

## Argument in Favor of Measure H-18

A "YES" vote on Measure H-18 ensures the selection of the City Clerk for the City of Paso Robles be based on qualifications and experience, not the results of a political campaign. The public deserves the duties of the City Clerk to be performed professionally and efficiently.

The current qualifications to serve as elected City Clerk require only that a candidate be of-age and a registered voter. There is no guarantee that an elected City Clerk will possess the necessary skills and expertise required; as a result, 85% of California cities now appoint their City Clerks. This ensure the selection of City Clerk be based on education, experience, and professional abilities. Further, Measure H-18 will save the City money by eliminating salary and benefits provided to an elected Clerk.

Historically, elected City Clerks perform narrow statutory duties. However, as cities have become more complex, the duties of the Clerk have become more technical. Clerk responsibilities require professional skills and expertise in Elections, the Political Reform Act, The Brown Act, Public Records Act, Records Retention, Conflict-of-Interest Regulations, the City's Municipal Code, and the ability to serve as the Clerk of the Council, while remaining neutral.

In past years, the San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury released a report addressing the question whether City Clerks should be elected or appointed. Their report stated that, "health benefits alone may be sufficient to attract unqualified persons to run for city clerk, leaving the work to city staff and costing the cities health benefits for persons performing no useful function."

Your "YES" vote will convert the Paso Robles City Clerk position to an appointed position and ensure the City's operations continue to be run efficiently by a qualified and trained individual. The City of Paso Robles' elected officials, City Clerk, and City management support Measure H-18 and urge you to vote "YES."



Steve Martin, Mayor



Steve Grego, Mayor Pro Tem



Fred Strong, Councilmember






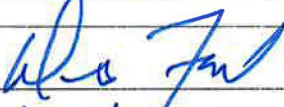
Dennis Fansler, City Clerk

# ARGUMENTS

## FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9, Chapter 3 (beginning with § 9200) of the Elections Code shall be accompanied by the following form statement **to be signed** by each proponent, and by each author, if different, of the argument:

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the primary argument **in favor of** ballot proposition **H-18** at the **General Municipal Election** for election for the **City of Paso Robles** to be held on **November 6, 2018** hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

Print Name <u>Steve Martin</u> Title <u>Mayor</u>	Signature <u></u> Date <u>7-2-18</u>
Print Name <u>STEVE GREGORY</u> Title <u>MAYOR-PRO TEM</u>	Signature <u></u> Date <u>7-2-18</u>
Print Name <u>Fred Strong</u> Title <u>City Council Member</u>	Signature <u></u> Date <u>7-2-18</u>
Print Name <u>Dennis Fansler</u> Title <u>City Clerk</u>	Signature <u></u> Date <u>6/29/2018</u>
Print Name _____ Title _____	Signature _____ Date _____