

Council-Manager Form Resource Package

ICMA's first-response information packet on professional local government management through the council-manager structure.

Welcome to ICMA's Council-Manager Form Resource page! •

The collection of articles, statistics, and other information—grouped below as ICMA's Council-Manager Form Resource Packet—will assist you in helping residents, elected officials, and business leaders within your community gain a better understanding of the value that professional management brings to our cities and towns.

ICMA's origins lie in the council-manager form of local government, which combines the strong political leadership of elected officials (in the form of a council, board, or other governing body) with the strong professional experience of an appointed local government manager or administrator. Under this form, power is concentrated in the elected council, which hires a professional administrator to implement its policies. These highly trained, experienced individuals serve at the pleasure of the elected governing body and have responsibility for preparing the budget, directing day-to-day operations, hiring and firing personnel, and serving as the council's chief policy advisor.

Although ICMA actively promotes the council-manager form as the preferred structure, the organization also supports professional management in all forms of local government.

We invite you to use these materials as part of your council-manager form adoption and retention efforts. Click on the link to the packet components and you will be taken to ICMA's Resource Center, where you will find a description of the material and one or more downloads. In addition to the materials contained in the Council-Manager Form Resource packet, scroll further down this page for a list of other resources, or contact Jared Dailey, program manager, at jdailey@icma.org, for more information on form-of-government issues.

Launching an educational or promotional effort in support of the council-manager form can be difficult, but we hope you find these materials useful. Thank you for helping ICMA advocate the value of professional local government management and good luck with your efforts!

Sincerely,

Robert J. O'Neill
ICMA Executive Director

BACKGROUND

Brochure: [Council-Manager Form of Government: Frequently Asked Questions \(brochure\)](#)

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[Article: Taking Stock of the Council-Manager Form at 100](#)

VALUE OF THE PROFESSION

Brochure: Professional Local Government Management: The Benefits to Your Municipality (brochure)

Brochure: Professional County Management: The Benefits to Your County

Article: How Professionals Can Add Value to Their Communities and Organizations

Questionnaire for Determining Value of Professional Administrator/Manager

Article: The Mayor-Manager Conundrum That Wasn't

Article: Council-Manager or "Strong Mayor": The Choice Is Clear

EFFICIENCY/FISCAL SUPERIORITY

How Professionals Save Local Governments Money

Study: Smarter, Faster, Cheaper: An Operations Efficiency Benchmarking Study of 100 American Cities (2011)

Article: CNN-Money Magazine 100 Best Places to Live with Form of Government and ICMA Member (2011)

STATISTICS

Form of Government Statistics - Cities (2013)

Form of Government Statistics - Cities (2013): Council-Manager versus Mayor-Council in Specific Population Ranges

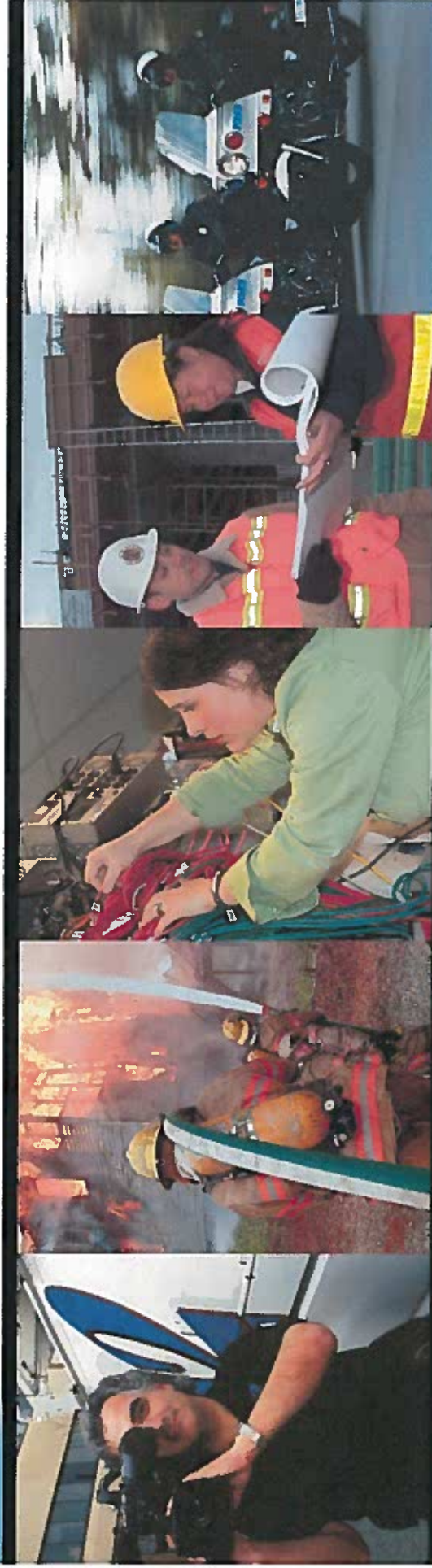
Form of Government Statistics - Cities (2012): Longitudinal between 1984 - 2012



