

Ballot Argument Signature Statement

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- Individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure
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- Argument in Favor of
- Argument Against
- Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of
- Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Ballot measure letter S, to be voted on at the (Primary or General) election to be held on NOVEMBER 6, 2018 in the County of Butte, and hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

Each person must clearly print and sign as indicated below. Printing will be in the order as submitted.

| | Print Name clearly | Print Title and Name of Organization | Signature | Date |
|---|--------------------|---|---------------------|---------|
| 1 | Maureen Kirk | Butte County Supervisor, District 3 Butte Co | <i>Maureen Kirk</i> | 8/13/18 |
| 2 | Ann Schwab | Council member City of Chico | <i>Ann Schwab</i> | 8/13/18 |
| 3 | [REDACTED] | Butte County Supervisor [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | 8/13/18 |
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Argument Against Measure S

We already have term limits. They're called elections.

Term limits take away your right to choose. Term limits prohibit you from electing the most qualified person for the job. Imposing term limits would remove the power from voters in favor of an arbitrary law. Voter choices are restricted when a candidate is barred from being on the ballot. Don't allow term limits to replace your right to vote.

Experience matters! What other profession forces the best employees into retirement with no consideration of their abilities or effectiveness on the job? Rather than forcing experienced elected officials to the sidelines with term limits, we need to embrace the skills, talents and relationships they bring to the table to best serve the people. There is no reason to believe, especially at the local level, that inexperienced people will be any more capable of serving than veteran council members. Chico is fortunate to find qualified people who are willing to give time to serve their community. Councilmembers should be judged by how well they represent their constituents, not by an arbitrary time limit.

People's voices, not those of special interests. Council's job is to direct staff. Inexperienced leaders defer more frequently to staff and special interests. Term limits ensure lobbyists have more experience than the people you elect. Now, you can vote someone out. Term limits would take away your right to have knowledgeable, experienced people representing your interests. The only people who would gain from this are those who want to eliminate competition, and enhance special interests. Maintain your right to choose; don't give it away.

Kicking out competent and experienced Councilmembers simply because their time runs out is bad policy and a bad idea.

Vote "no" on Measure S.

Signed
Maureen Kirk, Butte County Supervisor District 3
Ann Schwab, City of Chico Councilmember
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