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Argument Against Measure R

Please vote NO on Measure R. Protect the integrity of the City Clerk position. As an elected official, the City Clerk is accountable to the people and does not answer to a city employee or even the city council.

The public relies on true and accurate public records of government actions; as long as the City Clerk is only accountable to the people, they can count on independent recording and record management.

The elected City Clerk position does not require the officeholder to have any specific skills, just as the elected position of a City Council Member does not require specific skills. The elected City Council Members pass laws and regulations, whereas, the City Clerk only records the council's actions.

An elected City Clerk must be a Suisun resident and a citizen of the United States. This measure will eliminate these requirements. As a resident of Suisun City, the clerk cares about the community.

The City Clerk is the hub of government, the direct link between the residents of our community and our government. The Clerk is the historian of the city, for the entire recorded history of the city.

As for saving the City money by eliminating the elected City Clerk, the clerk's stipend is less than \$5,000 a year plus insurance benefits. Suisun City's budget this year is in the red by \$2.5M, eliminating an elected position will not make a significant difference.

Vote NO! Do not give away your right of electing a City Clerk.

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