City Attorney's Impartial Analysis of Measure U

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 Clerk should be made appointive rather than elective. Under California law, the City Clerk 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 Clerk is elected for a four-year term. State law establishes two qualifications for the position of City Clerk: the individual must be at least eighteen years of age and be a registered voter of the City.

Some of the City Clerk's duties include administering state laws that govern open meetings, conflicts of interest codes, public records, elections, and campaign disclosure and finance. Other duties include creating minutes of City Council meetings, maintaining official City documents and records, printing and distributing City Council agenda packets, and providing legally-required official notices of meetings.

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

A "yes" vote would make the position of City Clerk appointive rather than elective.

A "no" vote would keep the position of City Clerk elective.