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## Citizens for an Elected Mayor Responds to Supreme Court Decision, Reaffirms Commitment to District-Based Representation and Democratic Accountability

**PALM SPRINGS, CA** — Citizens for an Elected Mayor of Palm Springs today issued a statement regarding the Supreme Court ruling with implications for cities across the state of California. While we respect the role of the Court in interpreting the law, we strongly disagree with the ruling as we believe it undermines local control and voter voice – especially for minority voters.

Our organization remains steadfast in its support for district-based City Council representation. District elections ensure that every neighborhood in Palm Springs—regardless of geography or socioeconomic status—has a direct and accountable voice at City Hall. This structure has been an important step toward more equitable and inclusive governance, and we firmly believe it must be preserved and strengthened.

At the same time, we reiterate our core mission: advocating for a directly elected Mayor of Palm Springs.

An elected mayor would provide clear, citywide leadership and accountability that the current rotational system simply cannot match. Palm Springs is a dynamic and growing city facing complex challenges—from economic development and housing to infrastructure and sustainability. These issues require a leader chosen directly by the people, accountable to all residents, and empowered with a clear mandate to partner with the City Council and City Manager to drive the city's interests.

More Importantly, support for an elected mayor is not in conflict with district representation—it complements it. A district-based council ensures strong local voices, while an elected mayor provides consistent, unified leadership and vision for the entire city. This structure gives every Palm Springs citizen two vote on City Council: one for their Councilmember and one for their Mayor.

“This is not about partisanship or personalities—it’s about good governance with structure and accountability,” said **Rich Gordon**, Chair of Citizens for an Elected Mayor. “Palm Springs deserves a system where every neighborhood is heard and where citywide leadership is directly chosen by the voters.”

Citizens for an Elected Mayor of Palm Springs will continue to engage residents, stakeholders, and policymakers in constructive dialogue about how best to strengthen democratic governance in our city. We remain committed to pursuing reforms that reflect the will of the people and enhance transparency, accountability, and effective leadership.

For more information on the initiative and to join the conversation, please visit [www.ElectYourMayorPS.com](http://www.ElectYourMayorPS.com).

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