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March 6, 2018, 11:55 AM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

95050

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

This attempts to correct the issue of diversity in office holders by changing who can vote but does nothing about who runs.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.](#)

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I see no issue with this measure. I would rather have a responsible hiring process based on qualifications than an election based on public opinion.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.](#)

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

I foresee no Council which overcome their differences and manage this process efficiently.

Thank you for feedback!

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March 5, 2018, 6:25 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

95051

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

Santa Clara is a small city with common issues. Dividing it into districts will only results into more political games at the city hall.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.](#)

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I am not familiar with the issue and with absence of compelling reasons to change it I will vote to keep the existing system.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

I am not familiar with the issue and with absence of compelling reasons to change it I will vote to keep the existing system.

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Dave Kadlecek inside Santa Clara

March 5, 2018, 5:05 PM

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Yes

What is your zip code?

95051

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

The amendments to the previous language for Section 600 and the addition of a Section 601 just make the measure more complicated than it needs to be. Why not just do the equivalent of what they do in the state legislature as "double-jointing"? With this, there would be a version of Section 600 as was approved in January, and an alternate version of Section 600 that incorporates the changes necessary to make the City Clerk appointed (i.e., deleting "City Clerk" from the list of elected officials where it appears), with the provision that the alternate version would go into effect only if Measure 2 also passes.

The amendments to Section 703 (in Exhibit A but not referenced in the resolution language) do not belong in this ballot measure, as they have nothing to do with the way in which the city's elective officers are elected. They should be part of Measure 2, not of Measure 1, because the only purpose for making the change is to no longer have a list of elective offices that includes that of the City Clerk.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.](#)

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

If the proposed language for this ballot measure is submitted to the voters and approved, this would result in Santa Clara having a charter that still includes language calling for the City Clerk to be elected (in different places depending on whether Measure 1 as proposed is also approved), but an additional section calling for such references to be deleted.

Instead, the measure should propose modifications to the current sections 600 and 703 to remove the references to the City Clerk being an elected office, with an alternate version of Section 600 that both does that and incorporates the changes to how elected officers are elected that are the purpose of Measure 1, with the provision that the alternate version would go into effect only if Measure 1 also passes.

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Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here](#) to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

These are basically the same as my comments on Draft Ballot Measure 2B, except that for this proposal there still would need to be the modification of section 900 in addition to those of sections 600 and 703.

Thank you for feedback!

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Benjamin Cooley inside Santa Clara

March 5, 2018, 2:55 PM

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Yes

What is your zip code?

95054

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

Two districts is silly, but is what we have to do to get STV, so be it.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I have no preference on this issue. I would have to read the ballot statements.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

I have no position on this issue, i would have to read the ballot statements.

Thank you for feedback!

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John Lemon inside Santa Clara

March 4, 2018, 2:39 PM

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Yes

What is your zip code?

95051

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

Dividing the city into only 2 districts makes no sense to me. Why not divide it into as many districts as there are council members?

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.](#)

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I think this makes sense.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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I think this makes less sense than having the office controlled by the City Manager.

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March 3, 2018, 4:49 PM

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Yes

What is your zip code?

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

I am concerned that this proposed change has not been properly vetted and wanted to share some articles about the issue. I have always been happy with how our city elects its officials. It has given everyone an equal chance to run for office. It seems unfair that our city has become the target of a frivolous lawsuit causing all of this work to change a voting system that has worked fine. I found two interesting articles about how RCV is now being questioned as being a fair form of voting based on recent elections in SF and OAK.

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/11/16/san-francisco-ranked-choice-voting-critics_n_1098393.html

<https://www.sfgate.com/politics/article/Brown-vetoes-bill-to-broaden-ranked-choice-voting-9518031.php>

There is concern that fairvote (<http://www.fairvote.org>) has been pushing for the RCV system at the local level. Menlo Park wants to educate their residents before making a change to their voting system. Other cities around Santa Clara are waiting to see what happens in Santa Clara before making changes. No one is rushing for this change. Neither should Santa Clara. There is no evidence RCV works better than other systems. This article also provides solid argument on PRO and CON for RCV.

