

# CITY OF SANTEE

(This Measure will appear on the ballot in the following form.)

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## MEASURE R

Shall an ordinance amending the Santee Municipal Code to establish a three-term lifetime limit on City Council service and a separate two-term lifetime limit on Mayoral service, be adopted?

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This measure requires approval of a simple majority (50% plus 1) of those voting on the measure.  
Full text of this measure follows the arguments and Rebuttals.

### CITY ATTORNEY IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

The City of Santee currently does not have term limits for its Mayor or City Council.

Measure "R" would amend the Santee Municipal Code to provide that no person shall serve as a City Council Member for more than three four-year terms, regardless of district represented, and that no person shall serve as Mayor for more than two four-year terms. The term limit for Mayor is separate from and in addition to the term limit that applies to service as a City Council Member. For both term limits, a partial term in excess of two years, whether held by election or appointment, would be considered a full term.

Measure "R" was placed on the ballot by the governing body of the City.

If Measure "R" is approved, pursuant to the Elections Code, the term limits would apply only to future City Council and Mayoral terms, elected or appointed, beginning with the terms that commence as a result of the November 3, 2020 election.

A separate term limits measure, Measure "Q," is also on the ballot. Under the Elections Code, if both Measure "R" and Measure "Q" pass with a majority of "yes" votes, the measure receiving the highest number of "yes" votes will become the operative law of the City, and can thereafter be amended or repealed only by a majority of the voters at a subsequent City election.

A copy of the entire text of the proposed ordinance is printed in this voter information pamphlet.

Shawn Hagerty  
City Attorney

## **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE R**

The Santee Term Limits Committee requests you vote YES on Measure R.

Measure R was based on the State of California term limits and does not contain illegal retroactivity provisions that may result in costly legal challenges.

"Common Sense Term Limits" for Santee!

As a City sharing a boundary with a large metropolis, Santee must attract and retain the very best members for City Council.

We recognize the experience needed to run our great City. And we also embrace the need to bring in fresh ideas and innovations to the Council. This measure will encourage both.

We support a "Common Sense" approach in limiting terms.

Measure R will:

- Provide separate limits for Council positions.
- Three terms for Council positions and Two terms as Mayor.
- No penalty for partial terms under 24 months.
- Provide a professionally written initiative, sponsored by a citizens committee and supported by a majority vote of the City Council.

Support "Common Sense" by joining the Santee Term Limits Committee in voting YES on R.

ROB MCNELIS  
Councilman

RANDY VOEPEL  
Former Mayor of Santee

DANIEL BICKFORD  
Senior Advocate

LYNDA MARROKAL  
Community Historian

JONATHAN D. OLSEN

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE R

Measure R has been placed on the ballot by politicians to compete with the citizen qualified measure.

The Mayor's Measure R proposal would **add 2 additional terms** for the Mayor, setting up a **potential 20-year career on city council.**

**Politicians have endless rationalizations to convince you to give them more power. Don't buy it.**

**Our political system has been corrupted by special interest monetary contributions. Term Limits are one way for citizens to begin to restore checks and balances that are required for healthy democracy.**

Instead of supporting politicians grab for additional power, we encourage you to vote in favor of the citizens measure.

4 politicians hoping for additional power placed Measure R on the ballot. In contrast, about 4,000 Santee voters petitioned to place Measure Q, which has greater limits on the ballot.

Don't let the politicians strategy of division circumvent citizens desire for term limits.

**If the politicians are hoping that confusion will defeat both measures, an option to circumvent their strategy is to just vote Yes on the term limits measure that you prefer while ignoring the other measure.**

VAN COLLINSWORTH  
Geographer/Director  
PreserveWildSantee.org

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Health Scientist/UCSD  
City Council Candidate

STEPHEN HOULAHAN, RN  
Santee City Councilman

## ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE R

Measure "R" has been placed on the ballot by politicians to compete with the citizen qualified Measure Q.

We urge you to oppose politicians' Measure R strategy of confusion.

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**In contrast, about 4,000 Santee voters petitioned to place Measure Q, which has greater limits, on the ballot.**

Instead of supporting politicians grab for additional power, we encourage you to vote in favor of the citizens measure.

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The Mayor's Measure R proposal would **add 2 additional terms** for the Mayor, setting up a potential **20-year career on city council.**

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The current Mayor has been on the city council since 2002. Shouldn't the potential for another 12 years be more than enough?

