

RESOLUTION 24-

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING SEVEN (7) CHARTER AMENDMENTS ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 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 seven (7) 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 ____ day of July 2024.

1. That the following proposed county charter amendments be placed on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot:

a. PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
NO. 1

**BALLOT TITLE: COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT PROVIDING
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER TERM LIMITS**

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to provide for County Commissioner term limits by prohibiting County Commissioners who have held the office for the preceding 12 years from appearing on a ballot for reelection and requiring a minimum of 4 years off the County Commission before serving again, with terms of office beginning on or after November 5, 2024 counting toward the term limits?

_____ YES

_____ NO

b. PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
NO. 2

**BALLOT TITLE: REVISING COUNTY INITIATIVE PETITION
REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS**

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to revise the County initiative petition process by providing for a uniform time period for an initiative petition drive from September through April before a November general election, monthly submission deadlines for signed petitions, running tallies of verified petitions on the Supervisor of Election's website, preparation of ballot translations, and related procedures?

_____ YES

_____ NO

c. PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
NO. 3

**BALLOT TITLE: LOWERING SIGNATURE PERCENTAGE FOR
PETITION DRIVES 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 eight (8) percent of the registered voters in the county to five (5) percent?

_____ YES

_____ NO

d. PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
NO. 4

BALLOT TITLE: CHARTER AMENDMENT REVISING THRESHOLDS FOR APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to provide that the 12-member County Attorney Oversight Committee shall select and appoint a County Attorney by an 8-vote supermajority, and may remove the County Attorney only by a 7-vote majority at two consecutive meetings, or by an 8-vote supermajority at one meeting?

_____ YES

_____ NO

e. PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
NO. 5

BALLOT TITLE: REFERENDA ON COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO BE HELD AT GENERAL ELECTIONS ONLY

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to require that referenda on county charter amendments proposed by initiative petition, or proposed by the Board of County Commissioners, shall be held only at the General Election held in November of even-numbered years?

_____ YES

_____ NO

f. PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
NO. 6

**BALLOT TITLE: CONFORMING PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT REFERENDA TO THE
FLORIDA ELECTION CODE**

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to revise the Charter’s publication requirements for county charter amendment referenda to conform to the Florida Election Code?

_____ YES

_____ NO

g. PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
NO. 7

BALLOT TITLE: COUNTY CHARTER CLEANUP AMENDMENT

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to remove certain one-time provisions that have since occurred or elapsed, remove gender references, update organization names, and remove references to 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. Wednesday, September 18, 2024
- b. Wednesday, September 25, 2024
- c. Wednesday, October 2, 2024
- d. Wednesday, October 9, 2024
- e. Wednesday, October 16, 2024

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

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

APPROVED AS TO FORM
By: Jewel White
Office of the County Attorney

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