<https://democracyjournal.org/arguments/ranked-choice-voting-is-not-the-solution/>

Everyone should do their homework before voting for this.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.](#)

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

It is time for change regarding the election of the City Clerk and, frankly, the Chief of Police. The City Manager works with the Clerk more than anyone else and would be the proper person to appoint a City Clerk. Same thing for the Chief of Police. The city is limited to only voting for someone who only lives in Santa Clara. More and more police cannot afford to live in Santa Clara. Santa Clara is the only city in CA that elects its chief. It is

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time for change.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

This would not be a good change. The city manager is the best person to appoint a Clerk.

Thank you for feedback!

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March 3, 2018, 2:59 PM

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Yes

What is your zip code?

95050

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

I am in favor of district voting (and requiring the candidates to live in the district), but I have a couple of questions. Why are there only two districts? How were the districts determined? I am not comfortable endorsing the STV method without knowing more about it.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

There is no reason the City Clerk position should be an elected position.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

See comments in 2A.

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March 2, 2018, 7:23 PM

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Yes

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

Two districts could become oppositional. Three would be better but it might be hard to attract 2 candidates from each district(Assuming residency required) But that might be what we need to attract new talent to serve on Council. Also there is no mention of district boundaries in this proposal and how those would be decided. Or is this something we are going allow the Council to change regularly? I think you should commit to district lines as part of this proposal.

Do not like the idea of Mayor as a separate elected office. I am afraid a large lobby like the NFL could essentially pick our Mayor.

Have Council Members take turns serving as Mayor similar to what we do now or in Campbell is democratic and collegial. So not to have Mayor as a separate election you would take top three from each district, then the last council member would could be the next highest votes received no matter which district. So yes it would end up 4 and 3 if 2 districts. Or 2,2 and 3 if you developed 3 districts.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.](#)

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I think City Clerk by appointment of the City Manager is a good idea.... as long as there is transparent, consistent, non partial, criteria used to make that appointment. And there is a description of what conditions would cause termination of that appointment. Just like any other hired position in the City.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

The City Manager is hired by the Council. The Council's primary job is to enact policies. Yes the council gets the final vote on hirings, raises, etc. but they should entrust the expertise of the Manager to appoint an impartial, qualified Clerk.

If council appoints the Clerk it could become a political reward after Council election time, or perceived as such.

Thank you for feedback!

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Michael Bierman inside Santa Clara

March 2, 2018, 4:48 PM

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Yes

What is your zip code?

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

It seems that the mayor is not required to be a resident? I hope that was not the intention. If that was not the intent, perhaps this could be written in a more clear way.

" The person elected at any election to the office designated "Mayor" shall be deemed elected, both as a Mayor and as a member of the Council. Although the Mayor is a Council member, his or her election does not change the number of Council members from seven." This is written poorly. How many Total?

Mayor + Police Chief + 5 = 7? Or

Police Chief + 6 (council + mayor) = 7?

But there are two districts with 3 members each +mayor + police chief... so isn't the total council 8?

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

Why is this being done? What is the motivation? I will vote against this on principle without an explanation.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

Why is this being done? What is the motivation? I will vote against this on principle without an explanation.

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March 2, 2018, 2:13 PM

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

Santa Clara has a reputation as a well run city. In fact, we are the best run city in Northern California. This Council should be careful regarding calls to change the way Santa Clara is run, because it is likely that such a major change will result in serious problems.

The change to city council districts has negatively impacted every city that has adopted it, by diverting city funds intended to maintain the infrastructure into race-influenced spending.

San Jose is a prime example: their candidates no longer represent the entire city. In many if not most cases, candidates in San Jose elections represent their race first, while their city has a lower priority.

Changing to district-based elections would make a candidate's race a primary consideration, above what they would contribute to the entire city, in effect making the city a racist entity—as it has happened in San Jose. Rather than institutionalize racism in our city, candidates should campaign for what is best for the city.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

What they really want is for the City Clerk to answer to those appointing him or her, instead of the City Clerk being accountable to the voters.