**Are the 5 potential terms proposed by politicians' Measure R a good faith term limit, or in practice, really no limit at all?**

STEPHEN HOULAHAN  
Santee City Councilman

VAN COLLINSWORTH  
Geographer/Director,  
PreserveWildSantee.org

# REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE R

Measure R is the “COMMON SENSE TERM LIMITS” for Santee!

Measure R is the RIGHT CHOICE for Santee!

Measure R cleans up the amateurishly written measure Q and brings a common sense approach to Santee term limits by:

- Providing that we attract and retain experienced council representatives
- Provide a professionally written initiative, free from glaring legal deficiencies
- Separates the offices of Mayor and Council
- Does not attempt to subvert or minimize a past election
- Does not give special interest groups leverage against city decision makers

Let's make sure our voices are heard! Vote YES on Measure R

Measure R is directly based on currently established term limits for the State of California where legislature and governor are on separate schedules; crucial to having elected officials with experience in both positions.

We are a small city bordering a large metropolis, let's make sure we have representatives with the skills and experience needed to make our voice HEARD in the region..

Don't be fooled by the deceitful and politically motivated opposing measure. Vote YES on R and NO on Q.

How I am going to remember these measures: Measure Q is Questionable. Measure R is the Right choice for Santee!

DAVID LEONHARDI  
President, Deputy Sheriff's  
Association of San Diego

MIKE CLINKENBEARD  
Treasurer, Santee Chamber of Commerce

LYNDA MARROKAL  
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Chair, Santee General Plan Committee

# FULL TEXT OF MEASURE R

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTEE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 2.02.060 TO CHAPTER 2.02 (“CITY COUNCIL”) OF THE SANTEE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A THREE-TERM LIFETIME LIMIT ON CITY COUNCIL SERVICE, AND A SEPARATE TWO-TERM LIFETIME LIMIT ON MAYORAL SERVICE**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Council of the City of Santee, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Subject to the approval of a majority of the voters of the City of Santee at the scheduled election so designated by the City Council in a separate resolution placing the proposal on the ballot for such election, Section 2.02.060 is hereby added to Chapter 2.02 of the Santee Municipal Code and shall read as follows:

**2.02.060 Separate Term Limits for City Council and Mayor**

- A. City Council. No person shall serve as a City Council member for more than three four-year terms, regardless of district represented. If for any reason a person serves as a City Council member for a partial term in excess of two years, that partial term shall be considered to be a full term for purposes of this City Council term limit.
- B. Mayor. No person shall serve as Mayor for more than two four-year terms. If for any reason a person serves as Mayor for a partial term in excess of two years, that partial term shall be considered a full term for purposes of this Mayoral term limit. The term limit for Mayor is separate from and in addition to the term limit that applies to service as a City Council member.
- C. Prospective Application Only. The separate term limits for Mayor and City Council members established in this section shall apply prospectively only, with the first term for any person commencing with any term that starts on or after the November 3, 2020 general election, regardless of any prior service as Mayor or as a City Council member.
- D. Nomination Papers. The City Clerk, or other election official authorized by law, shall not accept or verify the signatures on any nomination paper for any person, including any paper for the purpose of seeking election as a write-in candidate, nor shall he or she certify or place on the list of certified candidates, nor print or cause to be printed on any ballot, ballot pamphlet, sample ballot or ballot label, the name of any person whose candidacy, if successful, will result in a new Mayoral or City Council term that exceeds the limits set forth herein.

**SECTION 2.** If any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of law or other legal body with applicable authority, the invalidity shall not affect or prohibit the force and effect of any other provision or application of the Ordinance that is not deemed invalid. The voters of the City hereby declare that they would have circulated for qualification and/or voted for the adoption of this Section, and each portion thereof, regardless of the fact that any portion of the initiative may be subsequently deemed invalid.

**SECTION 3.** To the fullest extent allowed by law, the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail over, and supersede, all other provisions of the Municipal Code and any ordinances, resolutions or administrative policies of the City of Santee which are in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This Section shall not be repealed or amended except by a measure approved by a majority of the electors voting on the issue at a General Municipal Election, or at a special election called for that purpose.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect only if approved by a majority of the eligible voters of the City of Santee voting at a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2020, and shall take effect ten (10) days after the City Council has certified the results of the General Municipal Election by resolution.

**SECTION 6.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to attest to the adoption of this Ordinance by the People voting thereon on November 3, 2020, by signing where indicated below.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the People of the City of Santee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020.

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**JOHN W. MINTO, MAYOR**