

CITY OF COLTON
CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "■"
CHANGING THE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
FROM AN ELECTED TO AN APPOINTED OFFICE

On November 7, 2023, the City Council placed Measure "■" on the March 5, 2024 special municipal election ballot. Measure "■" asks Colton voters whether the position of Colton City Clerk should be an appointed position or remain an elected office. If Measure "■" passes, the City Clerk would be an appointed staff position and no longer elected by Colton voters. If Colton voters approve Measure "■", the City will conduct a recruitment to appoint the next City Clerk.

Currently in Colton, an elected City Clerk serves a four year term. The seat was last elected in November, 2020 but, with the passing of former City Clerk Carolina Padilla earlier this year, the office currently sits vacant and will expire in November, 2024. California law requires that general law cities, like Colton, have either an elected or appointed City Clerk. However, a transition from an elected City Clerk to an appointed City Clerk must be approved by the City's voters. Currently 17 of 24 Cities in San Bernardino County appoint a professional, qualified staff member as a City Clerk.

A "yes" vote on Measure "■" will convert the office of Colton City Clerk into an appointed position and no election for the City Clerk's Office would be held in November, 2024 or future years until changed again by Colton voters via another measure.

A "no" vote on Measure "■" will leave the City Clerk as an elected office which would be placed back up for election in November, 2024.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "■". If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call Stephanie Vargas, the City's elections official at (909) 370-5001 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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