

Argument Against Measure_

Should Newport have a politician who rules over city council and city hall? No.

Our city's incredible success and financial stability demonstrates the strength of our current council system. Our city does not need a King.

Measure ___ allows any person who has lived in Newport Beach 30 days or more to run for Mayor. Whoever wins the mayorship would become a super-councilmember, dominating the council's agenda, overseeing city departments, and directing the city manager. If the elected mayor did not govern as voters expected, they could remain in office for four years, possibly eight. That's too much power for too long.

For 67 years, Newport Beach has had an elected council of seven members who share power equally. This system serves our city well, providing steady leadership while keeping any one councilmember from dominating city hall.

Citizens already elect Newport's mayor by voting for councilmembers who eventually are nominated and elected to mayor by their peers. This system builds community and council consensus.

A council of equals ensures that each district in our city can be represented by the mayor for one year. Council members serve as a check on each other and collectively ensure that the city is well-managed.

Elected mayor cities tend to generate political machines for ambitious politicians. That may be good for someone hungry for state and national office, but our mayor should focus on our city's needs, not their political futures.

Measure__ reduces the number of council districts from seven to six. The mayor would not represent a district. This dilutes the power of voters. It also reduces the attractiveness of serving on council if it is dominated by one person. Would you serve on such a council?

Vote no on Measure ___ (NoKing4Newport.com).

s/ Brad Avery
Council Member, former Mayor

s/ Joy Brenner
Council Member