Charter Review Committee

March 3, 2014

T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, City of Tacoma, WA



International City/County Management Association (ICMA)

www.icma.org/en/icma/about/overview/resource

National Civic League (NCL)

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Appearance on Ballot

- The Tacoma City Attorney is responsible for writing the ballot title.
- Issues can be listed on the ballot as Propositions (Proposition No. 1) or Charter Amendments (Charter Amendment No. 1).

Appearance on Ballot - Headings

- Please specify any headings desired.
 - Headings should describe or clarify the issue for the voter.
 - Headings need to be short in length and neutral.
 - Headings do not count as part of the ballot title word limit.

2004

City of Tacoma

Proposition No. 3

City Council adopted Substitute Resolution 36239 to amend the Charter. The current City Charter does not require any periodic review of the Charter. This proposition would add new Section 2.26 in the Charter requiring that the

1992

Proposition No. 10

Civil Service Board

Shall Charter Section 6.11 provide for the filling of vacancies on the Civil Service Board, removal of appointed members for cause, allow for a Civil Service Hearings Examiner, and provide rules of procedure, per Resolution 31899?

Calling for the Election

- The Tacoma City Council will call for the election by resolution(s).
- The resolution deadline for the November 4, General Election is **August 5**.
- The council is responsible for appointing “For” and “Against” committees to write statements for the local voters’ pamphlet.



Election Deadlines

Jurisdiction's Responsibilities	Deadline
Resolution and Resolution Cover Sheet (<i>Providing jurisdiction contacts</i>)	August 5, 2014
Ballot Title (<i>Prepared by City Attorney</i>)	August 5, 2014
Explanatory Statement (<i>Prepared by City Attorney</i>)	August 5, 2014
For and Against Committee Appointments	August 5, 2014

Committee's Responsibilities	Deadline
Statement "For" and Statement "Against" (<i>Written by the committees for or against the measure</i>)	August 8, 2014
Rebuttal Statement	August 12, 2014

General Election – Nov. 3, 1992

Name	Description	Pass/Fail	Favorable %
Proposition No. 1	Mayor Emergency Action	P	72.82%
Proposition No. 2	City Planning Commission	P	63.31%
Proposition No. 3	Public Utility Board	P	50.54%
Proposition No. 4	City Line Change	P	61.03%
Proposition No. 5	Council Nomination	P	57.85%
Proposition No. 6	Candidate Statements	P	59.95%
Proposition No. 7	Unclassified Service	P	54.62%
Proposition No. 8	Eligibility for Employment	F	36.33%
Proposition No. 9	Discriminatory Actions	P	55.76%
Proposition No. 10	Civil Service Board	P	70.77%
Proposition No. 11	Personnel Rules	P	62.77%
Proposition No. 12	Purchasing Contracts	P	66.07%
Proposition No. 13	Gender Neutral Language	P	66.66%

General Election – Nov. 8, 1983

Name	Description	Pass/Fail	Favorable %
Proposition No. 1	City Council Composition	F	
Proposition No. 2	Planning Commission Composition	F	
Proposition No. 3	Public Utility Board	F	
Proposition No. 4	Cancel Belt Line	F	
Proposition No. 5	Councilmanic District	F	
Proposition No. 6	Employment Eligibility	F	
Proposition No. 7	Affirmative Action	F	
Proposition No. 8	Political Activity	F	
Proposition No. 9	Civil Service Duties	F	
Proposition No. 10	Comprehensive Employment Plan	F	
Proposition No. 11	Ethics Code	F	
Proposition No. 12	Purchasing Process	P	
Proposition No. 13	General Obligation Bonds - Sale	P	
Proposition No. 14	Claims on City	P	
Proposition No. 15	Charter Review	F	

Past City of Tacoma Charter Amendment Elections

- 2004
- 1992
- 1983

The image shows a ballot box for the City of Tacoma Charter Amendment Elections. The ballot box is divided into three main sections: Pierce County, City of Tacoma, and City of Tacoma. Each section contains a list of candidates and propositions with checkboxes for voting. The City of Tacoma section includes Propositions 1 through 11, each with a description and a 'Pass/Fail' status.

