

**Clark County Charter Review Commission
Resolution No. 2021-1**

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter regarding making the positions of County Executive Elected Offices (assessor, auditor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and treasurer) nonpartisan for declarations of and filing for candidacy, and listing on the ballot in elections for such positions.

WHEREAS, In November 2020, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 1, 2021, and July 7, 2021, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on July 7, 2021 voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2021 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter that would provide for making the positions of County Executive Elected Offices (assessor, auditor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and treasurer) nonpartisan for declarations of and filing for candidacy, and listing on the ballot in elections for such positions; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendments are necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

Section 1. Amendatory. Section 6.2 Offices designated shall be amended as follows:

The offices of ~~council member~~, assessor, auditor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff, and treasurer shall be ~~partisan~~ nonpartisan offices. Elections for the offices shall be conducted in the manner and scheduling provided for partisan county elections under state law. The offices of council members shall be partisan offices, with elections for those offices conducted in the manner provided for partisan local elections under state law.

Section 2. Provisionary Amendment. The Charter Review Commission has submitted Resolution 2021-2 Nonpartisan County Council Offices to the Clark County Auditor for inclusion on the 2021 General Election ballot. If that proposed amendment (2021-2) is approved by a majority of voters, and

1 amendment 2021-1 Nonpartisan County Executive Elected Offices is also approved, the change to the
2 Clark County Home Rule Charter will be as follows:

3 **~~Section 6.1 Election procedures~~**

4 ~~Except as provided in this charter, nominating primaries and elections shall be conducted in~~
5 ~~accordance with general law governing the election of partisan county officials.~~

6 **Section 6.2 Offices designated**

7 The offices of council member, assessor, auditor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff, and treasurer
8 shall be partisan-nonpartisan offices. Elections for the offices shall be conducted in the manner
9 provided for partisan local elections under state law.

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11 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution proposing amendments to the Clark County Home Rule
12 Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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14 **Section 4. Instructions to Staff.** The County Manager shall direct appropriate county staff to do the
15 following:

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17 A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the
18 next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
19 B. Transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate
20 ballot title for the proposed amendment.
21 C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, provide a copy to Code
22 Publishing for inclusion in the Charter.
23 D. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of both this proposed amendment and the amendment
24 proposed by Resolution 2021-2, ensure that amended Charter Section 6.2 is published as set
25 forth in Section 2 of this Resolution 2021-1.

1 ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Clark County Charter Review Commission this 7th day of July,
2 2021.

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4 ATTEST:

FOR CLARK COUNTY CHARTER
REVIEW COMMISSION:

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8 Anthony Vendetti, Secretary
9 Clark County Charter Review Commission

Kim D. Harless, Co-Chair
Clark County Charter Review Commission

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12 Approved as to form only
13 Anthony F. Golik
14 Prosecuting Attorney



Charles P. "Chuck" Green, Co-Chair
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17 By: 
18 Christine Cook
19 Senior Deputy Prosecutor

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