These proposals reek of back room, 'good ol' boy' politics. But with the advent of social media it is easy-peasy getting the word out to the electorate: There is NO GOOD REASON to take away our vote! (Especially in an election year!)

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Some on the City Council just want the City Clerk to be beholden to them, and not be answerable to the voters. This is an attempt to deprive voters of protection. It is based on no credible rationale. It is simply a take-away, by a self-serving group of current electeds.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

This City Clerk proposal would also take away the voters choice, but for what? There's an election anyway, so why should the voters lose their opportunity to elect the candidate that they prefer? Furthermore, the City Clerk is in charge of all city elections. Now, why would the City Council want to take control of that official position? Can anyone hazard a guess?

There's no credible argument to support this proposal, they simply note that Diridon resigned. THAT is their stated rationale for them appointing the City Clerk from now on! Their entire argument is that we voters should forfeit the right to vote for the candidate of our choice for City Clerk.

What they really want is for the City Clerk to answer to those appointing him or her, instead of the City Clerk being accountable to the voters.

This is simply a take-away, by a self-serving group of current electeds.

I suspect that particular Council vote would become potent campaign fodder; that's what I'd talk about 24/7, if I was a candidate opposing a out of touch, incumbent Councilcritter...

Word up, folks: The REASON for the City Clerk's job duties is to oversee and regulate elections! The City Clerk currently works for the residents, not the electeds! This is just an attempt to defraud the voters with a fake "choice" between a Council appointment and a City Manager appointment, since the CM is appointed—and answers only to—the electeds!

Maybe the voters aren't aware of what you're trying to do here. So it's my job to explain these shenanigans to them. If this City Clerk scam makes it onto the ballot... Social media, here we come!!

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

March 1, 2018, 3:44 PM

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I really wish that we did not have to go to districts as I think it creates more problems than it solves. However, I understand why, as I followed the discussions of the Charter Committee and the bind that this outside lawyer has put on us. Therefore, I would agree to districting. I did take the opportunity to talk to some other residents and I think there is a ton of education that needs to occur regarding why this is on the ballot. I am fine with Rank choice voting.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.](#)

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

The City Clerk position has become more critical and the skills needed to do this job have increased. I think the City Manager should be able to hire the City Clerk. This should not be an elected position.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

I don't think that the City Council should appoint.

Thank you for feedback!

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Margaret Okuzumi outside Santa Clara

February 28, 2018, 5:35 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

94087

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

On behalf of the nonprofit organization FairVote, I am expressing our concerns about the amended measure wording.

We would greatly prefer if the city would use the following wording instead, which is shorter and which we think is easier for voters to understand.

Preferred wording:

BY-DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS & VOTING METHOD. Shall the City Charter be amended to change the method by which voters elect city officers by: creating two districts starting in 2018 to be represented by three Council Members each; and, starting in 2020, using ranked choice vote to determine winners of elections of all city officers, including Mayor?

Our concern with the proposed Draft Ballot Measure 1 wording is that voters may infer that the omission of the mention of City Clerk while all other positions are mentioned means that this question impacts whether or not the City Clerk remains an elected position or not. We don't believe it's necessary to mention "Single Transferable Vote" in the wording since it's all spelled out in the measure text. We hope that the city council will direct staff to use our preferred wording instead. Thanks for your attention to this.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

The voting rights community frowns on the elimination of elected positions, generally speaking, as it reduces representation and influence by the electorate. We have no comment on the measure wording.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City

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Clerk.

[Click here](#) to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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Howard Myers inside Santa Clara

February 28, 2018, 10:11 AM

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What is your zip code?

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Dividing the city into two districts is meaningless. It accomplishes nothing.

Rank choice voting cannot even be done until the county is ready to support it. Also it is hard to teach voters what it means and how it works.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

This makes sense. Should not be an elected position and is more of a staff function and should report to city mgr.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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The council has enough on its plate and this would politicize the position.

