



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: November 16, 2010
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Byron Pope, City Clerk
Subject: Term Limits for Elected Officials
Attachments: List of Cities with Term Limits

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Delshad has requested that the City Council discuss the possibility of adopting term limits for elected officials. The imposition of term limits would require approval by the voters. In order for the term limits measure to qualify for the upcoming March ballot a formal action is required by the Council before December 10, 2010. If majority of the Council concurs with the request, the measure language would be brought back for formal consideration at the November 30, 2010.

For your consideration, a list of California cities with term limits is included in the attachment.

Byron Pope 
Approved By

ATTACHMENT 1

CITY TERM LIMITS
As of November 2010

Alameda	YES: 2 consec terms; 4 yr break	*
Albany	YES: Council: 2 consec terms; 2 yr break	*
Alhambra	YES: 3 consec terms; 4 yr. break	*
Anaheim	YES: 2 consec terms; 2 yr break	*
Belvedere	YES: 2 terms only	
Buena Park	YES: 3 consec terms	
Campbell	YES: 2 consec terms; 2 yr break	
Capitola	YES: 2 consec terms; 2 yr break	
Cerritos	YES: 2 consec terms; 2 yr break	*
Chula Vista	YES: 2 consec terms; 1 yr break	*
Coronado	YES: 2 terms	
Corte Madera	YES: 1 term for Mayor	
Costa Mesa	YES: 2 consec terms; 2 yr break	
Culver City	YES: 2 consec terms; 2 yr break	*
Cupertino	YES: 2 consec terms; 4 yr break	
Cypress	YES: council—2 terms only	*
Dana Point	YES: 2 consec terms; 2 yr break	
Downey	YES: 2 terms; lifetime ban	*
Dublin	YES: 8 consec yrs w/any combination of 2 yr Mayor or 4 yr council	
Eureka	YES: 2 consec terms; 4 yr break	*
Foster City	YES: 2 yr terms; partial terms not counted	
Fountain Valley	YES: 3 consec terms; 2 yr break	
Fremont	YES, Mayor & Council—eight years consecutive; 4 yr break	
Fresno	YES: 2 consec terms; 4 yr break	*
Fullerton	YES: 3 consec four year terms-council	
Garden Grove	YES: 2 consec terms	
Gardena	YES: 3 terms	
Grover Beach	YES: 2 consec terms	
Hemet	YES: 3 terms elected officials	
Hillsborough	YES: Mayor—2 terms	
Huntington Beach	YES: council—2 consec terms; can fill unexpired term or run in next election	*
Huntington Park	YES: 3 consec terms; 2 yr break	
Huron	YES: Mayor-1 term; Council 1 term with break (break term?)	
Indian Wells	YES: 2 consec 4 yr terms	
Irvine	YES: Council-2-4 yr terms; Mayor-2 – 2 yr terms	*
Kerman	YES: 2 terms	
Laguna Hills	YES: 2 consec terms-council	
La Palma	YES: 2 consec terms; 4 yr break	
Livermore	YES: Mayor-4 terms; Council-2 terms; 2 yr break	
Long Beach	YES: 2 full terms; no write-ins	*

Loomis	YES: 4 year terms-council; terms staggered; no more than two consec 4 yr terms	
Los Altos	YES: 2 consec terms; 2 yr break	
Los Altos Hills	YES: 2 consec; 2 yr break	
Los Angeles	YES	*
Malibu	YES; 2 consec terms	
Manhattan Beach	YES: 2 consec terms	
Menifee	YES: 2 successive terms or 8 consecutive years	
Merced	YES: Mayor – 2 consec 2 yr terms; Council—2 consec 4 yr terms	*
Millbrae	YES: Council—2 consec terms; 2 yr break	
Milpitas	YES: 4 consec terms; 3 of one type (Mayor)	
Mission Viejo	YES	
Modesto	YES: 2 consec terms; 4 yr break	*
Mountain View	YES: 2 terms	*
Murrieta	YES: elected officials - no more than 2 consec 4 year terms	
Needles	YES: Mayor 4 consec terms only	*
Newport Beach	YES: Mayor 4 consec terms only	*
Oakland	YES: Mayor 2 consec terms only	
Orange	YES: Mayor-3 terms; Council-2 terms	
Orland	YES: 4 consec terms; 1 yr break	
Pacifica	YES: 2 terms	
Palmdale	YES: 8 yrs total (not consec)	
Palo Alto	YES: 2 consec terms w/break	*
Pinole	YES: 3 terms only	
Placentia	Yes, (3) consecutive terms for city council; includes any portion of unexpired term of office for those appointed or elected.	
Pleasanton	YES: 2 consec terms	
Portola Valley	YES: 3 terms	
Rancho Palos Verdes	YES: 2 consec terms; 6 mos break	
Redondo Beach	YES: 2 full terms	*
Roseville	YES: 2 consec terms; 4 yr break	*
Salinas	YES: one term only	
San Diego	YES: Council-2 consec. terms-8 yrs total. Mayor-2 consec. Terms-8 yrs total	*
San Francisco	YES	*
San Jose	YES: 2 consec terms only	*
San Juan Bautista	YES: 4 yrs only	
San Leandro	YES: 2 complete terms	*
San Luis Obispo	YES: 2 terms	*
San Mateo	YES: Council-3 consec terms	*
San Ramon	YES: Mayor-4 terms only; council unlimited	*
Santa Barbara	YES: 2 consec terms; 6 mos break	*
Santa Clara	YES: 2 consec terms; 2 yr break	*

Santa Cruz	YES: 2 consec terms; 2 yr break	*
Saratoga	YES: 2 terms; gentlemen's agreement	
Stockton	YES: 2 consec terms	
Sunnyvale	YES: 2 consec terms; 2 yr break	*
Torrance	YES: 2 consec terms; 4 yr break	*
Tracy	YES: 2 – 2 yr terms for Mayor; 2 4 yr terms for Council	
Tustin	YES: 2 consec terms	
Union City	YES: 3 consec terms; 2 yr break	
Vallejo	YES: 2 consec terms	*
Villa Park	YES: Council—2 full terms	
Watsonville	YES: 2 full 4 yr terms; 4 yr break	
Yorba Linda	YES: 3 terms; lifetime ban after 12 yrs	

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