Argument in Favor of Measure CC

Vote “YES” on Measure CC to ensure Belmont’s City Clerk is a position appointed based on qualifications and experience, not by a political campaign.

Measure CC will bring the City of Belmont in line with modern practices throughout California, making the City Clerk an appointed position.

Measure CC will save taxpayer money on elections that are held every four years for a position that should be based on expertise and experience. The City Clerk must have expertise in a number of areas, including elections, political practices law, open meeting laws, records retention, conflict-of-interest regulations, and contract practices.

Belmont is fortunate that its current City Clerk has excellent experience and modernized this important role, but we need to ensure we have such expertise in the future.

Since the City Clerk became an elected position, the needs of our community have grown and the City Clerk’s role has become more complex, yet our qualifications remain the same. Any person who is 18 years of age or older and a registered voter can be elected.

Measure CC will require that the City Clerk be selected subject to the same evaluation and hiring practices as other City employees that ensures we will have a qualified professional with the right skills and experience.

Vote “YES” on Measure CC to have Belmont join the vast majority of California cities that all recognize the need for experienced professionals who are hired based on experience and qualifications necessary for the job.

The Belmont City Council voted unanimously to place Measure CC on the ballot.

Vote “YES” on Measure CC.

Signatories

Alan Sarver  Trustee, Sequoia Union High School District
Karl Mittelstadt  Parks and Recreation Commissioner
Douglas Kim  Mayor
Kathryn E. Meola  Planning Commissioner
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