

## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE A

### Prepared by Sacramento City Attorney

The Sacramento City Council has placed Measure A, the “Sacramento Mayoral Accountability and Community Equity Act of 2020,” on the ballot.

Measure A, if passed by a majority of the voters, revises the Sacramento City Charter, the voter-approved “constitution” that establishes the framework for city government.

The measure would revise the city’s current “council-manager” form of government to a “mayor-council” form, as summarized in this chart:

<b>Current Charter</b>	<b>Measure A</b>
Mayor is one of nine councilmembers	Mayor no longer a councilmember, but may attend and be heard at council meetings  Nine-member council with president and vice-president (eight members until 2022)
City manager is city’s chief executive officer	Mayor is chief executive officer  City manager is chief administrative officer
Council appoints city manager	Mayor appoints city manager with council concurrence
Vote of six councilmembers required to remove city manager	Mayor removes city manager; council has six-vote override if removal is without cause
No mayoral veto	Mayor can veto ordinances, with exceptions, subject to six-vote council override  Mayor can veto council’s approved budget (includes line-item veto), subject to six-vote council override
No term limits	Mayor has two-term limit
City manager presents proposed budget to council	Mayor presents proposed budget to council
Mayor appoints persons to boards and commissions, subject to council concurrence	Council-adopted ordinance may set method of appointment; mayor may appoint representatives to outside

	agencies, subject to council concurrence
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Measure A changes the charter's budget provisions:

- Currently, city manager proposes budget to council at least 60 days before fiscal year; under Measure A, mayor proposes budget to council at least 90 days before fiscal year
- Currently, council must hold at least one public hearing; Measure A requires at least two public hearings
- New: mayor may veto (including line-item veto) council-approved budget, subject to six-vote override
- New: must include some expenditures consistent with citywide participatory budgeting
- New: minimum of \$40 million for “inclusive economic development and youth services” (at least 25% for youth services)

Measure A requires the city to:

- Analyze the social equity impacts and small business impacts of the city's budget and major policy decisions
- Adopt a Code of Ethics and Conduct for elected officials and appointed board/commission members
- Adopt a Sunshine Ordinance
- Develop a means to ensure responsiveness to constituents

Measure A requires establishment of:

- An Ethics Commission
- A Fair Housing and Human Rights Commission

Measure A makes other charter changes consistent with the revisions described above.

This measure requires the city council to place another measure on the ballot, no later than November 2030, for voters to consider returning the City to the council-manager form of government that existed before the effective date of Measure A, re-approving

the changes effectuated by Measure A, or proposing some alternative government structure.



A “yes” vote is in favor of revising the Sacramento City Charter. A “no” vote is against revising the charter. A majority of “yes” votes is required to pass Measure A.

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