Proposition No.	Description	Pass/Fail	Favorable %
Proposition No. 1	Recall of Elected Officials	P	84.02%
Proposition No. 2	Publication of Ordinances	P	73.31%
Proposition No. 3	Charter Review	P	78.68%
Proposition No. 4	Petition Process	P	77.54%
Proposition No. 5	Performance Reviews	P	82.67%
Proposition No. 6	Removal of Appointed Officials	P	79.46%
Proposition No. 7	Employees Holding Office	P	59.63%
Proposition No. 8	Financial Interest	P	63.87%
Proposition No. 9	Dual Office-Holding	P	79.83%
Proposition No. 10	ACH Funds	P	75.69%
Proposition No. 11	Lease Limits	P	58.96%

General Election – Nov. 2, 2004

Name	Description	Pass/Fail	Favorable %
Proposition No. 1	Recall of Elected Officials	P	84.02%
Proposition No. 2	Publication of Ordinances	P	73.31%
Proposition No. 3	Charter Review	P	78.68%
Proposition No. 4	Petition Process	P	77.54%
Proposition No. 5	Performance Reviews	P	82.67%
Proposition No. 6	Removal of Appointed Officials	P	79.46%
Proposition No. 7	Employees Holding Office	P	59.63%
Proposition No. 8	Financial Interest	P	63.87%
Proposition No. 9	Dual Office-Holding	P	79.83%
Proposition No. 10	ACH Funds	P	75.69%
Proposition No. 11	Lease Limits	P	58.96%

9. Holding Other Elected Office (Section 2.2 and 6.8)

Existing charter language:

- Prohibits a councilperson from holding any other elected public office.

Suggested change:

- May wish to clarify or add a footnote to charter regarding Precinct Committee Officer, charter review board member or freeholder, or other temporary elected position.



Why Clarify Sections 2.2 and 6.8?

Why:

- State law excludes candidates from being on the same ballot except for Precinct Committee Officers and temporary elected positions.
- RCW 29A.24.075(2)
"Excluding the office of precinct committee officer or a temporary elected position such as a charter review board member or freeholder, no person may file for more than one office."



8. Application of State Election Laws (Section 5.1)

Existing charter language:

- Includes old references to polling place elections.

Suggested change:

- Delete polling place language
“... conducting and voting at elections, ~~opening and closing of polls, keeping the poll lists, duties of election officers,~~ canvassing the votes,...”



Why Amend Section 5.1?

- State law requires all city elections to be conducted Vote-By-Mail.



7. City Clerk (Section 3.7)

Existing charter language:

- States that the City Clerk shall serve as registrar of voters for the city.

Suggested change:

- Delete Section 3.7(e)
“...City Clerk who shall...~~(e) serve as registrar of voters for the city,~~ and (f)...



Why Amend Section 3.7?

- The Pierce County Auditor's Office and the Office of the Secretary of State are responsible for maintaining the voter registration list for Pierce County.
- Existing charter language is from many years ago, when the city did maintain a voter registration list for the city.



6. Signature verification for Initiative and Referendum (Section 2.19 and 2.20)

Existing charter language:

- States the City Clerk shall verify the sufficiency of the petition

Suggested change:

- Change wording to read:
 "The City Clerk shall forward the signatures to the County Auditor to be verified. Based upon the Auditor's review the City Clerk shall determine **verify** the sufficiency of ~~the signatures on~~ the petition..."



Why Amend Section 2.19 and 2.20?

- Signatures on petitions are checked and verified by the County Auditor.
- Language change helps to clarify the actual process.
 - Auditor compares signatures to voter registration records.
 - Reports findings back to City Clerk.
 - Based upon the results of the signature check the City Clerk determines the sufficiency of the petition.

5. Election Contests (Section 5.5)

Existing Charter language:

- Indicates that the Council shall decide all questions as to the qualifications and elections of its own members.

Suggested change:

- Delete entire section.



Why Delete Section 5.5?

- State law establishes a procedure for election contests to be decided by Superior Court.
- See RCW 29A.68 – Contesting an Election.



