

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE Q

Measure Q asks Rancho Cucamonga voters whether they favor a change to elect four members of the City Council in a "by district" system at future elections. To elect members "by district" means that City Council candidates must reside in a specific district and be elected only by the registered voters who live in that district. Currently, the voters elect members of the Rancho Cucamonga City Council "at large," which means that candidates may live anywhere in the City and voters throughout the City vote for all four members of the City Council. The City of Rancho Cucamonga's directly elected Mayor currently is elected "at large" and shall continue to be elected "at large" whether or not Measure Q is approved by the voters.

Measure Q would divide the City into four City Council districts defined in the measure. If the measure passes, candidates would run and be elected "by district" when existing City Council terms expire beginning in 2018. Two City Council Members would be elected "by district" in 2018 and the remaining two would be elected "by district" in 2020. This measure would not shorten any term of office, or change the number of members of the City Council. The measure would allow the City Council to adjust district boundaries periodically to respond to population or demographic changes.

A "yes" vote on Measure Q would favor changing the current system for electing four members of the City Council to a "by district" system and would create the four City Council districts in the City. A "no" vote would keep the current "at large" system in place.

The City presently is defending a lawsuit which asserts that the at large election of Council Members violates the California Voting Rights Act. That litigation most likely will continue if Measure Q is not approved by the electorate.

Measure Q was placed on the ballot by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cucamonga.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure Q prepared by the City Attorney. If you would like to obtain a complete copy of the ordinance proposed by Measure Q, including proposed district maps, please call the City Clerk at 909-477-2700, and a copy will be mailed to you at no charge.

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