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To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Corruption
Date: Thursday, May 30, 2024 2:55:27 PM

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This letter is primarily for Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Bolt, Council members Frank, Howard, and Moore. I am angered by your vote not to allow citizens advisory input in your proposed scheme to change the election process for city officials. Over the past years I have watched your open corruption. I watch the contributions from the building interests as well as the "party" in Tallahassee sink thousands into your campaigns and I have tracked your voting records. You continue to vote for mass development and you are destroying this beautiful city and are doing it blatantly! If this is not corruption, what is??? You even put your campaign signs on building sites. Don't you think the voters see this? Last year, two "pro development" candidates lost the election because the residents of this city have had enough of your corruption! Now you want to change the election cycle so the council election happens during a national campaign. If this isn't corruptions, what is??? The question was asked at Tuesday's meeting. Who was elected??? I would change the word "elected" to "bought and paid for"! This is a small city with a supposed non partisan council and election. Why is the republican party donating thousands of dollars to keep you and those like you in office? Someone is making millions allowing the developers to have free reign over this city! I for one have had enough and I hope you realize that I am not alone.

To Councilpersons Farrell and Smith, Thank you for standing up for the residents of this city. Thank you for honoring your campaign promises!
William Flack
Pinebrook South

From: [Dusty Feller](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Let the Voters Have a Voice
Date: Monday, June 3, 2024 11:15:27 AM

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Dear Council Members,

I fully endorse your decision to allow citizens to have a say in our voting process this fall. A robust voter turnout is crucial for a healthy democracy, especially given the low 35% turnout in off-year elections. This does not represent the will of the people when 6 out of 10 do not show up. We strongly urge you to keep this issue on November's ballot. Please let all Venice voters. have a voice.

Additionally, I appreciate potentially saving taxpayers \$50,000 to \$100,000, equivalent to a firefighter or police officer's salary. As a working mom, that is a lot of money and love to see fiscal responsibility in actions, not just words.

We advocate for letting the voters have a voice on this long-debated issue. I appreciate your time.

Dusty Feller

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Joyce Ostrander](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Term limits
Date: Monday, June 3, 2024 8:03:48 PM

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Dear Council Members,

It has come to my attention that the Council will soon take up the question regarding a ballot measure addressing term limits.

I am in favor of the measure being on the ballot this year allowing Venice residents to determine if term limits for Council members are to be instituted.

Respectfully,
Joyce Ostrander
20 Gulf Manor Drive

From: [Anne Schilling](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Let The People You Represent VOTE
Date: Monday, June 3, 2024 6:29:02 PM

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Dear Council Members,

Regarding last Wednesday's Gondolier headline about public opposition to putting term limits and members terms on the ballot, we support your decision to let Venice citizens vote on this matter.

I encourage you to keep this issue on November's ballot and let the voters decide this question.

I also appreciate Mr. Turner's comments in shifting away from odd-year elections, potentially saving taxpayer dollars. Every dollar saved matters. Once again please let the people you represent (the voters) decide on this long-discussed question.

Sincerely,

Lance J. Schilling

From: [Sharon Mathews-Bellendir](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Change in City Council Member Term and Date of Election
Date: Monday, June 3, 2024 10:42:50 AM

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Dear Council Members,

My husband and I appreciate the opportunity to be able to attend the City Council meetings because we are interested in seeing first hand how things work and how they really are. We appreciate the serious matters brought before you and know you are working to do the right thing for the citizens of Venice. Thank you for your time and dedication.

Last Wednesdays' Gondelier headline stated public opposition for changing the council members terms didn't change the minds of the City Council. Thank you for going forward and voting to allow the citizens of Venice to decide, to vote, whether or not they want to make this change in the term and election date. The fact is the **"opposition" in the audience last Tuesday was NOT representative of ALL the people of Venice.** I believe this was a partisan coalition supporting the one council member who has accused some of his co-council of stealing an added year to their term.

