

PROPOSED BALLOT QUESTIONS (March 24, 2022)

Charter Amendment No. 1

County Commission Review of Operations

Shall Article II, Section 2.2.D. of the Charlotte County Charter be amended to provide for the County Commission to conduct a review of all operations of the County in conjunction with the budget process?

YES for Approval

No for Rejection

The third sentence of Section 2.2.D. is amended to read: "In addition to its other powers and duties, the board of county commissioners shall conduct a ~~an annual~~ review of all operations of the county in conjunction with the budget process, including all programs and services provided, with input from the public, ~~prior to April first of each year~~, and take action as a result of this review for improvement of the county and the welfare of its residents."

Charter Amendment No. 2

Charter Review Commission to be convened every 10 years.

Shall Article IV, Section 4.2.C.(1). of the Charlotte County Charter be amended to provide for the Charter Review Commission to be appointed every 10 years rather than every 6 years?

YES for Approval

NO for Rejection

The first sentence of Section 4.2.C.(1). is amended to read: "A charter review commission consisting of fifteen (15) members and three (3) alternates shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners at least eighteen (18) months before the general election occurring in ~~2016~~32 and at least eighteen (18) months before the general election occurring every ten (~~6~~10) years thereafter, to review the home rule charter and propose any amendments or revisions which may be advisable for the placement on the general election ballot.

Charter Amendment No. 3

Personnel policies for County Attorney and Director of Economic Development.

Shall Article II, Sections 2.3.D. and F. of the Charlotte County Charter be amended to apply the same Charter personnel policies applicable to the County Administrator to the County Attorney and Director of Economic Development?

YES for Approval

NO for Rejection

Section 2.3.D. and F. are amended as follows:

Section 2.3.D. is amended by renumbering existing section 2.3.D. to 2.3.D.(1) and adding new sections D.(2) through D.(4) to read as follows:

(2) The county attorney shall be appointed on the affirmative vote of four (4) members of the board of county commissioners on the basis of legal ability and qualifications, pursuant to requirements specified by ordinance, and shall reside in the county while so employed.

(3) The county attorney's salary shall be set by the board of county commissioners.

(4) The county attorney may be removed with or without cause upon the affirmative vote of four (4) members of the board of county commissioners, or upon the affirmative vote of three (3) members at two (2) separate board meetings held at least two (2) weeks apart. Grounds for removal for cause shall include flagrant neglect of duty, physical or mental incapacity, conviction for the commission of a felony, violation of any statute relating to conduct of public employees, or such other grounds as may be provided by ordinance.

Section 2.3.F. is amended by renumbering existing section 2.3.F. to 2.3.F.(1) and adding new sections F.(2) through F.(4) to read as follows:

(2) The director of economic development shall be appointed on the affirmative vote of four (4) members of the board of county commissioners on the basis of ability and qualifications, pursuant to requirements specified by ordinance, and shall reside in the county while so employed.

(3) The director of economic development's salary shall be set by the board of county commissioners.

(4) The director of economic development may be removed with or without cause upon the affirmative vote of four (4) members of the board of county commissioners, or upon the affirmative vote of three (3) members at two (2) separate board meetings held at least two (2) weeks apart. Grounds for removal for cause shall include flagrant neglect of duty, physical or mental incapacity, conviction for the commission of a felony, violation of any statute relating to conduct of public employees, or such other grounds as may be provided by ordinance.

Charter Amendment No. 4

Casino Gambling.

Shall the Charlotte County Charter be amended to require- referendum approval to allow Casino Gambling in Charlotte County?

YES for Approval

NO for Rejection

Section 1.6 is added to the Charter to read:

1.6. Casino Gambling

The citizens of Charlotte County reserve to themselves the power to approve or disapprove casino gambling of any nature within the boundaries of the County. Therefore, if and when casino gambling becomes lawful under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida, no action may be taken by the Board of County Commissioners, by the governing body of any municipality, or by any elected or appointed official or employee of either the County or any municipality the effect of which is to authorize, to approve, or in any manner to allow casino gambling to occur anywhere in the County unless and until a referendum on allowing casino gambling in the County is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the question at an election.