

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Q

The gist of this measure is to change the length of time that a termed-out councilmember must wait before running again for city council. Currently, the waiting period is four years (one full term), but this measure would reduce the waiting period to just two years. It takes more than 240 words to say that.

Don't let a lot of deliberately confusing verbiage mislead you. This measure is just a power grab to benefit career politicians. We already have term limits in Garden Grove. Let's keep term limits in place.

It cost the City \$8,765 to place this measure on the ballot – is that a good use for your taxes? There is really no benefit to the taxpayers. The only ones to benefit are politicians eager to retain control.

When the people of Garden Grove voted for term limits in 1996 (Measure Z), it took only 37 words to state that a termed-out councilmember or mayor must wait one term before running again. The term of a councilmember is four years; the term of mayor is two years.

In 1996 four members of the city council, including Bruce Broadwater, stated the arguments in favor of Measure Z:

- Term limits restore integrity and responsibility to local government.
- Term limits reinvigorate government with new blood and new ideas.
- Real citizen leaders will challenge the bureaucracy.
- Taxpayers are the real bosses of government.
- We must give power back to the people.
- We must avoid career politicians.

These arguments are just as valid in 2008 as they were in 1996.

Keep our term limit rule in place.

We urge you to vote NO to this measure.

s/ WILLIAM DALTON

s/ DINA NGUYEN