Apparently Ron Turner, the Supervisor of Elections, suggested the council consider changing the election moving away from the odd year election which would save the County and the City thousands of dollars of taxpayer money. This is a legitimate reason for doing so. The amount of money in thousands approximately \$50,000.00, Joan Farrell stated this is nothing, however, a couple of weeks ago Joan also stated she is still paying off \$11,000 in campaign expenses and that was significant to her. Why is \$50,000 of the peoples money not significant?

Please continue to keep this item on the ballot in November.

I realize a message to the City Council should be brief. The above statement is the subject of this email but since there is no platform to get the record straight I would like to share my observations about this issue and others.

Let's talk about campaigning for these elections. It is hard to come by someone who actually wants to run for City Council. It is expensive for the candidate, as Joan Farrell states, in materials and time. It is hard to get people to help with your campaign and cover a large territory. It is hard to defend the negativity and mud slinging that should not be part of campaigning but it is. So it brings the question just how many people in Tuesday's audience have actually campaigned for a candidate, actually went door-to-door for someone and knows how tough it really is.

More than that, most people don't even go out and vote!!! I think the turn out is about **35%** of 100%? A very poor showing. If you asked every citizen in Venice if they knew about this election for council members they would say what election?

The audience last Tuesday was most definitely partisan. One woman stated she was a life long republican but voted democrat last council election because she did not want to see a totally republican council, and will always vote democrat in the future. Doesn't sound like she considers who the person is or what they stand for. She was in support of tabling the referendum. One woman was from Nokomis, doesn't vote in our election, but wants to keep Venice the way it is, wanted to table the referendum? There were a couple of retired mayors who were against change, but every time there is an election and a new council member there is change. Maybe if these mayors would have been open to suggestions Venice could have save thousands of dollars long ago. They said the City might get stuck with someone and would have to wait four years to get rid of them? I know what that means, we had that with the last mayor but we persevered. And who knows, maybe the people of Venice do not want this change either. Give them a choice. Does it cost that much to add a referendum to the ballot? I don't know.

Lastly, in my view, this is a fairly new council. The longest standing council member is Helen Moore who is stepping down and is not considering another term. The constant accusation that this council is in the pocket of the developers is not accurate, that is just a partisan way to demean the council. All of the decisions regarding the development and developers has been made several years ago. Due to laws and ordinances, etc. the council hands are tied and the previous agreements cannot be undone. I applaud the Council for voting NO on the last request by Pat Neal to build more housing on one particular project reducing the living space for the people so he can make more money. They are starting to make the changes in the right direction.

Sharon Bellendir

From: [Kent Ostrander](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Term limits
Date: Monday, June 3, 2024 9:18:03 PM

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Dear Council Members,

Please support the plan to allow Venice citizens to vote on term limits.

Sincerely yours,

Kent Ostrander
20 Gulf Manor Drive

From: [Duff Smiley](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Council Member Limits
Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 6:13:37 PM

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I believe we should let all the voters decide on term limits. Put this question on the ballot.

Duff
586-303-7332

From: [Tom DeSane](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Let the people vote
Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 4:53:44 PM

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Dear Council Members,

Thank you for your time and dedication.

Regarding last Wednesday's Gondolier headline about public opposition to putting term limits and member terms on the ballot, we support your decision to let Venice citizens vote on this matter. Robust voter participation is extremely important to the democratic process. 35% turnout in off-year elections is a problem for the city.

We encourage you to keep this issue on November's ballot and let the voters decide.

We also appreciate Ron Turner's comments in shifting away from odd-year elections, potentially saving taxpayer dollars. Every dollar saved matters, and \$50-\$100k is not chump change. That's a fireman or police officer salary.

Please let the voters decide on this long-discussed question.

Tom DeSane
13897 Karina St.
Venice, FL 34293

From: 147rue@gmail.com
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: No Additional Election Terms !
Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 1:19:20 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

We oppose your decision to extend your election terms and add to our November 2024 ballot. This is not our decision but yours. Please vote against this decision on Tuesday June 11th.

