



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

File Number:

Agenda Item Number: 1

Agenda Date: November 19, 2024

In Control: City Council Special Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Clerk

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Debbie Racca-Sittre

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Ordinance canvassing the official election results of the November 5, 2024 Charter Election.

SUMMARY:

Ordinance canvassing the official election results of the City Charter Election held on November 5, 2024.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On November 14, 2023, Mayor Nirenberg issued a memo forming a Charter Review Commission to review aspects of the City Charter and provide recommendations. The Charter Review Commission met multiple times and developed a slate of recommendations which they presented to City Council on June 5, 2024.

On August 8, 2024 the City Council ordered a Charter Amendment Election to take place on November 5, 2024 for City of San Antonio voters to decide whether to amend the City Charter as follows:

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?

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Shall the following sections of the City Charter be amended to revise or eliminate provisions which have been superseded by state law and to update archaic language to current usage: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38,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?

PROPOSITION C
CITY MANAGER TENURE AND 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?

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?

C 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?

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?

The City Clerk will provide a certified copy of the Charter Amendment Election Results to the Secretary of State as required by State law.

ISSUE:

The City Clerk will provide City Council with the Canvassing Report of the unofficial results of the Tuesday, November 5, 2024 Charter Election. The City Council is required by state law to canvass the election results.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council is required by law to canvass the election results.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the canvassing of election results.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Clerk recommends canvassing.