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February 26, 2018, 9:22 PM

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Having only just read the ballot I have more questions than comments. Firstly, why move from our current system of choosing council members which seems to me to be a one person one vote approach? Secondly, if implemented there may be a tendency to make districts competitive with each other as well as the respective voters. So, do we need to be more divided or collective?

I'm for appointing the city clerk but in s small city like Santa Clara having us divided up seems to be counter productive.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I disagree with this approach. I prefer that an elected official such as council do the appointment.

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I'm in full support of this ballot!

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February 26, 2018, 4:50 PM

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Do not change method of voting.

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The City Clerk should be elected, not appointed.

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The City Clerk should be elected, not appointed by anyone.

Thank you for feedback!

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February 26, 2018, 2:57 PM

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I am OK with it.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

No

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

No

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February 26, 2018, 12:24 PM

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Yes

What is your zip code?

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I believe this is a ridiculous ballot measure due to Santa Clara already being ethnicity diverse. Trying to get specific ethnicities in office is racist.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I would like to see the Clerk be appointed the City Manager.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

I would like to see the Clerk be appointed the City Manager.

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 26, 2018, 10:34 AM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

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Ballot Measure 1 should be split into two measures: 1) Create Council Districts and 2) Change the method of voting.

I see no compelling reason to vote for 1) Create Council Districts, because it appears to me that the City of Santa Clara is not naturally divided, neither ethically nor economically, into obvious districts. That is, I can't an ethnic side of town nor a poor side of town. The enclaves of ethnically similar folks and poor folks seem fairly distributed.

2) Ranked choice or single transferable voting, however, is a good idea that does not depend upon dividing the City into Council Districts to work. I like the idea of being able to vote for the person I prefer, but also having my vote for the person I can stand count if my first choice doesn't get enough votes.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I suspect most voters neither know nor care who the City Clerk is. One would assume that a competent City Manager would be a good choice for choosing the City Clerk. However, given the recent political squabble on the City Council over the resigning City Manager, Fuentes, I think a vote against is in order.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

On the surface, it seems like the City Council is trying to get one more political appointee, so like Measure 2A I think maybe restricting the spoils system for the City Council is a good idea.

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 24, 2018, 4:19 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

The districting and ranked choice voting are two separate issues. They should be separate ballot questions, instead of forcing an "all or nothing" choice. I am in favor of ranked choice voting, but not currently in favor of districting. Santa Clara isn't so big that we need to have two districts. I want to vote for all the people making decisions that affect me.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

No opinion

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

No opinion

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 22, 2018, 10:35 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

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There should be more than 2 districts. How about 3 or 4?

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

OK

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

OK

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Ed Richards inside Santa Clara

February 21, 2018, 8:40 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

To complicated

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

Leave clerk/auditor independent

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

Leave clerk/auditor independent

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown outside Santa Clara

February 21, 2018, 10:15 AM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

95050

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

Creating separate districts is unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer money. It is only being done because of a nuisance law suit with phony grievances. I will not support.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.](#)

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I prefer to keep both Police Chief and City Clerk as elected offices, responsible directly to the people. This ballot measure is preferable to Measure 2B, but I still will not support.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

Opposed to the City Council appointing the City Clerk. There will be less independence with politicians appointing the City Clerk, and it will merely become yet another political office (with a large salary and benefits attached)

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 20, 2018, 10:07 AM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

95051

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Council members by district would ensure that all residents of Santa Clara would be fairly represented by Council. Unfortunately, this could also lead to less getting done as members from opposing districts may not work cooperatively for the good of the entire City.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I do not agree with this - by keeping the Clerk as an elected official, the citizens have a direct say in who this person is. By giving this authority to one official or council as a whole eliminates a separation between the segments of government. Having an elected official would hopefully keep checks and balances in place - if clerk is appointed he/she would be likeminded to those that appoint him/her, not necessarily looking out for the best interest of the City's residents. Pressure could be put on the clerk if he/she disagrees with the City Manager or Council, possibly changing his/her stance in order to protect his/her job.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.](#)

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

See above response...I do not agree with this. Creates too much of an opportunity to have entire decision making entity of our City government to be very lopsided, not necessarily representing the residents. We need some elected officials to keep the process honest, and not be at risk of losing their job to another appointee if they don't go along with what the Council wants. Human nature dictates that you are going to

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appoint people you like and agree with, not someone who might be better equipped for the position. The residents should have a vote for the City Clerk.