Thank you

Karl Gericke
146 Bella Vista Terrace

From: [Paul Harrington](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 2:32:48 PM

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Paul Harrington

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Date: June 5, 2024 at 2:08:28 PM EDT
To: Zamvel Oyvetsky <zam.ovet@gmail.com>, RAISA OYVETSKY <rovenetian7@gmail.com>, Paul Harrington <paulpharrington@comcast.net>, Maureen Harrington <seaglass9@comcast.net>, Susan Mountz <waynesue@comcast.net>, Jan Libby <JanLibby1@gmail.com>, Tim Sanders <tesand1048@gmail.com>, jlbrickner@gmail.com, Dorothy Brickner <dorthere@aol.com>, anthony demeo <tonydemeo638@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fwd: Need help again please ! Critical

PLEASEthis is our chance to put two new city councilors on the committee to favor our overdevelopment cause. They are trying to extend some members one more year so we can't vote them out with our candidates this year. Please share with as many as you can. Thanks
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: 146bella@gmail.com
Date: June 5, 2024 at 1:09:06 PM EDT
To: Diana <wattersdiana@gmail.com>
Subject: Need help again please ! Critical

Hi... I am so sorry to bother you again, but council has people sending emails in

saying they want them to vote for the extended election terms. We do not.....
When they are not doing a good job .. they should be voted out! They are only after this because we put two new members in office last year. Please if you can not be at city hall on Tuesday at 9:00 ... Cut and paste below and email them ! Sign your name Thank you for letting me bother you again. We've been voting a 3-year term since 1926. The email address :
citycouncil@venicefl.gov

Best,

Debbie

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

We oppose your decision to extend your election terms and add to our November 2024 ballot. This is not our decision but yours. Please vote against this decision on Tuesday June 11th.

Thank you

From: pylesandra@gmail.com
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: I vote no
Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 4:38:18 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

We oppose your decision to extend your election terms and add to our November 2024 ballot. This is not our decision but yours. Please vote against this decision on Tuesday June 11th.

Thank you

Sandra Pyle-Viers

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Holly Ringle](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Even year elections for city council
Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 11:02:54 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I extend my gratitude for your commitment and dedication to serving Venice. Thank you.

I fully endorse your decision to allow Venice citizens to have a say in our voting process. A robust voter turnout is essential for a healthy democratic process, especially considering the low 35% turnout in off-year elections, which poses a significant challenge for the city.

I strongly urge you to maintain this issue on November's ballot and empower the voters to make the final decision. Let the voters decide.

Additionally, I value Ron Turner's remarks regarding the shift away from odd-year elections, potentially resulting in substantial taxpayer savings. I recognize the importance of every dollar saved, particularly when considering amounts ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000, equivalent to the salary of a firefighter or police officer.

I advocate for letting the voters have a voice on this long-debated issue.

holly ringle
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Venice, fl 34292
(m) 269 598 5863

From: [Douglas B Taylor](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Election term extension
Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 1:23:22 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

We oppose your decision to extend your election terms and add to our November 2024 ballot.

This is not our decision but yours.

Please vote against this decision on Tuesday June 11th.

Thank you

Doug Taylor
113 Asti Ct
North Venice

sent via mobile device

From: [juliernr21](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Support for 2nd Reading on Even Year Elections on November Ballot
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 10:53:45 AM

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Dear Venice Council Members,
Thank you for your commitment and dedication to serving Venice. I support a question on the ballot to limit member terms to 8 years, instead of the current 9 years, and have the Council elections in even years.

I support your decision to allow Venice citizens to have a say in our voting process. A robust voter turnout is essential for a healthy democratic process, especially considering the low 35% turnout in off-year elections, which poses a significant challenge for the city.

Please maintain this issue on November's ballot and empower the voters to make the final decision. Let the voters decide.

Additionally, I value Ron Turner's remarks regarding the shift away from odd-year elections, potentially resulting in substantial taxpayer savings. I recognize the importance of every dollar saved, particularly when considering amounts ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000, equivalent to the salary of a firefighter or police officer.

