



November 5, 2024

City Charter Election

Official Canvassing Report

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk
November 19, 2024
Agenda Item # 1

CITY CHARTER ELECTION TIMELINE



Item	Date
Mayor Reconstitutes Charter Review Commission	November 14, 2023
Charter Review Commission meetings (11)	December 2023 to May 2024
Charter Review Commission Report to City Council	June 5, 2024
City Council B Session on Charter Propositions	August 1, 2024
City Council Orders Charter Election	August 8, 2024
Early Voting Period	October 21 – November 1, 2024
Election Day	November 5, 2024
City Clerk receives results from Bexar County and Prepares Canvassing Report	November 18, 2024
City Council Canvasses Official Tabulation	November 19, 2024

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ELECTION RESULTS – VOTE TABULATION



- Registered Voters = 1,295,920
- Total number of ballots cast = 762,772
- Voter turnout for the City of San Antonio
 - 58.86%
- Ballots Blank = 639
- Under Votes: Represents electronic and paper voted ballots which were not marked
- Over Votes: Represents more than one mark on a paper ballot

Proposition A - Ethics Review Board



- Shall Article XIII, entitled Ethics Review Board, of the City Charter be amended to add a definition of "conflicts of interest"; require sufficient funding to the Ethics Review Board so it may perform all its assigned duties, and authorize the Ethics Review Board to accept or decline complaints that have been resolved by an entity other than the Ethics Review Board?

CANVASSING REPORT CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION



PROPOSITION A – Ethics Review Board

		Number Votes
FOR	72%	295,222
AGAINST	28%	115,216
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Overvotes		0
Undervotes		81,213

Measure
✓ Passes

Proposition B – Language Modernization



- Shall the following sections of the City Charter be amended to revise or eliminate provisions which have been superseded by state law and to update archaic language to current usage: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 45, 46, 47, 49, 51, 52, 53, 53a, 54, 55, 56, 58, 67, 68, Article V.A., 69, 70, 71, 72, 75, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 96, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, Article VIII, 112, 117, 119, 121, 122, 123, 123A, 124, 125, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, and 136?

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PROPOSITION B – Language Modernization

		Number Votes
FOR	68%	272,058
AGAINST	32%	126,543
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Overvotes		1
Undervotes		93,049

Measure
✓ **Passes**

Proposition C – City Manager Tenure & Compensation

- Shall the Charter of the City of San Antonio be amended to grant to City Council the authority to set the full terms of the City Manager's employment including tenure and compensation?

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PROPOSITION C – City Manager Tenure & Compensation

		Number Votes
FOR	54%	229,596
AGAINST	46%	192,383
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Overvotes		0
Undervotes		69,672

Measure
✓ **Passes**

Proposition D – City Employee Political Activity

- Shall the Charter of the City of San Antonio be amended to allow City employees to participate in local political activity consistent with State and Federal law while protecting employees against political retribution and maintaining a general prohibition on participation in local political activity for the city leadership team?

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PROPOSITION D – City Employee Political Activity

		Number Votes
FOR	63%	264,183
AGAINST	37%	155,350
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Overvotes		1
Undervotes		72,117

Measure
✓ **Passes**

Proposition E – City Council Compensation

- Shall the Charter of the City of San Antonio be amended to set and limit the compensation for City Council members and the Mayor at \$70,200 and \$87,800 annually with annual future adjustments to correlate to the United States Housing and Urban Development 4-member household median income for San Antonio, and authorize a Council member or the Mayor to decline any or all of the established compensation?

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PROPOSITION E – City Council Compensation

		Number Votes
FOR	64%	267,814
AGAINST	36%	150,298
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Overvotes		4
Undervotes		73,535

Measure
✓ **Passes**

Proposition F – City Council Terms

- Shall the Charter of the City of San Antonio be amended to extend the terms of all elected members of City Council, including the Mayor, from two (2) years to four (4) years and changing the term limits from four (4) full terms to two (2) full terms while keeping the terms concurrent?

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PROPOSITION F – City Council Terms

		Number Votes
FOR	53%	225,552
AGAINST	47%	197,479
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Overvotes		4
Undervotes		68,396

Measure
✓ **Passes**

NEXT STEPS

- Proposed Canvassing Ordinance was prepared by the City Attorney's Office.
- Today the City Council will Canvass the Results of the November 5, 2024, Charter Election
- City Clerk posts Canvassing Results on SA.Gov/Clerk
- City Clerk publishes revised Charter and provides Certified Copy to Texas Secretary of State



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