

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE I

The position of City Clerk is an extremely important position to the City of Oakdale.

Over time, local government has become more complex which has significantly increased the technical skills and knowledge now required of the City Clerk, specifically in the areas of election law, federal and state regulations, records management and conflict of interest standards.

Duties of a City Clerk include serving as the chief records manager to maintain the City's permanent records such as minutes, resolutions and ordinances, conducting municipal elections, updating the City's Municipal Code, overseeing the Conflict of Interest/Form 700 statement process, and managing the department's annual budget.

Currently, the only qualifications of an elected City Clerk are that you must be at least 18 years of age and a registered voter within the City. The selection of the City Clerk should be based on qualifications and experience, not the results of a political campaign.

Important Facts:

The City of Oakdale is the only city in Stanislaus County that has an elected City Clerk. Just over 79% or 381 cities in California have an appointed City Clerk. A **YES** vote on this measure would bring the City in line with modern practices.

The public expects and deserves the duties of the City Clerk be performed with professionalism and efficiency. Therefore, logic demands the City select the City Clerk following a screening designed to recruit and hire the person with the strongest experience, education, technical, administrative and professional skills. Once hired, an appointed Clerk can be held accountable to perform to the same standards established for other administrative executive staff.

This change is in the best interest of the City's residents. Join us in voting YES on MEASURE I.

/s/ Nancy Lilly, Former Elected City Clerk

/s/ Kathy Teixeira, Former Elected City Clerk

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None Filed