Please let Venice voters have a voice on this long-debated issue.

Thanks,
Julia A. Brady
129 Harbor House Dr.
Osprey, FL 34229

From: [Gerald Bullano](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Venice Vote
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 9:19:50 AM

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Dear Venice City Council,

I support moving the elections to November. Let the Venice voters decide these issues.
We should not be running separate, expensive elections.
I encourage city council to do the right think and put the propositions to the voters of Venice.

Thank you,

Gerald Bullano
316 Park Blvd S

From: [Jordan Coleman](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Separate Elections
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 9:41:48 AM

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To the Venice Council,

I'm writing to you in support of allowing we, the voters of Venice, to decide when we hold Venice elections. In my opinion, it makes no sense to have them separate now. It costs a lot more money and it means a whole other election after we just have one. We get sick of so many elections and campaigns. I think moving it would be a great idea. But even if other voters don't agree with me, we should all have a say in it.

Sincerely,
Jordan Coleman

From: [Nancy Dale](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: No odd-year elections
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 4:10:33 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I extend my gratitude for your commitment and dedication to serving Venice. Thank you.

I fully endorse your decision to allow Venice citizens to have a say in our voting process. A robust voter turnout is essential for a healthy democratic process, especially considering the low 35% turnout in off-year elections, which poses a significant challenge for the city.

I strongly urge you to maintain this issue on November's ballot and empower the voters to make the final decision. Let the voters decide.

Additionally, I value Ron Turner's remarks regarding the shift away from odd-year elections, potentially resulting in substantial taxpayer savings. I recognize the importance of every dollar saved, particularly when considering amounts ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000, equivalent to the salary of a firefighter or police officer.

I advocate for letting the voters have a voice on this long-debated issue.

Nancy Dale
832 Golden Pond Ct.
Osprey, FL 34229

From: [Kevin Engelke](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Even vs. Even/Odd year elections
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 11:48:50 AM

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I advocate for letting the voters have a voice on this long-debated issue.

Kevin Engelke
701 Barcelona Ave, Apt 107
Venice, FL 34285

From: [Paula Horne](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Amendment to change terms
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 1:21:34 PM

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Venice City Council:

I want to express my opinion to object to the amendment to change the dates of Venice City Council elections from odd years to even years. This would increase certain city council members terms while others would adhere to new rules. Current elections should be as outlined at the time of the election. Each member should not automatically add time to their terms. So, if passed, a different transition must be considered which doesn't automatically add time to some of the members of council.

Furthermore, the saving of money should be outlined clearly to explain where and when the dollars are saved. It sounds like we're being deceived by incomplete information and manipulative information being distributed.

Thank you,
Paula Horne
535 Serata Street
Venice, FL 34285

From: [Carol Kennedy](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Vote next Tuesday
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 3:27:00 PM

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I OPPOSE your decision to extend your election terms and add to our **November 2024 ballot. This is not my decision but yours. Please vote against this referendum on Tuesday June 11th.**

Thank you!

Carol J. Kennedy
Democratic Area 4, Leader
Precinct 519, Captain
Venice, FL
315-430-4621
cjk28403@gmail.com

From: [Sue Lang](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: DO THE RIGHT THING AND POSTPONE THE ELECTION REFERENDUM!
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 10:02:46 AM
Importance: High

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Mayor Pachota and Council Members,

It is very clear that this idea did not come from the community. We have also heard that it has been discussed a few times before and rejected. This should at minimum be referred to the Charter Review Committee or delayed indefinitely as there are far more pressing issues and needs.

Continuing to rush this onto the November ballot is going to cost those in favor a lot of time and money because we are confident it will be soundly defeated. As evidenced by last year's election people are fed up with special interests and their dark money pacs trying to usurp our government...

There will be at least two slow growth candidates running for the two seats this year and likelihood of winning is very good because you have just handed out another reason to vote against incumbents who listen to special interests instead of the majority of voters in our community...

