

Notice of Measure Election

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Notice

Date of Notice

September 7, 2022

Name of County or Counties

Multnomah County

Date of Election

November 8, 2022

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county'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

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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 county governing body; or
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached?

Yes

No

Authorized County Official Not required to be notarized.

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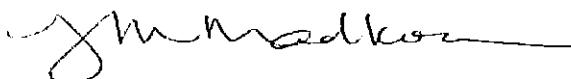
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By signing this document:

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the county 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.



September 7, 2022

Signature

Date Signed

Charter Review Committee Amendment Ballot Title & Explanatory Statement

Caption (10/10): Amends Charter Review Committee qualifications, appointment, length; requires public engagement

Question (20/20): Should charter require county board to appoint Charter Review Committee by commissioner district for 18 month process with public engagement?

Summary (174/175): Under current charter, state legislators appoint Charter Review Committee after application process with timelines, with two electors appointed from each senatorial district with majority of voters in county, and one elector appointed from each senatorial district with less than majority of voters in county. Appointees from same district cannot be registered in same political party. Committee can meet from September to August (up to 11 months). Committee chooses chairperson.

Under amendment recommended by Charter Review Committee, timeline for application and appointment would be removed. After application process, county board would appoint four electors from each commissioner district (16 members) and endeavor to appoint committee that represents diverse communities in the county. Removes restriction on appointee political party; appointee moving between districts after appointment could continue to serve. Committee could meet from March to August of the following year (up to 18 months). Committee to choose leadership. Office of Citizen Involvement could fill vacancies and would be required to staff committee and conduct public education, outreach, engagement that aligns with county's equity and inclusion values.

Explanatory Statement (500/500): Every six years, Multnomah County convenes a Charter Review Committee to make a comprehensive study of the County's home rule charter, and, if it chooses, the committee can recommend amendments to the charter to be submitted to the voters.

Under current charter, the Charter Review Committee is composed of two electors appointed from each senatorial district having the majority of its voters within the county, and one elector appointed from each senatorial district having less than a majority of its voters within the county. The committee is appointed by the state senator and two state representatives who represent residents in each state senate district located in the county. The Office of Citizen Involvement begins accepting applications in January of the year that the committee convenes, and forwards those applications to the state senator who represents each applicant. The state legislators appoint committee members in August of that same year. Appointees from the same district cannot be registered in the same political party. The current charter does not address how vacancies are filled or whether a committee member can continue to serve if they move out of the district they were appointed to represent. The charter provides that the committee will choose a chairperson. Under current charter, the committee convenes in September and must make its final report by the following August, allowing up to 11 months for the committee to study the charter and determine whether to make recommendations.

This charter amendment recommended by the current Charter Review Committee would change the Charter Review Committee member qualifications and appointment process. It would also extend the length of the time during which the committee could meet and would require the process to include public engagement.

In particular, this amendment removes the application and appointment timeline. The Office of Citizen Involvement would continue to administer the committee application and evaluation process, but appointments would be by the county chair with the approval of the board of county commissioners. Appointments would be by county commissioner district, rather than senate district, with four electors appointed per district, for a 16 member committee. There would be no requirement that appointees from the same district be from different political parties. The amendment would require the board to endeavor to appoint a committee that represents the diverse communities in the county. The committee would choose its own leadership structure.

The committee would convene in March of the year before it is required to make its final report, allowing up to 18 months for the committee to study the charter and determine whether to make recommendations.

The amendment would clarify that an appointee who moves between commissioner districts can continue to serve on the committee and would allow the Office of Citizen Involvement to fill vacancies.

The amendment would require the Office of Citizen Involvement to staff the committee and include public education, outreach, and engagement that aligns with the county's equity and inclusion values as part of the committee process, including as part of the application process.