4. Candidate Filing (Section 5.3)

Existing charter language:

- States that a declaration of candidacy is to be filed with the City Clerk.

Suggested change:

- Delete entire section.



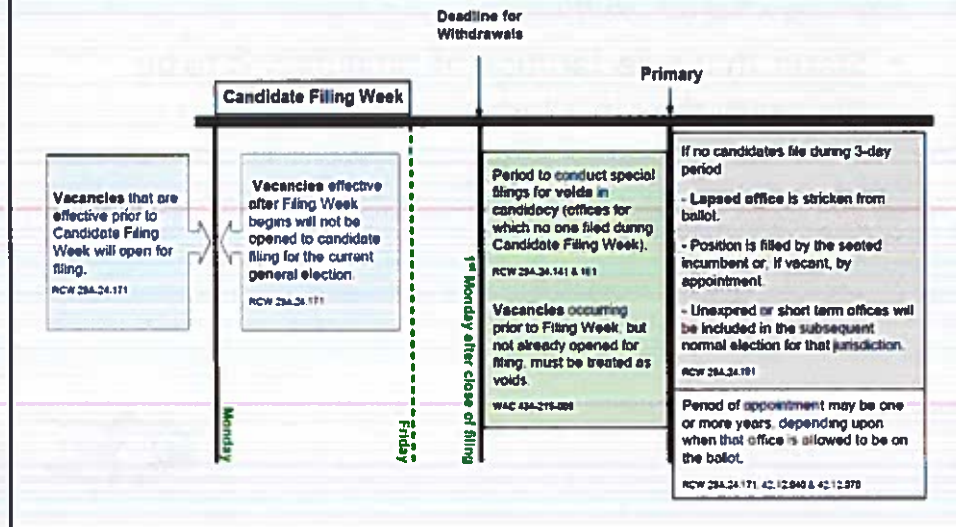
Why Delete Section 5.3?

- Current state law requires a declaration of candidacy for a city office to be filed with the County Auditor.



Vacancies

- Office of Secretary of State has provided guidance.



Why Amend Vacancy Language?

- Filling vacancies and candidate filing is covered in state law.
- The Office of the Secretary of State has provided guidance, a timeline and examples regarding filling vacancies based upon state law.
- This change will reduce confusion regarding when candidate filing should be opened.
- Ensure the city follows the same guidelines as other cities.



Why Eliminate Section 5.2?

- State law requires all city and town elections to be held in odd-number years.
- State law designates city elections as nonpartisan.
- This change will reduce confusion and conflict between charter and state law.



3. Vacancies (Sections 2.4, 2.7 and 6.11)

Existing charter language:

- Charter language is complex related to when an appointment will be opened and when the office will be opened up to accept candidate filings.

Suggested change:

- Delete the following language
~~"...provided if such vacancy occurs when there remains less than five (5) days for filing as a candidate at the primary election for such unexpired term, then the Council shall appoint a qualified person to fill the full unexpired term; provided,...~~

2. Types of Elections – When Held (Section 5.2)

Existing charter language:

- States that elections are to be held every two years in even number years.

Suggested change:

- Delete entire section.



RCW 29A.04.330

RCW 29A.04.330 City, town, and district general and special elections — Exceptions.

(1) All city, town, and district general elections shall be held throughout the state of Washington on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the **odd-numbered years...**



Sponsors and Printing Fee

City of Tacoma Candidate Sponsor Form

Pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Tacoma City Charter, "(a candidate) statement shall not exceed two hundred words in length and shall be signed by ten residents of the City of Tacoma sponsoring said candidate."

This form is required for all candidates and must be submitted with your \$50 printing fee to the Pierce County Election Center by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013.

Printed Name	Residential Address	Zip Code	Signature
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

Why Standardize?

- Residency verification by city staff can be difficult.
- Reduce candidate and voter confusion.
- Reduce effort and risk of maintaining two types of voter pamphlet standards.

1. Candidate Statements (Section 5.6)

Existing charter language:

- Candidates respond to eight headings.
- Requires ten residents of the city to sign a form sponsoring the candidate. (Charter language states the statement is to be signed).
- Requires a \$50.00 printing fee.
- Mailed to city residents at least ten days before Primary (not all races have a primary.)

Suggested change:

- Delete entire section.



