and can be recalled; not the case if the positions are appointed.</p> <p>Amendment to the City Code that expands City Manager appointment authority occurred without public input.</p> <p>This measure has been on the Oceanside ballot before and failed by 85%.</p> <p>Under this measure, one person will hire and appoint both the City Clerk and City Treasurer and they won’t have to live in Oceanside.</p> <p>Too much power concentrated in one person.</p>
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