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Notice		
Date of Notice 9/1/2020	Name of City or Cities Portland, OR	Date of Election 11/3/2020
Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.		
Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure. see attached		
Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure. see attached		
Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect. see attached		
Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect. If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for: → any measure referred by the city governing body; or → any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance. Explanatory Statement Attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.		
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<i>By signing this document:</i> → I hereby state that I am authorized by the city to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and → I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.		

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Ballot Title

Community Police Oversight Board

CAPTION

Amends Charter: Authorizes new, independent community police oversight board.

QUESTION

Shall Charter be amended to authorize new, independent community police oversight board to investigate complaints against Portland Police, impose discipline?

SUMMARY

The measure adds a Charter section authorizing an independent police oversight board appointed by City Council.

Board Membership:

- Members from diverse communities, particularly those with lived experience of systemic racism and those who have experienced mental illness, addiction, or alcoholism.
- Shall not include current law enforcement employees and immediate family members or former law enforcement employees.
- Board size, members' terms, term limits to be determined by City Code.

Board Budget:

- Shall be no less than 5% of the Police Bureau's operating budget.

Board Staff:

- Board shall appoint a Director who serves at the pleasure of Board and who appoints staff and investigators.

Board Powers and Duties:

- Investigate all deaths in custody, uses of deadly force, complaints of force causing injury, discrimination against protected classes, constitutional rights violations
- Investigate complaints
- Subpoena documents
- Access police records
- Compel witness statements, including from police officers
- Impose discipline, including termination
- Recommend policies focused on community concerns to Police Bureau, City Council
- Powers restricted by State, Federal laws
- Remove barriers for members' participation

Other provisions to be established by City Code.

Explanatory Statement

If passed by voters, this ballot measure would add a section to the City Charter that authorizes the creation of a new police oversight board. The proposed measure sets forth the powers of the new board including the authority, to the full extent of the law, to investigate complaints and to issue disciplinary action against sworn police officers and their supervisors, independence from elected offices and city bureaus, and a budget guarantee to assure resources are available to complete the board's work. The proposed oversight board would also be authorized to directly influence the police bureau's policies and directives.

If passed, the ballot measure would create a framework in the City Charter for the new oversight board. However, the steps below would need to be completed before the board could begin operations.

1. The City Council would adopt an implementing ordinance to create a commission charged with fleshing out the new board's operations.
2. The commission would complete a variety of tasks – after incorporating community feedback and consistent with the framework in the City Charter – including drafting: a) administrative rules for the board; b) an organizational chart for the board; and c) a plan to transition from the City's existing Independent Police Review to the new board.
3. The commission would then summarize its work in a series of proposed City code changes and send those changes to the City Council for adoption. The commission would then be dissolved.
4. The City will comply with any legal requirements it may have.
5. The new police oversight board could begin operations.