Voter Pamphlet Statement Headings Comparison

City of Tacoma	Pierce County and State candidates
Education	Elected Experience
Occupation	Other Professional Experience
Place of Birth	Education
Professional Qualifications	Community Service
Personal Information	Statement
Community Involvement	
Public Offices Held	
Personal Views	
Sponsored By	



Changes Needed

1. Candidate Statements (Section 5.6)
 - Voter pamphlet statement headings.
 - Candidate's sponsor names.
 - Printing fee.
2. Types of Elections – When Held (Section 5.2)
3. Vacancies (Sections 2.4, 2.7 and 6.11)
4. Candidate Filing (Section 5.3)



Changes Needed (Continued)

5. Election contests (Section 5.5)
6. Signature verification for Initiative and Referendum (Section 2.19 and 2.20)
7. City Clerk (Section 3.7)
8. Application of State Election Laws (Section 5.1)
9. Holding other Elected Office (Section 2.2 and 6.8)



Report to the Tacoma City Charter Review Committee

March 3, 2014

**Julie Anderson
Pierce County Auditor**



Charter Review

- The Pierce County Auditor's Office reviewed the City's charter as it relates to current election law.
- Suggested changes are in priority order.



Memorandum

Date: February 11, 2014

To: Tacoma City Charter Committee

From: Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor

Subject: Changes to Tacoma Charter

In anticipation of the City of Tacoma's Charter Review, the Pierce County Auditor's Office has reviewed the City's charter as it relates to current election law. We urge the Tacoma Charter Review Committee to consider the following changes.

As part of the review, we considered three main goals:

- Ensure the charter does not conflict with current state election law.
- Eliminate sections of the charter which are already covered in current state election law. The removal of these sections will help to avoid any potential legal conflicts.
- Streamline the charter as it relates to elections.

The suggested changes are listed on the following pages. The changes are listed in priority order. The changes range from eliminating unique language and requirements for voter pamphlet statements (which would significantly streamline and simplify election related processes) to simple charter cleanup language.

I will be discussing these changes at your March 3rd meeting. Should you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact me at (253) 798-3188, Julie.Anderson@co.pierce.wa.us or my Elections Manager Mike Rooney at (253) 798-2148, mrooney@co.pierce.wa.us.

Section Reference and Current Charter Language	Suggested Change	Rationale for Change and RCW References
<p>Section 5.6 - Candidates' Statements of Qualifications</p> <p>At the time of filing as a candidate for the office of council member, each candidate may file with the City Clerk on a form prescribed by the City Clerk, a verified statement of his/her name, the office for which he/she is a candidate, his/her residence, place of birth, present occupation, public offices he/she has held, a summary of his/her experience and qualifications for office, and a recent photograph. Said statement shall not exceed two hundred words in length and shall be signed by ten residents of the city of Tacoma sponsoring said candidate. At the time of filing said statement, each candidate shall also pay to the City Clerk a printing fee which, until otherwise provided by ordinance, shall be the sum of fifty dollars. The City Clerk shall cause said candidates' statements to be printed in some convenient form and mailed to each individual place of residence in the city at least ten days prior to the date set for the primary municipal election. (Amendment approved by vote of the people November 3, 1992.)</p>	<p>Delete entire section</p>	<p>Rationale for Change and RCW References</p> <p>The removal of this section would standardize candidate statements to follow the same guidelines and filing requirements as all other Pierce County candidates.</p> <p>Statement length, headings and format requirements for local candidates are set and established through the Auditor's local voters' pamphlet administrative rules. We have been striving to standardize our requirements and guidelines to match the State of Washington requirements.</p> <p>This change will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce candidate confusion. • Reduce work for the City Clerk. • Significantly reduce effort and risk for the Pierce County Auditor's Office as we maintain two types of voter pamphlet standards. • Reduce voter confusion. Why do some statements have different headings? Why do Tacoma candidates have sponsors? <p>Background</p> <p>The City of Tacoma currently participates in Pierce County's Local Voters' Pamphlet.</p> <p>The biographical information and candidate statement headings for the City of Tacoma candidates are different from the information requested from all other county and state candidates.</p> <p>The City of Tacoma is the only district in Pierce County which collects a printing fee.</p> <p>The City of Tacoma is the only district in Pierce County which requires the statement to be signed by ten city residents sponsoring the candidate. Residency is verified by city staff. It can be difficult to verify that all signers are in fact current residents.</p>

