

## Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure\_

This initiative gives you a choice: do you want to choose your Mayor? You don't make that choice now, but do you want to make that choice going forward? If the answer is yes, then vote yes.

That change is significant because it takes the power away from politicians and puts the power in voters' hands. And a directly-elected Mayor will develop longer and more consistent relationships to advance our city's interests.

The initiative is otherwise not a very big change at all. You are represented by seven people who seek election city-wide, which would be true under the initiative too.

A directly-elected Mayor will be one vote of seven without any veto authority. There is nothing in this change that would authorize more staff hiring. It is not a "strong Mayor" system like New York or San Francisco.

City Council term limits remain unchanged. But this directly-elected Mayor will have the strictest term limits in the city — being able to serve only two terms, and then banned from the office for life.

Opponents don't want voters to choose their Mayor and have formed a Political Action Committee called "No Elected Mayor."

Should we have no elected Mayor? Or should voters choose their Mayor?

If you want to choose your Mayor, then vote yes. It's that simple.

For more information, please visit [www.ElectOurMayor.com](http://www.ElectOurMayor.com)

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