City Attorney's Impartial Analysis of Measure R

The City Council of the City of San Bruno has placed this measure on the ballot to ask the voters of San Bruno if the position of City Treasurer should be made appointive rather than elective. Under California law, the City Treasurer of any general law city such as San Bruno is an elective position unless it is made appointive by the voters of the City.

Currently, the San Bruno City Treasurer is elected for a four-year term. State law establishes two qualifications for the position of City Treasurer: the individual must be at least eighteen years of age and be a registered voter of the City.

Some of the City Treasurer's duties include prudently investing and managing the City's investment portfolio in the approximate amount of $61 million, to adhere to all local, state and federal laws and regulations governing municipal finance, and to create detailed and accurate investment reports and policies for review and approval by the City Council.

If adopted by majority vote of those persons voting, this measure would make the position of City Treasurer appointive at the end of the incumbent City Treasurer's current term, which expires on December 3, 2017.

A "yes" vote would make the position of City Treasurer appointive rather than elective. A "no" vote would keep the position of City Treasurer elective.