Section Reference and Current Charter Language	Suggested Change	Rationale for Change and RCW References
<p>Section 5.2 Types of Elections – When Held</p> <p>Except as otherwise provided in Section 10.6 of this charter, municipal general and primary elections shall be held biennially on the days provided by law in each even numbered year. All other municipal elections shall be known as special municipal elections and shall be provided for by the Council, subject to the provisions of state law. All municipal elections shall be non-partisan and by the qualified electors of the city at large.</p>	<p>Delete entire section.</p>	<p>State law sets forth the time for holding city elections. For consistency, all city elections shall be held in odd numbered years. State law also designates city elections as nonpartisan.</p> <p>This change will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce confusion - clarifying that municipal elections are conducted in odd numbered years. • Allow for easy transition should the time for holding these elections ever change in the future. <p>RCW 29A.04.330 City, town, and district general and special elections — Exceptions.</p> <p>(1) All city, town, and district general elections shall be held throughout the state of Washington on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years...</p> <p>...(2) The county auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, upon request in the form of a resolution of the governing body of a city, town, or district, presented to the auditor prior to the proposed election date, shall call a special election in such city, town, or district, and for the purpose of such special election he or she may combine, unite, or divide precincts. Such a special election shall be held on one of the following dates as decided by the governing body:</p> <p>(a) The second Tuesday in February;</p> <p>(b) The fourth Tuesday in April;</p> <p>(c) The day of the primary election as specified by RCW 29A.04.311; or</p> <p>(d) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.</p> <p>...(5) This section shall supersede the provisions of any and all other statutes, whether general or special in nature, having different dates for such city, town, and district elections, the purpose of this section being to establish mandatory dates for holding elections. (Continued next page.)</p>

RCW 29A.52.231 Nonpartisan offices specified.

The offices of superintendent of public instruction, justice of the supreme court, judge of the court of appeals, judge of the superior court, and judge of the district court shall be nonpartisan and the candidates therefor shall be nominated and elected as such.

All city, town, and special purpose district elective offices shall be nonpartisan and the candidates therefor shall be nominated and elected as such.

Section Reference and Current Charter Language	Suggested Change	Rationale for Change and RCW References
<p>Sections 2.4, 2.7 and 6.11 contains language related to vacancies</p> <p>Section 2.7 – Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of councilman, the Council shall fill such vacancy by appointment by a majority vote of its remaining members until the commencement of the term of office of municipal officials succeeding the next general municipal election occurring after the date of such appointment, and if any unexpired term remains, it shall be filled by election; provided if such vacancy occurs when there remains less than five (5) full days for filing as a candidate at the primary election for such unexpired term, then the Council shall appoint a qualified person to fill the full unexpired term; provided, however, that in the event a majority of the Council fails to make an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Council within a period of sixty (60) days from the date the vacancy occurs, then the Mayor shall make the appointment, subject to the confirmation of the remaining members of the Council</p>	<p>Section 2.7 – Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of councilman, the Council shall fill such vacancy by appointment by a majority vote of its remaining members until the commencement of the term of office of municipal officials succeeding the next general municipal election occurring after the date of such appointment, and if any unexpired term remains, it shall be filled by election; provided if such vacancy occurs when there remains less than five (5) full days for filing as a candidate at the primary election for such unexpired term, then the Council shall appoint a qualified person to fill the full unexpired term; provided, however, that in the event a majority of the Council fails to make an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Council within a period of sixty (60) days from the date the vacancy occurs, then the Mayor shall make the appointment, subject to the confirmation of the remaining members of the Council</p>	<p>State Law establishes a clear timeline for when a vacancy will be filled by appointment and when filings should be accepted for open positions.</p> <p>This change will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce confusion regarding when candidate filing should be opened. • Ensure the city follows the same guidelines as all other cities. <p>RCW 29A.24.171 Vacancies in office.</p> <p>(1) If, prior to the first day of the regular filing period, a vacancy occurs in an office that is not scheduled to appear on the general election ballot, leaving an unexpired term for which a successor must be elected at the next general election, filings for that office shall be accepted during the regular filing period. The filing officer shall provide notice of the vacancy and filing period to newspapers, radio, and television in the county, and online. The position shall appear on the primary and general election ballots unless no primary is required or unless a candidate for superior court judge is entitled to a certificate of election pursuant to Article 4 [IV], section 29 of the state Constitution.</p> <p>(2) If, on the first day of the regular filing period or later, a vacancy occurs in an office that is not scheduled to appear on the general election ballot, leaving an unexpired term, the election of the successor shall occur at the next succeeding general election that the office is allowed by law to have an election.</p>

