

No on Measure P

Measure P takes away your right to vote for Soledad mayor and hands it to the City Council. We urge you to vote No!

In October 2023, on a 3 to 2 vote, the Soledad City Council adopted Ordinance 765 establishing a five-district elections map that grants City Councilmembers exclusive power to elect the mayor themselves. The voters no longer have a direct say.

Ordinance 765 goes against past precedent, the will of the voters, and the recommendations of the City's districting consultants. Specifically:

- In 2003, nearly 90% of Soledad voters approved Measure C, which lets voters elect their mayor.
- In 2022, the City Council conducted a nonpartisan analysis to establish voting districts. The analysis determined that the fairest option was a four-district map with the mayor voted at large.
- In February 2023, the City Council formed an advisory committee to review proposed district maps, gather additional community input, and make recommendations to the City Council.
- In June 2023 the advisory committee unanimously recommended two four-district maps with the mayor voted at-large.
- During 2023 City Council hearings, residents testified overwhelmingly in support of the four-district map with a voter-selected at-large mayor and against a five-district map with an appointed mayor.
- In spite of residents' support for the four-district map and at-large mayor, and against the advice of its own advisory committee, the City Council adopted Ordinance 765, establishing five districts and giving the Council the sole right to appoint the mayor. This decision was apparently made for political reasons alone.

In less than 30 days after the City Council's vote, the Soledad Committee for Voting Rights collected nearly 1,400 signatures of Soledad residents to let you, the voters, overturn Ordinance 765.

Protect your right to vote for Soledad's mayor. Vote No on Measure P.

Signed

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