

Board of Supervisors

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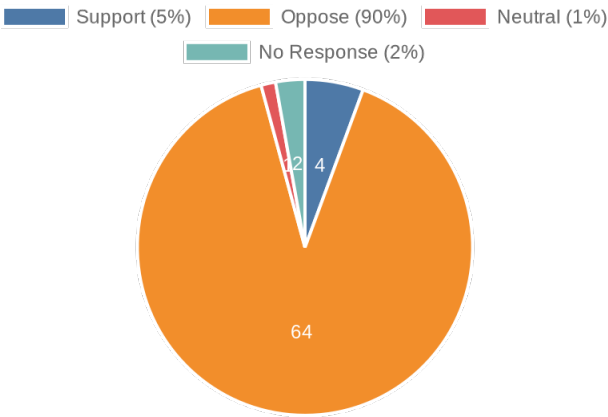
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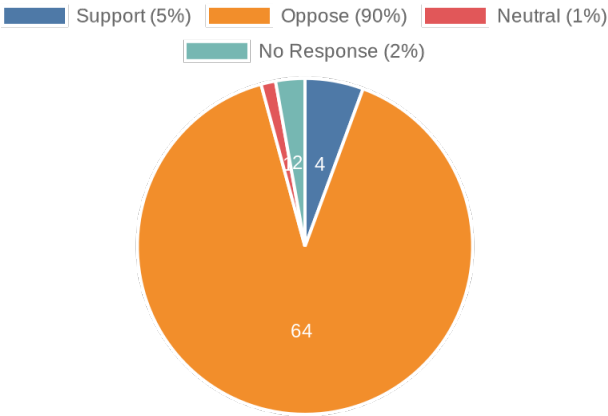


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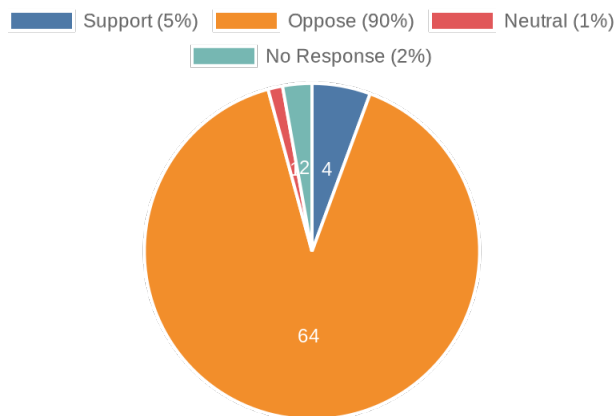
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Agenda Item: eComments for 24. MODERNIZING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHARTER TO STRENGTHEN TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT

Overall Sentiment



Bianca Munoz

Location: 92111

Submitted At: 8:53am 05-20-26

I oppose Item 24 as currently written. Voters settled the term limit question in 2010 and that decision should be respected. Packaging a term limit extension inside a broader charter reform measure doesn't make it more palatable. It makes it harder to trust. San Diego County residents deserve transparency, and that starts with not burying self-serving changes inside polished reform language. Please vote NO.

Kim A

Location: 92019

Submitted At: 8:20am 05-20-26

I do not support giving the Board of Supervisors authority over County Staff. I will not be voting for Monica Montgomery Steppe again if she endorses this Board Item. Thank you

kathy McMillen

Location: 92116, San Diego

Submitted At: 8:02am 05-20-26

Strongly support the budget allocation for the Global Village. Affordable homes, civic and cultural space, a community plaza to serve as a regional asset during times of crisis, transit infrastructure. This is a long-term investment for historically underserved communities. Thank you.

Vanessa Melendrez

Location: 92083, vista

Submitted At: 2:43pm 05-19-26

My name is Vanessa, and I am speaking on behalf of Pilipino Workers Center in support of Supervisor Lawson-Remer's original charter reform proposal and in opposition to Supervisor Anderson's proposed amendments. Supervisor Anderson's amendments move in the opposite direction and weaken pathways toward consistent accountability standards across County government and preserve different rules for different powerful offices.

They remove stronger oversight mechanisms for senior County leadership responsible for decisions that affect millions of residents and billions of public dollars. They also shift what should be long-term structural reform into decisions shaped by current political circumstances. Pilipino Workers Center urges this Board to support the original proposal advanced by Supervisor Lawson-Remer and reject amendments that weaken independent oversight.