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 19, 2018, 6:38 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

95050

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

I think it's the only solution we have to prevent being sued over and over again for unfair election policies.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.](#)

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

If it's not broke, stop trying to fix it. It is merely a power move by our Mayor and her voting bloc to gain more power.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.](#)

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

The voters have done a very good job electing their City Clerk. We do not need a power grab to change a system that has worked perfectly well for years.

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 19, 2018, 5:32 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

95051

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

I think it is a fair system & will represent each district in Santa Clara by a representative who lived in the area they are representing, as w the US House of Representatives.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

No, I don't support this measure.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

I do not support measure 2B.

Thank you for feedback!

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Diane Harrison inside Santa Clara

February 18, 2018, 12:36 AM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

95051

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A summary would have been a lot easier to read than the marked up legalese. Basically, I'm all for ranked choice voting, definitely against the nutty concept of 2 districts (should be either one district per councilmember or the whole city at large), and not sure about changing the city clerk to appointed rather than elected.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.](#)

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

There does not seem to be a reason for this move. I'll need to read both the pros & cons and decide from them. However, without seeing any arguments, I'm somewhat inclined to think the office should remain an elected one.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

See comments above. Also, if the city clerk does end up having to be appointed, I think I'd trust the city council a bit more than the city manager, not because of any specific personalities, but because the council is several people while the city manager is one person.

Thank you for feedback!

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February 17, 2018, 4:19 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

I don't see that there's a choice but to do this - it sounds fine.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I prefer the City Clerk stay an elective position.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

I prefer the City Clerk stay an elective position.

Thank you for feedback!

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February 17, 2018, 3:40 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

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It's probably considered "obvious," but no where does it state that the Mayor is elected by voters of all City districts - so that 3 council members come from district 1, 3 council members come from district 2, while the Mayor is elected city-wide. Also, how the districts are drawn will be incredibly important. I hope that process is transparent.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

There's no text in 2A stating that the City Manager does the appointing. That would be a problem for this Ballot Measure, yes?

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

Who does the City Clerk report to? If the Clerk reports to the Mayor or Council as a whole, then 2B makes sense. If the Clerk reports to the City Manager, then 2A would make sense (once 2A actually states that the City Manager does the appointing.)

Thank you for feedback!

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February 17, 2018, 11:47 AM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

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I would rather elect city council representatives on a city-wide basis rather than a district-wide basis.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

No response

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

No response

Thank you for feedback!

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February 17, 2018, 11:28 AM

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Yes

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Open the door to gerrymandering? NO THANKS. Nothing in the measure tells me how you're going to do it or what your motives are (what is the "why" in this equation?). This is how politicians grab power and exclude voters whose opinions the politicians in power don't like--they redraw district lines until they get the voting structure they want, the voting structure that provides them a rubber stamp for whatever they want to do. It's one city, let's keep it that way.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

Why? Again, no reason provided. And for that reason, I say no. At some point there was a reason for this to be an elected office. The city has presented no arguments as to why it should not be an elected office. MESSAGE TO THE POLITICIANS: if you really want to be open (do you?), you have to open up why you want to do things. You may have very good reasons that voters would agree with, but how can any of us know when you present what you're going to do but not why? It seems as if you're trying to be dictatorial while trying to appear democratic. You want opinions on actions you don't fully explain--yes, you tell us what, but without the "why" you leave us in an information vacuum and unable to provide an *informed* opinion. What you need on staff is a professional writer to guide you in how to communicate with people, what types of information you need to provide so that people can give cogent opinions.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

Cut and paste the comment from 2A...WHY do you want to do this? (And for #1, WHY do you want to divide the city in two? Gerrymandering is what comes to mind--maybe you have a benign reason, but you sure haven't told us what it is.)

