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To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Term Limits

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Dear City Council and Elected Officials

I understand the powers that be in Long Beach are looking to increase the term limit to 3 years for City Council and other officers. Of course I oppose that without a vote of all the residents of the City.

Shorter Term Limits are what keeps fresh ideas coming to the city.

Increasing the term limits without a vote of the electorate is extremism bordering on what some people might use such names as fascism, totalitarianism, despotism, dictatorship, voter repression or oppression, and tyranny.

It is the job of the people to determine term limits not the government in a free society.

I must admit I don't know the whole story so I ask you to tell me your thinking. Due to an infirmity I will not be able to attend the meeting where how you go forward will be decided.

I must wonder why you think this is important. Perhaps you could explain that to me. I also wonder why you think it is incumbent on you to make this decision rather the citizens of this city.

If it is in fact legal for the Charter Amendment Committee and the Council to decide this issue I think it is a sad state of affairs.

Please explain.

Thanks in advance for your reply before the Council meeting on the 7th .

Sincerely,

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