

YOUR VOICE

YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

YOUR CHOICE

WHY ELECT YOUR CITY ATTORNEY?

ELECTED CITY ATTORNEY

- ✓ COULD MAKE NO MORE THAN 80% OF THE CALIF. ATTORNEY GENERAL SALARY
- ✓ LIVES IN GROVER BEACH
- ✓ ANSWERS TO THE VOTERS
- ✓ WORKS ONLY FOR THE CITY

COUNCIL APPOINTED CITY ATTORNEY

- 2024 GROVER BEACH ATTORNEY BILLS WERE ALMOST \$400,000
- CAN LIVE ANYWHERE
- BEHOLDEN TO THE COUNCIL
- WORKS FOR MULTIPLE CITIES & GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

How do voters elect a city attorney rather than having the city council appoint the attorney?

1. 1,000 voters registered at a Grover address sign the petition by June 1st, 2025, to put the question on the ballot.
2. The citizen initiative measure goes on the ballot asking voters if they prefer to elect their City Attorney.
3. If a majority prefer to elect their city attorney, an election is held to elect a City Attorney.
4. If a majority of the voters prefer to have the city council appoint their city manager, then nothing changes.

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Abbreviated) INITIATIVE MEASURE TO CHANGE THE GROVER BEACH CITY ATTORNEY POSITION FROM AN APPOINTED TO AN ELECTED OFFICE:

Under current local law, the Grover Beach City Attorney is appointed by the City Council & serves at the Council's pleasure until removed by them. This measure would change the City Attorney's Post from a Council-appointed to a voter-elected office. The City Attorney:

- ✓ Would be elected to a 4-year term at each State Gubernatorial Election (Nov. 2026, 2030, 2034);
- ✓ Salary would be capped at 80% of the California Attorney General's compensation the year before the City Attorney's 4-term term;
- ✓ Must represent Grover Beach exclusively & may not represent any other city, district, or county; nor be employed by or be a partner in a firm that represents such others;
- ✓ May ask the City Council to establish positions such as assistant city attorneys, paralegals, & secretaries & have the exclusive authority to hire & fire such subordinate employees;
- ✓ Receive no severance pay or compensation upon resignation, not seeking re-election, or if voters elect a different City Attorney;
- ✓ Receive a monthly salary & benefits set by the City Council.

The Proponents of the Initiative believe:

The Grover Beach City Attorney should be part of our community & represent Grover Beach only, answer to Voters, & provide to the elected City Council, City Clerk, City Manager, & Dept. Heads independent advice & counsel faithful to California's Constitution & Law. The City Attorney should take no legal action without City Council authorization.

Current city attorneys represent multiple governments, risking conflicts of interest & cannot keep faith exclusively with the People of Grover Beach. The City Attorney is the one City official able to protect Voters' rights to Open City Records, Open Public Meetings, & City action free from officials' conflicts of interest & corruption.

An Attorney serving a city population of less than 14,000 should not receive higher pay than the State Attorney General, who brings civil & criminal suits on behalf of 39 million Californians.

The appointed Grover Beach City Attorney firm has violated the public interest by impairing access to city records, authorizing closed city council meetings, been complicit in impairing voters' right to circulate & file petitions for recall in violation of California's Constitution & Election Law, filed Appeal of a Superior Court ruling ordering certification of recall without prior City Council approval, has contracts with cities & districts all over California, & charges the City of Grover Beach for part-time civil work more than the State of California pays the Attorney General. The Office of Appointed City Attorney should be immediately terminated for cause, as against the public interest.

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