Robert Gonzalez

Location: 92046, Escondido
Submitted At: 1:44pm 05-19-26

You get lifetimers dozing off in seats when you extend. No way. Keep the drag blood flowing. The tides change. The constituency should with it.

Lowden Clearly

Location: 92116, San diego
Submitted At: 12:32pm 05-19-26

No queens. You can't be in office and extend your term unless you're trying to kill our constitutional Republic.

Have some shame.

Mitchell McKay

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach
Submitted At: 11:17am 05-19-26

I support the Amended Proposal as introduced by Supervisor Joel Anderson relating to today's Agenda Item #25 and recommend full rejection of the current Board proposal which seeks to extend term limits for current Board of Supervisors.

Peggy Brown

Location: 92003, BONSALL
Submitted At: 10:49am 05-19-26

I'm strongly opposed to the changes proposed in item 24. Joel Andersons amendment makes sense.

stephen Brown

Location: 92028, Fallbrook
Submitted At: 10:46am 05-19-26

A hard NO on these changes.

Eileen Delaney

Location: 92028, Fallbrook
Submitted At: 9:53am 05-19-26

No! We only Support Supervisor Anderson's alternative.

Patrick Macfarland

Location: 92103, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:51am 05-19-26

I oppose Item 24 in its current form. The reforms outlined in this agenda item are great, except for two important key factors: I am vehemently opposed to extending term limits for supervisors from two terms to three terms. I also oppose this term limit extension to apply to any sitting supervisor.

Adrian Ahearn

Location: 91942, SD
Submitted At: 9:27am 05-19-26

No sneaky queens.

Judy OConnor

Location: 92009, Carlsbad

Submitted At: 8:23am 05-19-26

I oppose the change in term limits. This is a scam. A lie. An insult to American citizens who voted for term limits.

Andrew Lawson

Location: 91977

Submitted At: 8:12am 05-19-26

NO QUEENS_____

Brad Adorador

Location: 92071, Santee

Submitted At: 8:06am 05-19-26

Please don't extend your own term limits; it's not only better for the board to have fresh members more often with new outlooks, but it's better for the county as a whole. Prevents stagnation.

Brita Lindstrom

Location: 92109, San Diego

Submitted At: 7:21am 05-19-26

No on 24! This proposal is written in a very sneaky way. There actually will be no accountability or fiscal responsibility! Also, who designs and votes on their own increased term limits??? NO queens!!!

Edy J

Location:

Submitted At: 6:44am 05-19-26

No on 24. Current officials should not be making decisions to increase the number of terms THEY CAN SERVE. Signatures were gathered to put this issue on the ballot and a 2 term limit was approved. For those of us who only have SDBOS representation, I want my representative to live within the boundaries of my district. The ballot box is where voters get their opportunity to hold elected office holders accountable. I want to retain local representation. I ask you to vote NO on advancing this to the general election.

Oliver Twist

Location:

Submitted At: 6:42am 05-19-26

This item is just self-serving machinations in the guise of neutral reform. And any politician facing allegations of quid pro quo dealings has no business appointing her own "oversight".

Keep the foxes out of the henhouse. NO to this self-dealing version of charter 'reform'!

Daniel Vasquez

Location: 92108

Submitted At: 5:17am 05-19-26

This isn't right. Please don't support this or allow it to pass.

Rosalia Zamora

Location: 92027, Escondido

Submitted At: 3:25am 05-19-26

Please vote YES

Robin Maxson

Location: 92065, RAMONA

Submitted At: 10:25pm 05-18-26

The people have already spoken on the issue of more than 2 terms. There is zero reason to go against the will and wisdom of the people. Public service is incompatible with self-serving actions. At-large elections are a discriminatory practice - effectively blocking those living outside of the densely populated coastal/urban zone of the County. The results will be taxation without representation.

Evvalenora Cross

Location: 92120, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:43pm 05-18-26

I oppose Item 24. I support maximum accountability, transparency and continued term limits.

Marc I

Location:
Submitted At: 8:40pm 05-18-26

To any Supervisor that supports Item 24, read through all these comments. Every one is in opposition to this agenda item. Even citizens from your voter base oppose it. A lack of term limits is the ultimate power grab and sends a clear message to voters in your district...you want to remain in power at all costs. "No Kings"...right? If you want to do the right thing, oppose this item and support Agenda Item 25 instead!

