REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASUR N

Does voting once every four years, for an elected official who is rarely challenged and has no term limit, really provide accountability?

The City Council is proposing to divide the City Treasurer functions between 1) a citizen commission that will meet several times each year in noticed open meetings to advise the Council and inform the public about municipal finance policy matters; and (2) the Finance Director, a staff professional accountable to the City Manager, who will have the appropriate expertise to oversee the finance-related staff work, who will be available at citizen commission meetings to provide information and updates, and to answer the questions of the commission and the interested public.

Transparency and accountability will be significantly increased, and savings of more than $75,000 per year will be realized, by modernizing Albany’s finance system and bringing it in line with the best practices of comparable cities. This measure is the first step; please join us in voting Yes!

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