

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY  
MEASURE FF**

State law authorizes the City Council of a general law city such as the City of Villa Park to adopt a proposal to limit the number of terms a member of the City Council may serve on the City Council. State law further provides that any such limit shall apply prospectively only, and shall not become operative unless it is submitted to the electors of the City at a regularly scheduled election and a majority of the votes cast on the question favor the adoption of the proposal.

The current City law provides that a person is permanently ineligible to hold office as a member of the City Council if such person has subsequent to January 1, 1998, served on the City Council for two (2) full terms. This measure would change the City's law to state that if a person has served on the City Council for two (2) consecutive full terms, that person is ineligible to hold office as a member of the City Council for the two years following the person's service on the City Council. To become operative, this measure must now be approved by a majority of votes cast on the measure at the November 7, 2006, general municipal election. If you favor allowing persons who have previously served two (2) consecutive full terms on the City Council to be eligible to again serve on the City Council if they have not been on the City Council for two years, you should vote "yes". If you oppose this amendment, you should vote "no". If the measure carries by a majority vote, it will be fully enforceable on a prospective basis only.

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE FF**

Current term limits for City Council members impose a lifetime ban on further service after completing two four-year terms. For a city the size of Villa Park, the lifetime ban potentially discourages representation from different age groups in the City.

The average age of the current city council members is 70 years. Presently, a person who serves two terms in their 30's or 40's cannot serve regardless of their desire to again run for office. It would be beneficial for the City to have leadership and direction provided from all age groups, including those who serve at an earlier age.

The proposed term limit change limits a person to two consecutive four-year terms and then bans service for a period of two years before running for office again. This will encourage council member turnover, which is the basic intent of term limits, while providing the opportunity for service by younger members of our community.

The City Attorney interprets this amendment to eliminate only the lifetime ban while not affecting the term limits for current council members.

The undersigned encourage you to vote yes so that the City's term limits can include a broader opportunity for its citizens to serve as elected officials.

s/ W. Richard Ulmer  
Mayor Pro Tem

s/ Robert H. Fauteux  
Councilmember

**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE FF**

Two terms is enough. Voters want fresh faces after two terms, period. We do not need career politicians in Villa Park. There is an abundant supply of qualified candidates in our city. The present ordinance has served us well. There are ample volunteer organizations and activities for former Council members willing to give of their time and effort. Villa Park City Council is a non-paying, volunteer position and always has been. That makes for good government. Let's keep it that way.

s/ Willard "Bill" MacAloney  
Former Mayor

s/ Robert "Bob" McGowan  
Former Mayor

s/ Wayne Silzel  
Former Mayor

**ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE FF**

In the forty-four year history of Villa Park, the voters have voted in two separate elections to support limiting the maximum of terms of City Council members to two 4-year terms.

Term limitations encourage and stimulate proactive and innovative participation, leadership, and representation from our community. Pre- and post-Council involvement and commitment benefit the city and community and offer adequate opportunities for civic service while generating continuity, vitality and stability through council rotations and transitions.

The existing two 4-year term limitation has served the residents effectively for many years. There is no need to make unnecessary changes.

Former Mayors and Members of City Council who join us in opposing the ballot measure include Dr. Robert Helton, Carol Kawanami, Harold Saldarini and James Wells.

**VOTE NO ON MEASURE FF.**

**Villa Park City Council Alumni**

s/ Willard "Bill" MacAloney  
Former Mayor

s/ Wayne Silzel  
Former Mayor

s/ Robert "Bob" McGowan  
Former Mayor

**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE FF**

With the passage of time, circumstances and conditions change, including how we govern ourselves. It is not inappropriate to look back at why we did something and then determine if it is worthwhile to keep doing it today.

Term limits offer a combination of good and bad restrictions on serving in elective public office. On one hand, there is merit to restricting unlimited time in office with the threat of self-serving empire building by career politicians. On the other hand, a lifetime ban against well performing elected officials with relatively short periods of service is unreasonable.

Continuing the lifetime ban for two four-year terms deprives Villa Park voters of determining if the incumbent has served the community well enough to be re-elected.

The proposed Term Limit modification for a two-year break before running for office again is not unreasonable. Even with the name recognition advantage of past incumbents, it will not deter new-candidate Villa Park citizens from running against former office holders. Challengers will come forward and voters will continue to have the final say, based on campaign issues, for who can serve the city best.

Vote Yes on Measure FF.

s/ Robert H. Fauteux  
City Council Member

s/ W. Richard Ulmer  
City Council Member