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 17, 2018, 8:35 AM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

No response

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

I am not for it. It adds complications to an already satisfactory system.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I am against it. It would open the way to a 'buddy system'.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

I am for it. The office of the City Clerk doesn't need to be an elected one. The City Council seems to be a good choice to appoint a City Clerk.

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 11:34 PM

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Yes

What is your zip code?

95054

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

As a Santa Clara resident, I support the measure.

I am 100% supportive of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), also referred to as STV.

I am not as excited about districting, but I am OK with it since it helps defend against the lawsuit.

With the currently proposed RCV system, any under-represented group with 25% of registered voters, if unified, can be guaranteed to win a seat on the city council. This system of proportional representation is unlike the current system where one group can stack the deck in their favor and ensure they win all the seats.

The city of Santa Clara has long been known to have an unusual election system which has enabled the incumbents (and their friends) to keep their power over decades. It has been noted many times that city council is 100% white even though only less than 50% of the voters are white. But it should also be noted that they are mainly sons and daughters of previous council members, or their friends who they bring in. This has resulted in a form of "groupthink" which has brought us things like the football stadium that the community didn't really want or need.

This new voting system will go along way towards making the diversity of Santa Clara represented in the city council and other elected offices.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

The City Clerk needs to stay as an elected office to retain it's independence.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

The City Clerk needs to stay as an elected office to retain it's independence.

Thank you for feedback!

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

Why is districting and ranked choice voting combined into 1 measure? That seems odd. It also makes the measure confusing to read. I would split them into two separate measures.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

[Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.](#)

Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

Without looking at city clerk responsibilities it's difficult to determine whether council or City Manager should appoint them.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

No response

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john sontag inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 9:38 PM

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With all of the possible redevelopment in the city over the next decade, and the desire for place making, it seems that it would be desirable to have planned triggers to re-align district boundaries, and to evaluate the possibility of additional districts as places emerge.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

No response

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

No response

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 7:41 PM

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Yes

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Acceptable

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

City clerk should be appointed by the City Council with appropriate input from the City Manager.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

Acceptable.

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 7:18 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

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I would like to see us vote based on districts but am opposed to ranked ballot voting. I do not want my vote to be counted any other way. However there needs to be more than 2 districts. To get real representation of the various neighborhoods, there needs to be a minimum of 4 districts within the city. Need to eliminate the revolving door of the same local politicians continually running for office just changing seats. We need to have Council members live in their district and have term limits per district to eliminate that revolving door.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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The City Manager should appoint the City Clerk by the method that is currently used to appoint all unclassified full-time city employees. They are then covered by Civil Service Rules that affect all City employees including qualifications, performance, hiring and termination.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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No!! The City Clerk position should not become another political appointee, which with the history of this Council could happen. This should be a full civil service appointment, appointed by the City Manager.

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February 16, 2018, 6:56 PM

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What is your zip code?

95051

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Not sure why these two different issues are combined on one ballot measure. I am 100% for ranked choice voting. This is the only way to ensure our voice is given a true vote in elections with more than 2 candidates. Council districts is a completely different issue, and I'm not sure we need that. Santa Clara is a small city.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I never understood why the City Clerk was an elected position in the first place.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

The only difference I see is that 2b specifically states that the City Council appoints the clerk (versus just "appointed"). Seems that 2b would be better as it is more clear who will be appointing the clerk.

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Marc Fontana inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 6:10 PM

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Yes

What is your zip code?

95054

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I oppose this measure. I think it is unnecessary. If 6 council members are to decide on issues that impact the ENTIRE City of Santa Clara, I'll be damned if I can only vote for half of them. This make no sense. It shouldn't even be on the ballot. Who does it serve? Every one deserve a say on who represents them on the city council !!!

