



HH City of Stanton, Mayoral Term Limits

Shall the City of Stanton adopt a measure establishing a two-full-term lifetime limit on service as Mayor, starting with the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election?

What your vote means

YES	NO
A "Yes" vote on Measure "HH" will approve the Mayoral Term Limits Measure.	A "No" vote on Measure "HH" will not approve the Mayoral Term Limits Measure.

For and against

FOR	AGAINST
No argument in favor of this measure was submitted.	Kevin Carr Taxpayer



Ballot Measures-HH

Full Text of Measure HH
City of Stanton

ORDINANCE NO. 1140
MEASURE "HH"

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF STANTON ESTABLISHING A TWO-TERM LIFETIME LIMIT ON SERVICE AS MAYOR.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF STANTON, CALIFORNIA DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

[NOTE: Deletions are identified in ~~strikeout~~ and additions are identified in **bold italics**]

SECTION 1. **Amendment to Section 2.04.070 of the Municipal Code.** Section 2.04.070 of Chapter 2.04 of Title 2 of the Stanton Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"2.04.070. ***Mayor and City Council – Two-Term Lifetime Limits.***

A. A person is ineligible to hold office as a member of the City Council if such person has subsequent to December 31, 2015 served on the City Council for two full terms. ***A person is ineligible to hold office as Mayor if such person has subsequent to November 4, 2024, served as Mayor for two full terms.***

B. ***For purposes of this Section, "full term" shall mean the following:***

1. ***A full four-year term of Mayoral or Council service for which a person was formally nominated or nominated as a write-in candidate, and to which he or she was elected to office at a Municipal General Election; or***

2. ***A full four-year term of Mayoral or Council service for which a person was formally nominated or nominated as a write-in candidate, and to which he or she was appointed in lieu of a Municipal General Election scheduled to occur, pursuant to California Elections Code §10229.***

C. ***For purposes of this Section, "full term" shall not mean a time of service less than a full four-year term to which a person has been specially elected or appointed to the office of Mayor or City Council to fill a mid-term vacancy, pursuant to California Government Code §§34902(b) or 36512(b), and any city ordinances consistent with such law."***

SECTION 2. **Effective Date.** Pursuant to California Government Code §36502 and California Elections Code §9217, if a majority of the qualified voters voting in the election on Measure "HH" vote in favor of the adoption of such measure, this ordinance shall be deemed valid and binding and shall be considered as adopted upon the date that the vote is declared by the City Council, and shall go into effect ten (10) days after that date.

SECTION 3. **Severability.** The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any provision of this measure or application thereof is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications if they can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

SECTION 4. **Certification/Summary.** Following the City Clerk's certification that the citizens of Stanton have approved this Ordinance, the Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall cause the same to be entered in the book of original ordinances of said City; and shall cause the same, or a summary thereof, to be published as required by law.



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Impartial Analysis
City of Stanton
Measure HH

Background:

At the November 8, 2016 General Municipal Election, Stanton voters approved Measure “RR”, an initiative measure currently codified at Stanton Municipal Code section 2.04.070 which provides as follows:

“A person is ineligible to hold office as a member of the City Council if such person has subsequent to December 31, 2015 served on the city council for two full terms.”

When Measure “RR” was enacted, the City still elected all five City Councilmembers at-large. However, on November 28, 2017, pursuant to the California Voting Rights Act, the City Council adopted an ordinance changing the City’s election format to a “4+1” structure, whereby four Councilmembers are elected by geographic districts and the separately elected Mayor is elected at-large.

The City Attorney’s Office opined that Measure “RR” only places limits on “City Council” service and does not limit “Mayoral” service. Because the Offices of Mayor and City Council became separate elected offices under the City’s districting ordinance, the term limits in Measure “RR” do not apply to Mayoral service.

This Measure:

On May 28, 2024, the City Council unanimously placed Measure “HH” on the ballot for Stanton’s next General Municipal Election, to be held on November 5, 2024.

If approved by voters, Measure “HH” would amend Measure “RR” to establish a two full term lifetime limit on Mayoral service that applies separately from the existing two full term lifetime limit on City Council service. Measure “HH” would apply to any new Mayoral term elected at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election or at any subsequent municipal election. Once a Mayor has served two full terms, the limit will apply and he or she would no longer be eligible to serve as Mayor. Persons “termed out” by this Measure from serving as Mayor could serve on the City Council for up to two full terms, provided they have not already reached the City Council term limit.

Measure “HH” also includes clarifying amendments to define a “full term” subject to City term limits. Partial terms of service to fill a Mayoral or Council vacancy will not count against City term limits.

If the measure is approved, there may be a loss of institutional knowledge on the City Council, as incumbents are termed out. There may also be additional costs to the City for training and education of new Councilmembers.

Measure “HH” requires simple majority approval of the voters to pass.

A “Yes” vote on Measure “HH” will approve the Mayoral Term Limits Measure.

A “No” vote on Measure “HH” will not approve the Mayoral Term Limits Measure.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure “HH”. If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the elections official’s office at (714) 890-4245 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

s/ HONGDAO NGUYEN
City Attorney



Argument Against Measure HH

Renters you cannot afford more rent increases, more tax and fee increases, more inflation, higher utility bills, and potentially becoming homeless.

Homeowners if you run into money problems, go into deep debt, fall into ill health, will you be able to afford the high city taxes and fees even if it means you are going to lose your home?

Stanton Residents do you want higher utility bills, increased food costs, taxes on television streaming services, higher gas prices, more taxes on internet purchases, higher trash fees...

The Stanton city council cannot be trusted!

Vote NO on Measure HH because you cannot afford to pay more!

The Stanton city council has been tricking you for many years... increasing so many of your city taxes and fees and all you get is more homeless, more prostitution, unsafe neighborhoods, unusable parks, false promises, and excuses!

This is why over 75% of us already voted for term limits years ago and in just two years all the long-time councilmembers will be gone!

Now the Stanton city council is trying to trick you again! They want you to change the term limits so they can stay in office for 16 years!

There is already a two-term limit for everyone on the city council and that includes the mayor! Read it yourself:

§2.04.070 Term limits.

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<https://ecode360.com/43147795>

Vote NO on Measure HH because our city council's tricks, false promises, and excuses are costing you too much money!

Visit: SaveOurStanton.com

s/ Kevin Carr
Taxpayer

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