

Argument in Favor of Measure T

Vote Yes on Measure T to improve the vital role of the Walnut Creek City Treasurer. The Walnut Creek City Council and currently elected City Treasurer, among others, urge your support.

Currently, the only requirement to be elected Walnut Creek City Treasurer, is to be “a registered voter” in our city. Measure T improves accountability and protects the City’s future by changing this position from an elected to an appointed position, ensuring that future city treasurers are qualified to serve, subject to proper criteria, screening and background checks.

Our city is in strong financial condition. And, it’s also true that Walnut Creek’s City Treasurer responsibilities have expanded significantly and become more complex, including today overseeing approximately \$145 million in municipal investments. The **City Treasurer should be, at a minimum, a finance professional with a college degree, preferably a CPA**, experienced in standard government accounting procedures, automated accounting systems, records management, and state and federal finance compliance laws.

Per the California Municipal Treasurers Association, fewer than 10% of California’s 483 cities still locally elect their city treasurers. Voting Yes on T brings Walnut Creek in line with modern practices and over 90% of California cities that employ appointed city treasurers.

Passage of Measure T will:

- **Authorize** a smooth transition from an elected to an appointed City Treasurer by 2030.
- **Ensure** that future Walnut Creek City Treasurers are appointed by the City Manager based on established professional qualifications.
- **Provide** procedures so future Walnut Creek City Treasurers are qualified for and capably perform required duties of the position.
- **Require** close collaboration between the City Treasurer, Finance Department, City Manager, elected City Council and City Council Finance Committee, to ensure financial transparency and accountability.

The City has a long history of sound financial management, and a professionally appointed City Treasurer will help protect that. Please join the Walnut Creek City Council, current elected (30-year) City Treasurer Ron Cassano, advocates of quality local government, and residents across Walnut Creek **Voting Yes on T** to help keep our city strong.

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the Primary Argument in Favor of Measure T at the General Election for the City of Walnut Creek, to be held on 11/3/26, hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

1) Name, Title: Kevin Wilk, Mayor

Signature: _____

2) Name, Title: Matt Francois, Mayor Pro Tem

Signature: _____

3) Name, Title: Ron Cassano, City Treasurer

Signature: _____

- 4) Name, Title: Susan Hildreth, Rossmoor Resident and Member, Measure O Citizens' Oversight Committee

Signature: _____

- 5) Name, Title: Audrey Gee, Board Chair, Chamber of Commerce (2023-2024), Attorney, and Walnut Creek Resident

Signature: _____