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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What exactly does the City Clerk do? Can he or she make any independent decisions regarding issues that affect city residents?

If not and that person simply answers to the City Manager, then I don't really have a problem if that person is appointed by the City Manager.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

I'm comfortable with the City Manager making the appointment. What happens if the council can't agree? Appointment by one person, the City Manager is fine. Does the City Council really need to waste more time bringing this to a vote to select the right person. This could drag on and be a burden on the Council. If you hire a competent City Manager, then let that person appoint the Clerk. What problem is this change supposed to solve?

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February 16, 2018, 5:44 PM

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Yes

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I am in favor of ranked choice voting, assuming it can be executed at reasonable cost. I am opposed to district elections. I have not seen any specific information presenting a problem that district elections will solve. If I did, I might change my mind.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I am neutral on this measure. I have not seen any convincing arguments for or against it.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

I am neutral on this measure. I have not seen any convincing arguments for or against it.

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Travis Flora inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 4:21 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

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Page 1, last line, change to "...Sections 601 and 701.2 shall be added..." like the first sentence. Also, there's no mention of the amendment to Section 703 in that first item.

In section 703, it says 4/5 vote required. That doesn't seem right since there are 7 council members. And if you're using 4/5 as a minimum percentage (80%), that means if all council members are present, they would need 6/7 votes (85%), because 5/7 is less than 80%.

Regarding the ballot measure language, I recommend the following change: "Shall the City Charter be amended in 2018: to divide the City into two districts, each represented by three Council Members...."

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

No comment on proposed text, but I prefer 2B.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

I prefer option 2B with the City Council included in the appointment of the City Clerk.

Thank you for feedback!

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Timothy Tsai inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 4:14 PM

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Yes

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I can understand the argument for a single citywide district as well as the argument for smaller districts with one representative per district. I don't understand the reasoning for 3 representatives each for two districts. It sounds like a change that won't effect any actual change, especially if the district boundaries are drawn so that 3 of the current incumbents happen to be in each new district.

Because the proposed change doesn't provide the geographically local representation called for in the lawsuit that precipitated this draft ballot measure, the lawsuit will continue, and the outcome of this ballot measure won't matter.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I don't sufficiently understand how electing a city clerk or appointing a city clerk makes any difference to me.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

I don't sufficiently understand how electing a city clerk or appointing a city clerk makes any difference to me.

Thank you for feedback!

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The current system is fine. I do not want to live in a city with ranked choice voting like Berkeley or Oakland. I hope we as a city are not getting as liberal as those places. Also I am sure there are costs which are associated with the change. I am not willing to pay for those that are unhappy with the current system.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

No response

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

No response

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This is an excellent way to ensure better representation between the diverse areas of Santa Clara.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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I'm not in favor of this. The City Clerk balances the authority of the City Council. The residents of the city should have the opportunity to determine who takes the role as a salaried representative of their interests.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

I'm not in favor of this. The City Clerk balances the authority of the City Council. The residents of the city should have the opportunity to determine who takes the role as a salaried representative of their interests.

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February 16, 2018, 3:42 PM

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Yes

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

Makes sense to me. I like the changes.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

I do not like having the overseer of the election possibly oversee their own election. I concur that it should change. I prefer the City Council having oversight with a 4/5ths vote to remove and not just one person. I prefer 2B.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

I do not like having the overseer of the election possibly oversee their own election. I concur that it should change. I prefer the City Council having oversight with a 4/5ths vote to remove and not just one person. I prefer 2B.

Thank you for feedback!

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Robert Martin inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 3:22 PM

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Yes

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An attempt to manipulate the electorate.

Draft Ballot Measure 2A would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with the City Manager appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2A:

city clerk should answer to the citizens.

Draft Ballot Measure 2B would eliminate the City Clerk as an elective office with City Council appointing the City Clerk.

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Please provide your comments below on the Draft Ballot Measure 2B:

Negative, the city council is too political all ready.

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