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**To:** [Cheryl](#); [Elections](#)  
**Cc:** [CampaignGuidance](#); [Taber, Toni](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Question: how many votes to put a Measure on the ballot  
**Date:** Monday, July 1, 2024 12:27:19 PM

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Good afternoon, Cheryl:

I apologize for the delay in our review of the requested information.

Generally speaking, only a majority vote of the City Council is required to put a measure on the ballot for voters. Please note that under certain circumstances, a two-thirds vote of the City Council may be required.

Section 1603(a)(3) requires that the City Council may by two-thirds vote submit an alternative ordinance to be presented at the same election as a previously submitted petition which will be placed on the ballot.

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**From:** Cheryl <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2024 6:58 AM  
**To:** Elections <elections@sanjoseca.gov>  
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**Subject:** Re: FW: Question: how many votes to put a Measure on the ballot

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Hello,

I have been waiting one month for a reply.

Would someone kindly reply to my question?

My question was/is:

I would like to know how many votes of the City Council are needed to put a Measure on the ballot for the voters.

Does it take a majority of 6 council votes or does it require 2/3 vote from the City Council?

Thank you,

Cheryl

On Tue, May 14, 2024, 3:37 PM Elections <[elections@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:elections@sanjoseca.gov)> wrote:

Hello,

Can you please help answer the below question?

Thanks so much,

The Office of the City Clerk

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200 East Santa Clara Street – 14<sup>th</sup> Floor | San José, CA 95113

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**From:** Cheryl <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 9, 2024 10:23 AM

**To:** Elections <[elections@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:elections@sanjoseca.gov)>; C C <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Question: how many votes to put a Measure on the ballot

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Does it take a majority of 6 or does it require 2/3 vote from the City Council?

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