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JULY 13, 2010 COUNCIL

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TO: TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: TOWN MANAGER 

RE: BALLOT ARGUMENT OPPOSING TERM LIMIT INITIATIVE ON NOVEMBER ELECTION

ISSUE

Mayor Liss asks that Council approve submitting to County Elections a ballot argument opposing the term limit initiative that will be voted on in the November 2010 election.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and determine a course of action including possibly approving ballot language opposing the term limit initiative.

CEQA

There are no CEQA issues in opposing or supporting ballot measures.

MONEY

There is no direct cost to the Town in opposing or supporting a term limit ballot measure.

DISCUSSION

Loomis citizens in support of Town Council term limits qualified a ballot measure (through the initiative process) that Council agreed to put on the November 2010 election. The initiative, if approved by the Town voters, would change the Municipal Code as follows:

Section 1. Section 2.04.012 is added to the Loomis Municipal Code as follows:

"2.04.012 Elections, powers and terms of office.
The electorate shall elect a council of five at large members for a four-year term of office. The council shall constitute the legislative and governing body of the town and shall have the authority to duly exercise all powers of the town, and to adopt such ordinances and resolutions as may be proper in the exercise thereof. Two and three council members shall be elected alternately at the general municipal election each even number year. No council member shall serve more than two consecutive four year

terms. Any council member, who has served two consecutive four year terms as of August 1, 2010 shall be ineligible to serve as a council member again until eight years have passed since the last four year term was served. Council members who are currently in office at the time this section takes effect, shall be able to complete their remaining term."

The Council can support or oppose ballot measures but cannot spend Town money doing either.

If Council decides to submit an argument in opposition to the term limit initiative, the argument cannot exceed 300 words and must be submitted to County Elections by August 6, 2010 to be included in the voter pamphlet.