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**CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE CITY COUNCIL APPROVES PLACING  
MEASURES ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010 BALLOT TO MAKE  
CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER POSITIONS APPOINTIVE**

At its June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the City Council approved placing on the November 2, 2010 ballot two measures that will ask voters whether the City Clerk and City Treasurer positions shall be appointive rather than elective. These positions have been elected positions since the City's incorporation in 1911. However, as the City has grown and local government has become more complex, they have evolved and have become highly technical administrative functions. The positions require a high level of specialized training, and knowledge of local and State laws. Over 72% of California cities now have appointed City Clerks and over 64% have appointed City Treasurers.

The only requirements to be elected to these positions are to be at least 18 years of age and a registered voter living within the City. Therefore, it is difficult to find someone with the appropriate qualifications in a small community to run and be elected to these offices.

The proposed measures are consistent with findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury in a recent report on this topic. The Grand Jury specifically identified a concern that benefits may attract unqualified people, which could create significant problems for the City. They went on to conclude that the City could benefit from appointed positions and recommended the Council place a measure on the ballot.

The City's Payroll Clerk is also the current elected City Treasurer, who has entrusted the majority of investment responsibilities to the Director of Administrative Services. The City Clerk is also the Director of Legislatives and Information Services, who is a Certified Municipal Clerk with a Master Municipal Clerk designation. Therefore, the City is fortunate to have qualified individuals performing these functions. If the measures are approved, the same people will continue to perform their current functions and there would be no immediate changes to the City's operations. However, according to City Manager Steve Adams, "the purpose of the measures is to put in place a structure to ensure that these functions will continue to be performed by qualified individuals in a cost efficient manner in the long-term future."

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