



**Measure N – City Treasurer  
Impartial Analysis by City Attorney, City of Rio Vista**

State law requires all general law cities, like the City of Rio Vista, to have a treasurer. The position may be appointed or elected. In the City of Rio Vista, the office of the City Treasurer is elected by the City voters to a four-year term. The current term of the City Treasurer ends in November 2016. Pursuant to state law, there are two qualifications for the position of elected treasurer: 1) the individual is required to be a resident of the City, and 2) the individual must be at least 18 years old. As an elected position, there are no minimum education requirements or professional qualifications.

This Measure asks the following question:

**MEASURE N: APPROVAL OF MEASURE TO APPOINT CITY TREASURER**

"Shall the office of the City Treasurer for the City of Rio Vista be appointive?"

YES    \_\_\_\_\_

NO     \_\_\_\_\_

"If the above measure fails, the candidate with the most votes shall be elected to hold the office of City Treasurer."

If a majority of the votes approve the above Measure, then the office of the City Treasurer will become an appointive office and such office will no longer be elected by the City voters. As an appointive office, the City Council would appoint a person to such office at the expiration of the term of the officer now in office, which is November 2016. As an appointive office, the City Council may, by ordinance, vest in the City Manager its authority to appoint such officer. Otherwise, that person will hold the office at the pleasure of the City Council. As an appointed position, the treasurer will not be required to be a resident of the City and may have to meet minimum qualifications or experience.

If this Measure is approved, the City could save on expenses associated with this position, including, but not limited to, election costs every four years.

If a majority of the votes do not approve the above Measure, the office of the City Treasurer will continue to be elected. The candidate with the most votes will be the elected City Treasurer for a four-year term.

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