Steve Quinn

Location: 92037, La Jolla
Submitted At: 7:32pm 05-18-26

I strongly OPPOSE ITEM 24 as a blatantly partisan power grab by the Democratic Supervisors who support it!

Amy Reichert

Location: 91942, La Mesa
Submitted At: 7:14pm 05-18-26

No Queens!

SANDRA BRILLHART

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach
Submitted At: 7:09pm 05-18-26

I am extremely proud of all of the progressive achievements by this Board of Supervisors and am concerned that voting for this Agenda Item will erode trust in you and weaken your effectiveness in the future. As you are probably aware, much of what is proposed in this Agenda Item appears self serving.

Specifically, the following proposed changes to the Charter should be changed or considered separately:

- Allowing Supervisors to be elected at large. Supervisors should be required to live in the District they represent.
- Giving Supervisors confirmation or appointment authority for positions covered by this Agenda Item. County employees, including the proposed new oversight positions, should remain free from political interference,
- Changing restrictions on County employees' political activity during work hours

I am not opposed to extending term limits but, to retain public trust, any changes to term limits should not apply to sitting Supervisors.

Thank you.

Sara Isgur

Location:
Submitted At: 6:24pm 05-18-26

I oppose this agenda item. I am in opposition to the change in term limits and having the change benefit the existing elected Board.

Ken Discenza

Location: 92020, EL CAJON
Submitted At: 5:36pm 05-18-26

I oppose this change in term limits.

Patrick Cribbs

Location: 91977, Spring Valley

Submitted At: 5:16pm 05-18-26

I have concerns that the measure extending supervisor term limits from two to three years will lead to decreased accountability, leaders following their own self-interests, the building of entrenched networks, and decreased voter authority. I have concerns about the senior leadership accountability changes that would shift decision-making power from a nonpartisan appointee to a partisan elected official. This will have the effect of politicizing our civil servants and establishing patronage to the county supervisors. I have concerns about the independent oversight entities. If the Board of Supervisors has the authority to hire, fire, and control these "independent" officials, then these officials will be subject to political influence. Overall, I have concerns about the vague and misleading language of this proposition. I would recommend a public education campaign to clarify the measure's scope, benefits, and risks to ensure that it has the necessary public transparency.

Rosie R

Location:

Submitted At: 5:02pm 05-18-26

No. This is a scam. A lie. An insult to American citizens who voted for term limits.

It is a power grab by Queen Terra and her ladies-in-waiting.

The 3 women on this board are in over their heads fancying they can manage the \$8.6B budget - even with extended terms.

The decisions made in their personal lives reflect on their inability to govern.

The board can be transparent and accountable beginning TODAY without spending a single dollar.

Ongoing community engagement can be improved TODAY by lifting the restrictions on the public speakers as dictated by Queen Terra - especially those speaking in opposition.

Terra's stance for "No Kings" is evidence of her hunger for more power. Don't be her minion.

Heather Law

Location: 92019, El Cajon

Submitted At: 4:56pm 05-18-26

I oppose this.

KAREN BOWMAN

Location: 91942, La Mesa

Submitted At: 4:01pm 05-18-26

If the charter has to be changed, then #25 is fairer, closer to the original goal of current charter, and keeps political hands away from personal hired to do their jobs.

V Balaji

Location:

Submitted At: 3:19pm 05-18-26

I do not support extending term limits. A County Supervisor must live in their area to be eligible to remain in the position.

Roberta Kansteiner

Location: 92028, Fallbrook

Submitted At: 3:09pm 05-18-26

I would like to see the county stay as is and not allow any supervisor to retain any power or position longer or stronger than set 2 year term .

Ron Irvin

Location: 92071, Santee

Submitted At: 12:51pm 05-18-26

I oppose extending term limits. There needs to be limits on lengths of power to combat corruption at all levels of Government.

C Anderson

Location: 92025, Escondido
Submitted At: 12:42pm 05-18-26

I strongly oppose the Board modifying their charter to allow for three term limits or to allow supervisors not to live in the area they are serving. We need accountability and we need less career politicians. Keep it at two and it should not even be in the Board's own purview to make this change.

flor sulpacio

Location: 91914, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 12:27pm 05-18-26

Im against the SD Board of Supervisors extending their own term limits, that is very self-serving

Julieta Gonzalez

Location: 92112, San Diego
Submitted At: 12:17pm 05-18-26

Oppose ITEM 24

Jaclyn Ayo

Location: 92021, El Cajon
Submitted At: 12:07pm 05-18-26

100% OPPOSE THIS!

