

Measure J Charter Amendment 2025

A **YES** vote will restore control of election dates to our residents.

In 1994 our Charter was amended by approximately a 78% majority vote to change the City election to odd number years to allow voters to focus on local issues and candidates after the State moved the primary election date from June to one very close to our municipal election. No term could be extended by 12 months. The Charter Amendment also changed the requirement from a Citizen vote to a vote by the Council to change any election date.

At the September 26<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, agenda item 9A reported there were 5 election date changes:

- Feb. 16, 1995 per the 1994 Measure, Council voted to move the municipal election to March 1997 and thereby extending their term by approximately 11 months.
- Nov. 7, 2016 Council extended their term by 5 weeks.
- Jan. 11, 2018 Council voted to extend the term by 11 months due to a State law requiring all elections to be held on specified dates during even numbered years. A number of Cities believed their City's Charter and authority was protected by California's Constitution and sued the State. The State lost in a Court of Appeal and declined to pursue the case further.
- Oct. 28, 2021 Council voted to re-establish the decades long practice allowing our residents to continue a singular focus on local elections to odd number years, extending their term by 11 months.

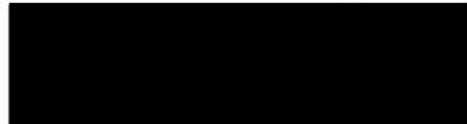
Subsequently, a number of residents complained saying the City Council should not be allowed to extend their own term of office by almost 12 months, between any two elections.

Remember, all voters receive a mail-in ballot and/or directions to a voting location. We encourage you to vote!

We recommend a **YES** vote to **ALLOW, ONLY THE RESIDENTS** to change any election date.



Naresh Solanki,  
Mayor, City of Cerritos



Bruce Barrows  
Councilmember, City of Cerritos


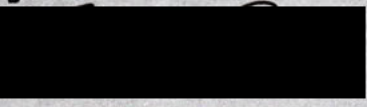
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**PRIMARY ARGUMENT "FOR":   X   "AGAINST": \_\_\_\_\_**  
*(Place checkmark in the appropriate location above)*

Charter Amendment Measure   J   at the Tuesday, March 4, 2025 Cerritos General Municipal Election hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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<b>Title:</b>	Mayor, City of Cerritos		
<b>Submitted on behalf of:</b>	City of Cerritos <small>(Name of bona fide organization)</small>	<b>Date:</b>	October 18, 2024
<b>Print name:</b>	Bruce W. Barrows	<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	Cerritos City Councilmember		
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