

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

Term Limits are supported by 71% of voters for all facets of their elected officials. Most efforts to repeal or dilute term limits are spearheaded by incumbent politicians and/or special interests.

Opponents of Term Limits say it is undemocratic, what is more democratic than allowing voters the right to reform its electoral system to discourage a permanent political class? There is a tremendous electoral advantage for incumbents, making it difficult to argue that the elections they win are truly democratic. Term Limits would actually expand the field of candidates giving voters more choices.

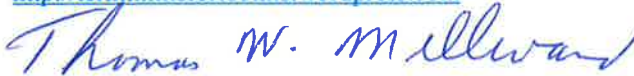
Since the Town of Loomis was incorporated, very few incumbents who ran for re-election have been voted out. Most vacancies have occurred through attrition. The current council has two councilmembers with 20 years and one with 12 years.

Political systems without term limits encourage procrastination. Politicians have no immediate drive to accomplish something now and will often delay addressing important town issues while expediting their own special interest items.

The argument that Loomis needs councilmembers, who have experience, background and institutional memory, would have excluded all current-sitting members. Experience is not nor should it be a prerequisite for running for office. This is why the citizen's tax dollars pays for a Town Manager, and support staff to assist council members.

The approval of Measure A if passed by the majority of voters will not cost the town any additional funds. If it does it will be attributed to career councilmembers and their special interest groups.

<http://termlimitsforloomis.wordpress.com>



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