Michael Mellano

Location: 92003, Bonsall
Submitted At: 12:04pm 05-18-26

I am opposed to the Board making unnecessary and unjustified/unsubstantiated changes to the county charter. If there are issues then a robust open public dialog highlighting the issues and all potential solutions should be the mechanism for adjustment. Not a random initiative that comes out of the blue!

Neil Nagata

Location:
Submitted At: 11:02am 05-18-26

I oppose Agenda Item 24, which proposes extending the County of San Diego charter to allow additional time for supervisor term limits. The current system was established to ensure fair governance, accountability, and regular opportunities for new leadership and fresh perspectives. Extending term limits weakens the intent of voter-approved reforms and concentrates power in the hands of a few individuals for longer periods of time. Term limits exist to promote transparency, public trust, and balanced representation throughout the County. Changing these rules while current supervisors directly benefit from the extension raises concerns about fairness and self-interest over the needs of residents. The County already has an effective framework in place that allows experienced leadership while still encouraging civic participation and democratic turnover. I urge the Board to reject Item 24 and preserve the current structure to ensure accountable representative governance for all communities.

Crystal Irvin

Location: 92071, Santee
Submitted At: 11:01am 05-18-26

The SD Board of Supervisors do not need an additional four years in office.

ANNA LIWAG

Location: 91911, CHULA VISTA
Submitted At: 9:13am 05-18-26

I do not support extending term limits. Sitting supervisors should not be voting to extend their own term.

Miriam Cisneros

Location: 91977, Spring Valley
Submitted At: 8:39am 05-18-26

I am in support of responsible reform and good government for all San Diego County residents. I do not feel that item 24 would work towards that goal and for that purpose. Thus, I oppose Item 24.

Bonnie Wagner

Location: 92027, Escondido
Submitted At: 8:38am 05-18-26

While I have concerns about tax dollars used for clunky bureaucracy, I do support the extension of the term limit from 8 to 12 years. Voters still have the right to vote any supervisor out of office, but three terms allows a supervisor to fully commit to building out county programs and monitoring them for efficacy. Twelve years for a voter-approved supervisor helps us to keep and transfer institutional knowledge and important lessons learned.

Chris Hildum

Location: 92069, San Marcos
Submitted At: 7:20am 05-18-26

Oppose 100% this is self-serving, term limits are a must. Period.

Cheryl Booth

Location: 92131, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:01pm 05-17-26

This is a top-down, self-serving attempt to prolong power by the 3 supervisors promoting this so-called "modernization" of term limits. The people have already voted to limit the terms to a maximum of 8 years! We deserve the right to deny a such a potential monopoly of power! It shouldn't be a kingdom of supervisors.

Kelly Donovan

Location:
Submitted At: 5:13pm 05-17-26

"Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely." John Dalberg-Acton. This push for additional terms in office is a "power grab" in every sense of the word. There is absolutely NO NEED to increase the number of terms for this County Supervisors Board. This item is all about power and control by individuals who crave power and control. I am a lifelong Californian and a resident of San Diego County for 42 years. I have watched the decline of the quality of life here and it is a result of bad policies, misdirected loyalties and absolute greed. Two terms as a board member are more than sufficient. If an elected individual cannot make improvements in two terms, that person should NOT have a third term. Public service is NOT a career.

George Kaye

Location: 92078, San Marcos
Submitted At: 2:19pm 05-17-26

I do not support increasing the term limits for the County Supervisors. Keep it at two terms, period!

Allyson Smith

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 1:24pm 05-17-26

I strongly oppose this naked power grab disguised as "county charter modernization." Voters did not vote for supervisors to award themselves a third term while still in office or to have greater influence over senior civil service appointments. I urge you to vote against this agenda item and support Supervisor Anderson's common-sense proposal instead.

David Myers

Location: 91942, La Mesa
Submitted At: 9:51am 05-17-26

Opposition to Item 24 — Charter Reform Ordinance (Second Reading)
Chair Lawson-Remer and Board members: I oppose Item 24.

In 2010, 68% of county voters set the rule for your seats: two terms. They did it by citizens' initiative, 70,000 signatures by hand. This Board should not be the one to unwind it. Voters already answered this question; respect that answer. If you believe twelve years beats eight, take it back to voters by petition — the route they used. Bundling that extension with popular reforms doesn't make it honest.

