

BALLOT LANGUAGE (SUBTITLES AND SUMMARIES) GROUPING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HALLANDALE BEACH CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE INTO FIVE BALLOT QUESTIONS

No. 1

Subtitle

Full and Fair Representation and Giving Voters Greater Authority in Selection of Commissioners and Mayor

Summary

Shall voters have the right to choose all city commissioners, with three commissioners chosen from districts to guarantee representation throughout the city, and the commission expanded to seven, thus ensuring that the majority of the commission can live anywhere in the city; the mayor be limited to one term as mayor, but allowed to continue as a commissioner; and the people given the right to elect commissioners when vacancies are not filled within 30 days?

No. 2

Subtitle

Governmental Accountability: Requiring Charter Officials to take Responsibility for Their Duties and Oversight by Commissioners

Summary

Shall the city manager be required to live in the city; the city attorney be free from ties to law firms; the city attorney and city clerk be free from interference from the city manager, be hired by and answerable to the city commission, and have independent budgets and hiring authority; and the city be required to have an annual audit by an independent entity and to obtain fresh financial perspectives every two years?

No. 3

Subtitle

Guaranteeing Regular Charter Review and the Right of Voters to Change the Charter

Summary

Shall all charter changes initiated by the city commission be subject to voter approval; and the people be guaranteed that a charter review committee will meet at least every eight years, that the committee reflect the diversity of the city, that electronic media be used to maximize public awareness of the committee's work, and that the city commission cannot prevent proposals of at least 2/3 of the committee from being presented to the voters?

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No. 4

Subtitle

Expanding and Guaranteeing the Right of the People to Repeal, Adopt, and Amend Ordinances

Summary

Shall the people have the right to challenge city ordinances at any time, to be given five business days to correct insufficiencies in petitions or to appeal from findings of insufficiency, and to vote on all issues in petitions that are certified as sufficient; the city commission place issues on the ballot for either general or special elections; and the requirement for suspension of ordinances after certification of petitions be repealed?

No. 5

Subtitle

Providing Changes to the Charter to Conform with Law, Eliminate Outdated Language and Provide Clarifications

Summary

Shall the charter be amended to conform it to existing law on special acts, penalties, and employment matters; clarify that the mayor is a commissioner; clarify the applicability of ethics laws; delete archaic transition language; provide procedures for breaking ties between two or more candidates for commission or mayor; and provide that the city's nepotism provisions be consistent with those established by state law?