

Frequently Asked Questions About Measure VP



Q: What is Measure VP?

A: Measure VP brings the City of Temple City into compliance with new State law intended to increase voting participation in local elections.

Q: Why was Measure VP placed on the ballot?

A: The City has historically conducted its municipal elections (for local Temple City measures and City Council Members) in March of odd numbered years, for example in March 2017. Effective in January 2018, the California Voter Participation Rights Act prohibits local governments like Temple City from conducting an election on any date other than a statewide election date if past municipal elections have historically been 25% below the average turnout in recent statewide general elections.

Q: What does Measure VP do?

A: If enacted, Measure VP updates the election dates in which Temple City voters elect City Council Members and vote on local measures from March of odd-numbered years, to March of even-numbered years. Based on past voting patterns, this means that larger numbers of Temple City voters will be participating in electing their City Council members and deciding on local measures. Consolidating Temple City's elections to coincide with State general elections will also save the City money—a stand-alone election is projected to cost as much as \$227,000.

Q: When would new Measure VP election schedules start?

A: If approved by voters, the next Municipal Election on March 2019 will be moved to March 2020 and the March 2021 election will be moved to March 2022. Thereafter, all Council terms will return to the traditional four-year period.

Q: Are Measure VP requirements unusual?

A: No. These changes have already been made by most local cities through ordinance or administrative action. Here in Temple City, these types of changes require voter approval of a Charter Amendment.

Q: What happens if Temple City voters reject Measure VP?

A: The City of Temple City will then be in violation of State law, placing the City at the risk of lawsuits.

Q: Does the City support Measure VP?

A: The City encourages all voters to make an informed decision on Measure VP, which was placed on the ballot unanimously by the City Council. While the City has no formal position on the measure, robust civic participation by city residents on all matters—including voting—is valued and strongly encouraged.

Q: When is the Election?

A: June 5th, 2018. To register to vote online, visit registertovote.ca.gov.

Q: How can I get more information about Measure VP?

A: Please visit www.lavote.net or www.ci.temple-city.ca.us