The ethics commission is also flawed. CLERB spent three years and \$300,000 studying 179 jail deaths, and the Sheriff's Office withheld the records. Oversight that depends on the goodwill of the office it examines is not oversight. A commission whose members and budget this Board controls has the same defect. Give it independent counsel, budget, and subpoena power — or it repeats CLERB's failure under a new name. I urge a no vote on Item 24.

Mary Hillebrecht

Location: 92030, Escondido
Submitted At: 9:50am 05-17-26

I believe the Board of Supervisors should not alter the charter this way. The voter spoke on term limits. It is corrupt to change the rules in your own favor. Sitting supervisors should not be voting to extend their own term. The entire proposal to change the charter should be negated

Philip Weisbecker

Location: 91917, Dulzura
Submitted At: 7:14am 05-17-26

You have literally no right to attempt to monopolize and control the future of San Diego school decisions by using these borderline criminal tactics to lock down your agenda's. The constitution means something. Please read it from cover to cover again and understand the fact you are all suppose to be TEMPORARY. Get back to reality. God Bless.

TD M

Location: 92101, San Diego
Submitted At: 6:22pm 05-16-26

Strongly opposed to extending Supervisor term limits. Especially Lawson-Remer's.

Lynne Malinowski

Location: 92028, Fallbrook
Submitted At: 2:02pm 05-16-26

I strongly oppose all aspects of this pretense to 'modernize' the San Diego County charter. It is a step backwards in every way to try to ensconce supervisors into their positions and to turn their offices into the political administrators of the patronage system. Keep term limits as they have been voted on and do not allow the ability to insinuate supervisors into staffing now managed by the Chief Executive, or interfering in purchasing decisions, and do not impose term limits on offices without required state authorization. DO NOT WASTE TAXPAYER MONEY by putting this on the ballot when public opinion beyond my own tells you this is not a good idea.

Sara Ackerman

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 1:29pm 05-16-26

I can't believe these 3 women on the Board of Supervisors have the audacity to ask us to approve an additional 3 terms of office for them. This is absolutely ridiculous. Do not change the term limits. Also, they need to live in the district they serve.

Michele Wells

Location: 92117, San Diego
Submitted At: 12:43pm 05-16-26

The term limits should not be changed !!

AL JULIAN

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 12:42pm 05-16-26

I'm against extending term limits of Supervisors. A district supervisor should live in their district and term limits should not be extended.

Claude Livengood

Location: 92126, San Diego

Submitted At: 10:17am 05-16-26

I want to express my concern regarding the newest attempt to create lifetime career politicians on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. I feel that this new plan being proposed would be detrimental to the possibility of other qualified candidates seeking election to that office.

Personally I feel two terms for some is too long and is the maximum that is allowed.

Claude Livengood

San Diego, 92126

Linda Jalving

Location: 92117, San Diego

Submitted At: 9:42am 05-16-26

I completely object to the two following parts of the amendment (below): Please vote NO. A district supervisor SHOULD live in their district and term limits SHOULD NOT be extended. There are too many separate issues in this amendment - they should be voted on separately.

Election of Supervisors

Section 401 requires voters to elect a supervisor from their district

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Requirement that supervisors be elected from their district - deleted

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Would allow for at-large elections if permitted by State law(State Constitution allows for that option)

Term Limits

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Supervisors may not serve more than 2 terms

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Elected Officials may not serve more than 3 terms (only applicable to Board of Supervisors and Board of Education unless State law changes)

Thomas Lazet

Location: 92069, San Marcos

Submitted At: 9:36am 05-16-26

Do NOT support extending term limits

Elena Thompson

Location: 92024, Encinitas

Submitted At: 9:16am 05-16-26

We strongly oppose the self-serving proposal by TLR to modify term limits for SD county supervisors. The voters said no prior, in 2010, and you cannot paper over what was final in 2010. Stop the gaming and Queen-like undemocratic rule, unsupported by county voters. The San Diego "majority" oppose your actions ~ across the board ~ disguised as transparency.

Jack Rodriguez

Location: 91933

Submitted At: 9:13am 05-16-26

In 2010, San Diego County residents gathered over 70,000 signatures to put term limits on the ballot. We voted yes by 68 percent. The message was simple: two terms, eight years, then you move on.

Now 3 of the people sitting in those seats that wanted term limits want to change that rule to give themselves more time.

