

RESOLUTION 16- 48

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING SIX (6) CHARTER AMENDMENTS ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AS PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6.03 of the Pinellas County Charter, the Charter Review Commission has completed its review and deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission has made recommendations and submitted a report to the citizens of Pinellas County as required by the Charter; and

WHEREAS, in such report the Charter Review Commission has proposed six (6) amendments to the Pinellas County Charter to be submitted for consideration by the electors of Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6.03(e) of the Pinellas County Charter, the Board of County Commissioners shall call a referendum to be held in conjunction with the general election for the purpose of voting on the proposals submitted by the Charter Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 101.161 of the Florida Statutes, formal action on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners is required to call for such referendum, and to place the proposals on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.03(e) of the Pinellas County Charter states that the notice of a referendum, together with the exact language of the proposals, be published by the Board of County Commissioners once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, the first publication being at least 45 days prior to the referendum; and

WHEREAS, Section 100.342 of the Florida Statutes states that notice of a referendum must be given at least 30 days prior to the election and shall be published at least two (2) times, once in the fifth week and once in the third week prior to the week in which the election or referendum is to be held.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, in the regular session, duly-assembled this 19th day of July 2016.

1. That the following proposed county charter amendments be placed on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot:

a. PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
NO. 1

BALLOT TITLE: LOWERING SIGNATURE PERCENTAGE AND EXPANDING TIME PERIOD FOR PETITION DRIVE TO PROPOSE COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to lower the number of signed petitions necessary to propose an amendment to the Pinellas County Charter from ten (10) percent of the registered voters in the county to eight (8) percent, and to expand the length of time during which petitions can be gathered from 180 days to 240 days?

_____ YES

_____ NO

b. PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
NO. 2

BALLOT TITLE: FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to provide that for each proposed charter amendment placed on the ballot, a brief financial impact statement prepared by the county auditor shall be placed after the ballot summary for the amendment, estimating the increase or decrease in revenues or costs to the county resulting from approval of the proposed charter amendment?

_____ YES

_____ NO

c. PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
NO. 3

BALLOT TITLE: CREATION OF COUNTY REDISTRICTING BOARD

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to create a County Redistricting Board, appointed by the County Commission

every ten years after the Census, to provide advisory recommendations to the County Commission on redrawing county commission districts, and providing parameters for such recommendations, including not favoring political parties or incumbents, not denying racial or language minorities equal opportunity for political participation, and where feasible, consideration of unincorporated areas and municipal boundaries?

_____ YES

_____ NO

d. **PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
 NO. 4**

**BALLOT TITLE: SELECTION, TERMINATION, AND ANNUAL
REVIEW OF COUNTY ATTORNEY BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AND CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to provide that the County Attorney shall be selected by, serve at the pleasure of, and be subject to annual review by, a committee consisting of the seven county commissioners and the five county constitutional officers (sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, clerk of the circuit court and comptroller) rather than the board of county commissioners alone?

_____ YES

_____ NO

e. **PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
 NO. 5**

**BALLOT TITLE: CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEMBERS
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS**

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to specify that each of the seven county commissioners shall nominate to the Charter Review Commission a member who resides in the commissioner's district?

_____ YES

_____ NO

f. PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
NO. 6

BALLOT TITLE: PINELLAS CHARTER CLEANUP AMENDMENT

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to remove certain provisions found unconstitutional by court ruling, remove certain transitional provisions that have since occurred, revise certain references to be consistent with Florida Statutes, and remove references to certain organizations that no longer exist?

_____ YES

_____ NO

2. That the referendum questions will be advertised pursuant to the legal requirements of the Florida Statutes and the Pinellas County Charter prior to the general election. The advertisements shall be placed in the Tampa Bay Times on the following dates:

- a. Friday, September 23, 2016
- b. Friday, September 30, 2016
- c. Friday, October 7, 2016
- d. Friday, October 14, 2016
- e. Friday, October 21, 2016

Commissioner Welch offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Gerard, and upon roll call the vote was:

_____ AYES: Justice, Long, Welch, Eggers, Gerard, and Seel.

_____ NAYS: None.

_____ Absent and not voting: Morroni.

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Office of the County Attorney