

**DRAFT – Proposed**



Title: Resolution Supporting City Clerk as an Elective Office

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WHEREAS, California Government Code 36501 establishes that a city must have an office of City Clerk with defined duties per California Government Code 40801 et.seq. which are important to the lawful governance of a city and which must not be relegated to “ceremonial” duties only,

WHEREAS, as the elections official, the city clerk manages the process required for fair and lawful city elections, a critical foundation of our democratic system of government, and as such must require accountability to voters rather than managerial staff, and

WHEREAS, election of our representatives is fundamental to our democracy and to remove a representative from the electoral process is a denial of the voting rights of voters which diminishes the independence of the office and therefore, the openness and transparency of city government.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Democratic Club of Carlsbad Oceanside (DEMCCO) supports the voters’ right to choose their own representatives and as such, takes the position that city clerks should be elected by their constituents, and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that representatives of DEMCCO shall take all steps necessary to prevent changing city clerks from elective to appointed office and to support changing city clerks from appointed to elective office.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_