

## **ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

Why can't the Dublin City leaders who write this stuff just be up front about what they want? This measure was crafted for one reason – extending term limits. For clarity, the measure should have been written “Shall the Dublin Municipal Code be amended to extend the combined lifetime term limits for Mayor and/or City Councilmembers from 8 years to 12 years?” But City leaders were concerned you might not vote for an extension, so they tried different wording and added three additional items; items that would take no effort to comply with but yet sounded like they're watching out for you. In addition, the measure does not specify whether 12 years is a lifetime limit or limited to 12 consecutive years. In fact, the Council voted not to use the version containing the word “lifetime”. Without specifying, it leaves it up to the City leaders which it would be. It would be nice to know before you voted.

Words were carefully chosen to make you think that this measure would reign in inappropriate political behavior. In fact, the specific wording was discussed at the Dublin City Council meeting on November 7, 2023 and a presentation was given about how to word the measure to get the best results, and which wording polled best. Survey research showed that if they used certain words and added the three extra fluff items about lobbyists and contracts, then voters would be more likely to vote for it. It passed at the Council by a 3-2 vote in favor of the special wording.

The City's not imposing term limits for the first time – they are extending existing term limits. Please vote No on this measure to show that you are not fooled by their attempt to manipulate your thinking.

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