They're voting on a rule that benefits themselves. If that doesn't sound right to you, that's because it isn't.

Transparency? What a joke. Hidden inside this measure is language that talks about putting term limits on the sheriff, the district attorney, and the tax collector. They know state law doesn't allow it right now. So why put it in there?

Because it doesn't have to work today. It just has to be ready for when Sacramento decides to change the law. And we've already seen Sacramento Democrats do exactly this kind of thing in other California counties, changing the rules around sheriff and DA elections without asking voters. Deceptive
Vote no on this measure.

Karen Grube

Location: 92027, Escondido
Submitted At: 9:03am 05-16-26

In 2010, San Diego County voters overwhelmingly approved a two term limit for County Supervisors because voters believed elected officials should not hold power indefinitely. The voters already decided this issue. Now you are asking voters to change the rules on term limits in a way that directly benefits current officeholders. JUST vote NO on this reprehensible expansion of term limits for San Diego County Supervisors.

Linda Knoebel

Location: 92126-4705, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:01am 05-16-26

I strongly oppose "modernizing" the San Diego County Charter

STEVEN SCOGGIN

Location: 92130, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:49am 05-16-26

I am vehemently against this deceptive bill to extend term limits.

Luisa Veltmann

Location:
Submitted At: 7:42am 05-15-26

I respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to separate the proposed charter reform package into independent measures rather than presenting three distinct policy changes as a single ballot proposal.

The current package combines creation of an ethics commission, establishment of an independent budget and program audit function, and extension of Supervisor term limits from two to three terms.

Each proposal merits independent public consideration. Ethics oversight, fiscal accountability, and term limits are separate policy questions with different implications and should be evaluated on their own merits.

Bundling them into a single measure forces voters into an unnecessary tradeoff, limits transparency, and weakens accountability by conflating unrelated issues into one vote.

As outlined in my recent op-ed in the San Diego Union-Tribune, I respectfully ask the Board to allow each proposal to stand on its own for public review and voter consideration.

Paul Henkin

Location: 91902, Bonita
Submitted At: 5:45pm 05-13-26

Although the amendments make this a bit better and somewhat more palatable, some of this is still self-serving and tends to promote partisan politics while not doing that much for transparency or independent oversight in County government. The Charter Amendment needs to be rejected.

Sec. 501.9 (b) allowing assistance in preparing Supervisor-led initiatives sounds like you are authorizing staff to do quasi-political work for you.

Sec. 600 – No reason to expand term limits for Elected Officials, and lengthening your own term is a conflict of interest. I favor a limit to two consecutive terms and, after a few years 'breathing space' you can be re-elected, once we've experienced a different person. The proposal also sets term limits on the sheriff, DA and other county elected officials' which would not happen as planned since it is against State law. (a good move to add these, but if they have the same term limits, end up with officers of similar political beliefs)

John Price

Location: 92082, Valley center
Submitted At: 3:08pm 05-13-26

I oppose the extension of term limits of the supervisors. This is a clear abuse of power that contradicts what the voters approved. I implore you and all politicians to go back to your morals and ethics. This is the sort of "gotham city" type corrupt activity that betrays the public's trust in you. Congratulations for getting elected. Now, whether you are on the right or the left of center, have at least the decency that your voting public has not to be a self serving human.

Michael Wenneman

Location: 92130, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:55am 05-13-26

I oppose the changing and extending the term limits of the Supervisors. It was decided by the voters in 2010 by a 2/3 majority to cap term limits at two (2) terms. The public has already spoken!!!

Tom Murphy

Location: 92025, Escondido
Submitted At: 11:35am 05-13-26

I oppose agenda Item #24. Firstly, county voters set term limits by an overwhelming majority in 2010. Second, the Chair's letter defending charter modernization presents three invalid arguments as justification to amend the charter. The "Core Reform" portion plumps for "independence" and "transparency" but will accomplish neither. Each bullet yields increased power for the Board. Thus a decrease in independence and a reduction in transparency, particularly in matters applicable to the Board. This assertion is proved valid in the next section of the Chair's letter. "Establishing a limit of three four-year terms" is language designed to obscure. The letter does not clearly state that approving the charter amendment allows current board members to, potentially, serve ANOTHER three terms - 20 long years for some! Finally, cost-neutrality is a misnomer. How the board spends tax dollars reflects a governing philosophy. Because each argument is invalid, an amendment is not needed.