Do the right thing and postpone!

Thank you

From: [Linda Little](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: TERM LENGTH
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I am writing to express my opinion that you are doing the wrong thing by trying to change your terms to 4 years. No one I know wants this. Government is more accountable with shorter terms. 3 years is enough!

You're wasting our money by putting this on a referendum. Also I want to vote every year, not every other.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: joyce2104@verizon.net
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Odd Year Elections - DISCONTINUE
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 9:50:57 AM

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Do away with Odd-Year Elections and save our City \$\$\$\$\$.

Thank you,

Dlr. Willard & Joyce Lyons

From: [Wade McLaren](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Voting decision for the public, taxpayers
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 8:57:32 AM

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Venice City Council Members,

I would like to personally extend my gratitude for your commitment and dedication to serving our Venice community. I fully endorse your decision to allow us, the Venice citizens, to have a say in our voting process. I am all in for saving costs and lowering the taxes we pay. In addition I agree that a robust voter turnout is essential for a healthy democratic process.

I value Ron Turner's comments regarding the shift away from odd-year elections, potentially resulting in substantial taxpayer savings. I recognize the importance of every dollar saved, in our budget,

particularly when considering amounts ranging from \$50-\$100,000.00 equivalent to the salary of 1 or 2 firefighter or police officer jobs.

Off-year elections, which pose a significant challenge for the city to keep costs low and considering that the voter turnout in those years is around 30% or lower. I strongly urge you to maintain on this November's ballot the opportunity to continue to empower the voters to make the final decisions for our community.

Please, let the voters decide. I advocate for letting the voters have a voice on this long-debated item in Venice.

Sincerely,

Wade McLaren

5143 Lemon Bay Drive

Venice Florida 34293

360-606-3497

From: [John Moeckel](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [James Clinch](#); [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Venice City Council terms and term limits
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 9:05:23 PM

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Dear City Council,

I would like to voice my support for the new term and term limits that you have approved in the first reading, and I support your approval in the second reading June 11.

I believe this is a great idea to:

1. To see if the Venice voters would support it.
2. Save some \$50,000 per year in our tax dollars which is a great deal of our money.
3. Off year elections draw only a small percentage of the voters. Elections years draws a major majority of voters, therefore more reflective of the population of voters.
4. Two 4-year terms seems appropriate for City Council.

I have heard Ron Smith's thoughts on Frankie A's website against this initiative. And I know that Joan supports his position. I believe that position is self-serving and is not in the best interests of Venice. Actually, candidates can be voted in by only a couple of communities in off year elections. Again, not in the best interest of Venice.

There needs to be a concerted effort to educate the voters on the positives of this election method.

Best,

John Moeckel

From: [Chris Morton](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Ballot Question - Term Limits
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 9:45:19 AM

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Dear Venice City Council Members,

Please let Venice voters decide if we want to hold our elections during the general elections when everyone else does. This would save us taxpayers a significant amount of money and enhance the democratic process by making voting more convenient. It's wrong to deny us the opportunity to vote on it.

Sincerely,
Chris Morton
Business Owner/Citizen of Venice

Chris Morton
301-802-4015
mortgolf53@gmail.com

Sent via [Superhuman](#)

From: [Joan Roscoe](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Changing Elections in the City
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 11:16:50 AM

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There's been a lot of chatter and even some emails to council members that this referendum will impose term limits for the good. I just wanted to rebut this statement as you all already HAVE term limits. The referendum would actually allow a few of you to EXTEND your terms by one or two years ending in 2028.

Ok so why not make all this effective in 2028? So there are no extensions of terms and no incumbents are giving themselves additional years? What is the rush???

Thank You for Your Consideration,
Joan Roscoe

From: [hildee ryan](#)
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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I oppose your decision to extend your election terms and add to our November 2024 ballot. Please vote against this decision on Tuesday June 11th

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I oppose extending council members years to 4 years.
Thank you.