Section Reference and Current Charter Language	Suggested Change	Rationale for Change and RCW References
<p>Section 5.3 - Filing and Certification of Candidates</p> <p>Any qualified elector eligible thereto may become a candidate for any elective city office by filing a declaration of candidacy with the City Clerk in accordance with state law. The City Clerk shall certify a list of the offices to be filled and candidates for nomination to such offices and transmit same to the county supervisor of elections as provided by law.</p>	<p>Delete entire section.</p>	<p>City of Tacoma candidates file with the Pierce County Auditor</p> <p>29A.24.070 Declaration of candidacy — Where filed — Copy to public disclosure commission.</p> <p>Declarations of candidacy shall be filed with the following filing officers:</p> <p>(1) The secretary of state for declarations of candidacy for statewide offices, United States senate, and United States house of representatives;</p> <p>(2) The secretary of state for declarations of candidacy for the state legislature, the court of appeals, and the superior court when the candidate is seeking office in a district comprised of voters from two or more counties;</p> <p>(3) The county auditor for all other offices. For any nonpartisan office, other than judicial offices and school director in joint districts, where voters from a district comprising more than one county vote upon the candidates, a declaration of candidacy shall be filed with the county auditor of the county in which a majority of the registered voters of the district reside. For school directors in joint school districts, the declaration of candidacy shall be filed with the county auditor of the county designated by the superintendent of public instruction as the county to which the joint school district is considered as belonging under RCW 28A.323.040...</p>

Section Reference and Current Charter Language	Suggested Change	Rationale for Change and RCW References
<p>Section 5.5 – Election Contests</p> <p>Certificates of election shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated, but the Council shall decide all questions as to the qualifications and elections of its own members, and in all cases of contested election for any office, the contest shall be decided by the Council according, as nearly as may be, to the laws of the state regulating proceedings in case of contested elections for county offices.</p>	<p>Delete entire section.</p>	<p>Rationale for Change and RCW References</p> <p>Current state law establishes a procedure for election contests to be decided by Superior Court.</p> <p>RCW 29A.68 Contesting an Election</p>

Section Reference and Current Charter Language	Suggested Change	Rationale for Change and RCW References
<p>Section 2.19 – Initiative</p> <p>j) The City Clerk shall verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition. If the petition is validated, the City Council may enact or reject the Initiative, but shall not modify it. If it rejects the Initiative or within thirty (30) calendar days fails to take final action on it, the City Council shall submit the proposal to the people at the next Municipal or General Election that is not less than ninety (90) days after the date on which the signatures on the petition are validated.</p> <p>Section 2.20 – Referendum</p> <p>The City Clerk shall verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition. If the petition is validated, the City Council shall immediately reconsider the ordinance, and if it does not repeal the ordinance, submit the proposal to the people at the next Municipal or General Election that is not less than ninety (90) days after the date on which the signatures on the petition are validated.</p>	<p>Section 2.19 – Initiative</p> <p>j) The City Clerk shall forward the signatures to the County Auditor to be verified. Based upon the Auditor's review the City Clerk shall verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition. If the petition is validated, the City Council may enact or reject the Initiative, but shall not modify it. If it rejects the Initiative or within thirty (30) calendar days fails to take final action on it, the City Council shall submit the proposal to the people at the next Municipal or General Election that is not less than ninety (90) days after the date on which the signatures on the petition are validated.</p> <p>Section 2.20 – Referendum</p> <p>The City Clerk shall forward the signatures to the County Auditor to be verified. Based upon the Auditor's review the City Clerk shall verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition. If the petition is validated, the City Council shall immediately reconsider the ordinance, and if it does not repeal the ordinance, submit the proposal to the people at the next Municipal or General Election that is not less than ninety (90) days after the date on which the signatures on the petition are validated.</p>	<p>Rationale for Change and RCW References</p> <p>Signatures on petitions are checked by the County Auditor.</p>

