

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

MEASURE K

**City of Cerritos
Ballot Measure Proposing a Comprehensive Clean-Up and Modernization
of the City Charter**

The City Council of the City of Cerritos has placed this measure ("Measure K") on the March 4, 2025 ballot to ask the City's voters to approve a "comprehensive clean-up and modernization" of the Cerritos City Charter.

The Charter was adopted in 1959 and recently amended, by City voter approval, in 2022 to, among other amendments, comprehensively "clean-up" outdated words, practices, and State law-preempted provisions. Measure K would amend the Charter to modify other provisions preempted by State law, increase citywide operational efficiency by eliminating references to outdated practices, and make other non-substantive clarifications or corrections.

The current Charter provides authority for the Cerritos City Council to appoint the City Manager, City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Attorney. The current Charter provides the offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer may be held by the same person, and this has historically been the City's practice. Over time, job duties overseen by the City Treasurer have been delegated and performed by the City's Finance Manager, who, among other job responsibilities, prepares and oversees the City's annual budget, and who is appointed by and employed under the City Manager. Measure K would modify several sections in the Charter to reflect this modern operational practice by changing the City Treasurer from a Council-appointed position to a City Manager-appointed position.

The current Charter has provisions regarding the rescheduling of regular meetings and the noticing of special meetings of the Council. Measure K would modify the Charter to follow modern operational practices relating to rescheduling and noticing these respective types of Council meetings.

The current Charter has provisions regarding roll-call votes for specified routine actions. Measure K would modify the roll-call vote provisions to accommodate electronic or verbal voting, and would clarify the Council's ability to waive reading of titles and full text of ordinances and resolutions, when voting on these routine actions.

The current Charter provides any City elected officer who accepts any other elective public office is deemed to vacate the City elected office. Measure K specifies the vacating date. Measure K would also make other, non-substantive typographical or grammatical clarifications or corrections.

A "Yes" vote is in favor of adopting the comprehensive clean-up and modernization of the Charter as provided in Measure K. A "No" vote is against adopting the comprehensive clean-up and modernization of the Charter. If a simple majority of the electorate voting on this measure vote "Yes," then Measure K will be adopted.

Dated: October 31, 2024

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure K. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk/Election Official's Office at (562) 916-1248 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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