

## **Argument in Favor of Measure BB**

San Bruno voters first approved term limits in 1977. Those limits were struck down by a state court decision in 1988. California state law was amended to authorize term limits if approved by a vote of the people in 1995.

This year, after commissioning a poll of likely voters indicating term limits have total support of 65.6%, the San Bruno City Council held two public meetings with opportunities for community input. The council then voted unanimously to have our voters decide whether to enact term limits of twelve (12) consecutive years: three (3) four-year terms for council members, six (6) two-year terms for the mayor.

Twelve consecutive years of service is ample time for an elected official to articulate their goals, set their priorities, and lead to implement their ideas.

Some say we already have term limits by holding an election at the end of each term, however history clearly shows that incumbents have a clear and decisive advantage over new candidates; the incumbent win rate in California in our last election was 80%.

Term limits increase the opportunity for new engagement, new ideas and new energy in our city government. We strongly encourage you to vote YES on establishing term limits in San Bruno.

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