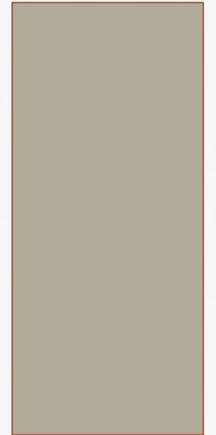
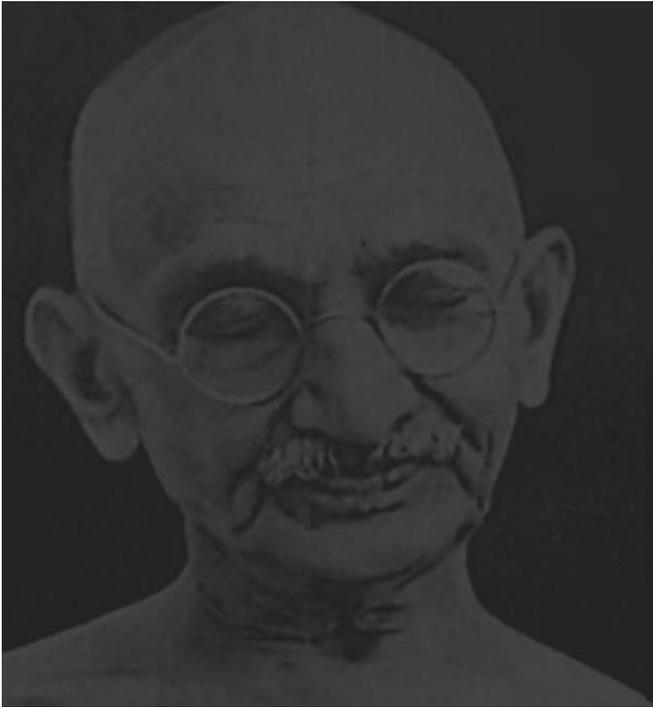


# TERM LIMITS

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“ Be the change you want  
to see in the world.”

– Not ~~Gandhi~~

# Why Term Limits?

Total tenure		Uninterrupted		Name	Party affiliation	State	Reason for leaving	Lifespan
9	49 years, 125 days	9	49 years, 125 days	<a href="#">Chuck Grassley</a> (S, H)	Republican	<a href="#">Iowa</a>		1933–
14	47 years, 187 days	13	47 years, 187 days	<a href="#">Ed Markey</a> (S, H)	Democratic	<a href="#">Massachusetts</a>		1946–
29	43 years, 125 days	26	43 years, 125 days	<a href="#">Ron Wyden</a> (S, H)	Democratic	<a href="#">Oregon</a>		1949–
30	43 years, 125 days	27	43 years, 125 days	<a href="#">Chuck Schumer</a> (S, H)	Democratic	New York		1950–
31	43 years, 125 days	28	43 years, 125 days	<a href="#">Hal Rogers</a> (H)	Republican	<a href="#">Kentucky</a>		1937–
32	43 years, 125 days	29	43 years, 125 days	<a href="#">Chris Smith</a> (H)	Republican	<a href="#">New Jersey</a>		1953–
34	42 years, 354 days	31	42 years, 354 days	<a href="#">Steny Hoyer</a> (H)	Democratic	<a href="#">Maryland</a>		1939–
47	41 years, 125 days	43	41 years, 125 days	<a href="#">Dick Durbin</a> (S, H)	Democratic	Illinois		1944–
48	41 years, 125 days	44	41 years, 125 days	<a href="#">Marcy Kaptur</a> (H)	Democratic	<a href="#">Ohio</a>		1946–
71	39 years, 125 days	64	39 years, 125 days	<a href="#">Mitch McConnell</a> (S)	Republican	Kentucky		1942–
89	37 years, 125 days	77	37 years, 125 days	<a href="#">Ben Cardin</a> (S, H)	Democratic	Maryland		1943–
93	36 years, 340 days	79	36 years, 340 days	<a href="#">Nancy Pelosi</a> (H)	Democratic	California		1940–

# Pro....According to AI

- **Fresh ideas and perspectives:** Term limits encourage a turnover of leadership, bringing in new voices with fresh ideas and approaches to city challenges. This can help prevent stagnation and ensure the city adapts to changing needs.
- **Reduced risk of corruption:** Long-term incumbents can become entrenched and potentially more susceptible to special interests or corruption. Term limits can help maintain a focus on public service and limit the time an official has to build undue influence.
- **Increased voter participation:** When seats are regularly open, it can spark more competition and voter interest in elections. This can lead to more democratic representation and a stronger mandate for elected officials.
- **Focus on long-term goals:** Knowing their time in office is limited might encourage elected officials to focus on long-term planning and projects that benefit the city in the future, rather than just short-term wins for re-election.
- **More diverse representation:** Term limits can create opportunities for a wider range of people to serve in office, potentially leading to a more representative council that reflects the diversity of the city's population.

# Con

- **Loss of experience:** Experienced officials can bring valuable institutional knowledge and expertise that might be lost with term limits.
- **Disruption of continuity:** Mid-stream changes in leadership can disrupt ongoing projects or initiatives.
- **Focus on re-election:** Even without term limits, some argue that officials often spend significant time campaigning for re-election, which can distract from their duties.

# Proposed Language and Intent

- Term Limits - 2 consecutive terms in a single office, with no more than 4 consecutive terms in any office. At the end of either 2 consecutive terms in a single office, or 4 consecutive terms in any office, there is a mandatory 2 year period of not holding ANY office within Midway.
- 8 years in the same job, no more than 16 years in different jobs.
- After 8 or 16 years, mandatory 2 year downtime.