

Interactions with The San Diego Union-Tribune

“What does it take to run for city attorney? Maienschein could face legal challenge contending he’s not eligible”

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Question:

I’m writing a story about whether Assemblymember Brian Maienschein meets the qualification in City Charter Section 40 that candidates for city attorney “must be licensed to practice law in the State of California and must have been so licensed for at least ten years at the time he or she submits nominating petitions.”

I have been looking at Maienschein’s state bar record, but I’m not qualified to determine anything.

So I was wondering if the City Clerk’s office, the City Attorney’s Office, or some combination of the two, had determined that he is definitely eligible, or whether such a determination will happen down the road at some point.

Response:

The City Clerk is the City’s chief elections officer. Our Office advises the Clerk, whom the City Charter vests with full authority for making this determination.
