

**Clark County Charter Review Commission
Resolution No. 2021-2**

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 Councilor Offices 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 Councilor Offices 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, sheriff, treasurer and prosecuting attorney shall be partisan offices. Elections for the offices shall be conducted in the manner provided for partisan local elections under state law. The office of council member shall be nonpartisan, with elections for council members conducted in the manner and schedule provided for partisan local elections under state law.

Section 2. Provisionary Amendment. The Charter Review Commission has submitted Resolution 2021-1 Nonpartisan County Executive Offices to the Clark County Auditor for inclusion on the 2021 General Election ballot. If that proposed amendment (2021-1) is approved by a majority of voters, and amendment 2021-2 Nonpartisan County Council Elected Offices is also approved, an additional change to the Clark County Home Rule Charter will be as follows:

1 **Section 6.1 Election procedures**

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

4 **Section 6.2 Offices designated**

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

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

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

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

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

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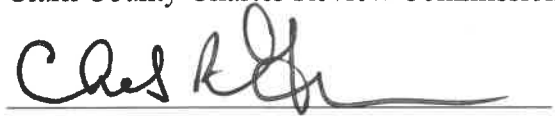
8 Anthony Vendetti, Secretary
9 Clark County Charter Review Commission



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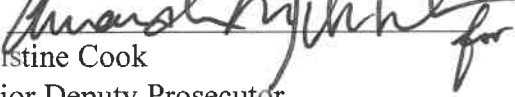
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12 Approved as to form only:
13 Anthony F. Golik
14 Prosecuting Attorney



Charles P. "Chuck" Green, Co-Chair
Clark County Charter Review Commission

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17 By:  for
18 Christine Cook
19 Senior Deputy Prosecutor

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