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Answered 31

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Answered 30

Skipped 4

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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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

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

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.

Thank you for feedback!

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Howard Myers inside Santa Clara

February 28, 2018, 10:11 AM

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:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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

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

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 26, 2018, 9:22 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:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

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

http://www.peakdemocracy.com/6008

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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

I'm in full support of this ballot!

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 26, 2018, 4:50 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:

Do not change method of 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 should be elected, not appointed.

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 City Clerk should be elected, not appointed by anyone.

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 26, 2018, 2:57 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 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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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

No

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 26, 2018, 12:24 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

95051

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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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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?

95051

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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?

95051

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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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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

No opinion

Thank you for feedback!

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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?

95051

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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

OK

Thank you for feedback!

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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?

950509p900

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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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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 loosing 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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Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 1.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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?

95050

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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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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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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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 17, 2018, 11:47 AM

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 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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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

No response

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 17, 2018, 11:28 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:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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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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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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

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Are you a registered voter?

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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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Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 11:24 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:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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

No response

Thank you for feedback!

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john sontag inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 9:38 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

95051

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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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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

No response

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 7:41 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:

Acceptable

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:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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?

95051

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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

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 Cival 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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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

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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Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 6:56 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

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95051

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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.

Thank you for feedback!

Share your feedback on Draft Ballot Measures 1, 2A, & 2B

Marc Fontana inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 6:10 PM

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

What is your zip code?

95054

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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?

Share your feedback on Draft Ballot Measures 1, 2A, & 2B

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 5:44 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 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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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.

Thank you for feedback!

Share your feedback on Draft Ballot Measures 1, 2A, & 2B

Travis Flora inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 4:21 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:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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

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 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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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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February 16, 2018, 4:03 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:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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

No response

Thank you for feedback!

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Name not shown inside Santa Clara

February 16, 2018, 3:50 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:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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.

Thank you for feedback!

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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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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

What is your zip code?

95050

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Please provide your comments below on Draft Ballot Measure 1:

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2A.

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.

Click here to review Draft Ballot Measure 2B.

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

Negative, the city council is too political all ready.

Thank you for feedback!