

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE CU

Measure CU was placed on the ballot by the Carson City Council and proposes amendments to specified provisions of the Carson City Charter. If adopted, Measure CU would amend the Charter as follows:

Measure CU would amend Section 301 to provide that City Councilmembers may be elected either at large or by district, as determined by the City Council.

Measure CU would add Section 320 incorporating State campaign-contribution disclosure requirements applicable to the Mayor and City Councilmembers into the Charter and provide that local disclosure requirements may not be less stringent than State law.

Section 907(1) &(2) currently require a two-thirds Council vote to submit a tax to voters. Measure CU would change that to require a majority affirmative vote for submission of a tax to the voters.

Measure CU would repeal Section 907(4), which places Charter-specific restrictions on additional taxes and certain environmental requirements applicable to oil refineries and petroleum-product storage facilities subject to the City's Oil Industry Business License Tax. Repeal would remove those restrictions, but would not itself impose or increase any tax.

The measure would repeal Section 305, which limits City Councilmembers to three four-year terms and clarifies all elective officers are not subject to term limits, and amend Section 301 to make it consistent with repeal of Section 305. This change clarifies that going forward all elective officers are not subject to term limits. Section 306 would also be amended to remove the related term-limit restriction on appointments to fill City Council vacancies.

The Charter permits the City Council to delegate specified contracting authority to the City Manager for budgeted acquisitions, subject to a monetary limit. Section 319 would permit the Council, by ordinance or resolution, to authorize the City Manager to approve contracts on any subject matter, subject to applicable state law.

Section 319 would also be amended regarding City real property. For property the City sells, transfers, or conveys in fee, the measure would eliminate the requirement for a Planning Commission finding regarding General Plan consistency and instead require City Council approval by resolution. The existing two-thirds Council-vote requirement for property valued above \$2.5 million would remain. For property acquired by the City, Council acceptance by resolution would apply only to property acquired in fee.

Measure CU would delete Sections 502(8) and 502(9), removing Charter provisions assigning the City Treasurer specified investment-policy duties and requiring the Treasurer to chair an investment committee. The Treasurer's other Charter duties would remain.

The measure would also remove fixed-year references and make conforming and cleanup changes.

A “YES” vote on Measure CU is a vote in favor of the proposed Charter amendments. A “NO” vote on Measure CU is a vote against the proposed Charter amendments. Measure CU takes effect if approved by a majority of those voting on the measure and after acceptance and filing by the California Secretary of State.



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