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Attached is a letter from the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara. Please submit for the Board's hearing on Tuesday. Thank you.



Dec. 15, 2025

Dear Chair Capps and Supervisors,

The League has just learned about a proposal to extend the term of the Tax Collector.

We have a long-standing position of "support for government that is open, transparent and ethical, in which office holders act in the best interest of the whole community."

For this reason, we oppose the proposed extension.

The Tax Collector was elected by the voters for a four-year term. Extending this term has not been discussed by the public. Organizations like the League that care about elections have not been consulted. Why is this office being considered and not other offices? Does the board have the authority to grant this extension?

At the very least, there should be public hearings before any action is taken.

Therefore, the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara respectfully requests that the board not grant the extension until more information is known about why this request is being made and the voters are consulted.

Vicki Allen

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