Section Reference and Current Charter Language	Suggested Change	Rationale for Change and RCW References
<p>Section 3.7 – City Clerk</p> <p>The City Manager shall appoint a City Clerk who shall (a) attend all meetings of the Council and keep a permanent journal of its proceedings, (b) record and certify all ordinances and resolutions, (c) serve as custodian of the city seal and official city records, (d) prescribe and furnish sample forms for petitions provided for by this charter, (e) serve as registrar of voters for the city, and (f) perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Manager, state law, this charter, or by ordinance. The City Clerk with the approval of the City Manager may designate one clerk in his office as his deputy, who shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the City Clerk in his absence.</p>	<p>Section 3.7 – City Clerk</p> <p>The City Manager shall appoint a City Clerk who shall (a) attend all meetings of the Council and keep a permanent journal of its proceedings, (b) record and certify all ordinances and resolutions, (c) serve as custodian of the city seal and official city records, (d) prescribe and furnish sample forms for petitions provided for by this charter, (e) serve as registrar of voters for the city, and (f) perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Manager, state law, this charter, or by ordinance. The City Clerk with the approval of the City Manager may designate one clerk in his office as his deputy, who shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the City Clerk in his absence.</p>	<p>Rationale for Change and RCW References</p> <p>The Pierce County Auditor's Office and the Office of the Secretary of State are responsible for maintaining the voter registration list for Pierce County.</p> <p>The language in the charter is from many years ago when the city maintained a voter registration list for the city.</p>

Section Reference and Current Charter Language	Suggested Change	Rationale for Change and RCW References
<p>Section 5.1 – Application of State Election Laws</p> <p>At all municipal elections, general, special and primary, the manner of electing officers and of submitting questions or propositions to the qualified electors, conducting and voting at elections, opening and closing of polls, keeping the poll lists, duties of election officers, canvassing the votes, declaring the results and certifying the returns, shall be in accordance with state law, except as otherwise provided in this charter.</p>	<p>Charter clean-up language.</p> <p>Suggested change:</p> <p>At all municipal elections, general, special and primary, the manner of electing officers and of submitting questions or propositions to the qualified electors, conducting and voting at elections, opening and closing of polls, keeping the poll lists, duties of election officers, canvassing the votes, declaring the results and certifying the returns, shall be in accordance with state law, except as otherwise provided in this charter.</p>	<p>This section of the charter contains references to polling place elections.</p> <p>State law requires all city elections to be conducted Vote-By-Mail.</p>

Section Reference and Current Charter Language	Suggested Change	Rationale for Change and RCW References
<p>Section 2.2 Qualifications and Compensation of Councilman</p> <p>Councilmen shall be qualified electors and shall be residents of the City for two years immediately preceding the time of filing as a candidate and, if running for a district position, shall be residents of their districts for one year immediately preceding the time of filing as candidate or, if appointed to fill a vacancy, the time of appointment. No person shall be eligible for the office of councilman while holding any other elective public office. (Amendment approved by vote of the people September 18, 1973).</p> <p>Section 6.8 – Political Activity</p> <p>No elected officer or employee of the City of Tacoma shall hold another City of Tacoma office. No elected officer of the City of Tacoma shall hold another elected public office. (Amendments approved by vote of the people November 2, 2004.)</p>	<p>May wish to clarify or add footnote to charter.</p>	<p>State law precludes candidates from being on the same ballot except for Precinct Committee Officers and temporary elected positions.</p> <p>29A.24.075 Qualifications for filing, appearance on ballot. (1) A person filing a declaration of candidacy for an office shall, at the time of filing, be a registered voter and possess the qualifications specified by law for persons who may be elected to the office.</p> <p>(2) Excluding the office of precinct committee officer or a temporary elected position such as a charter review board member or freeholder, no person may file for more than one office.</p>

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OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
General Election, Nov. 3, 1992

Ballot Code: 53

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER:

To VOTE, connect the arrow pointing to your choice(s), like this

Mark with black ink or a #2 pencil (NO RED INK). If you spoil your ballot, do not erase, but request a replacement ballot.

Write-in Instructions: To vote for a person not on the ballot, write the name of the candidate, and the party affiliation, if for a partisan office, in the space provided and complete the arrow pointing to your write-in vote.

<div>STATE MEASURES</div> <div>INITIATIVE TO THE PEOPLE 573 Proposed by Initiative Petition to the People</div> <div>Shall candidates for certain offices, who have already served for specified time periods in those offices, be denied ballot access?</div> <div>YES</div> <div>NO</div> <div>INITIATIVE TO THE LEGISLATURE 134 Proposed by Initiative Petition to the Legislature</div> <div>Shall campaign contributions be limited; public funding of state and local campaigns be prohibited; and campaign related activities be restricted?</div> <div>YES</div> <div>NO</div> <div>FEDERAL OFFICES</div> <div>U. S. PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT (Vote for ONE)</div> <div>BILL CLINTON & AL GORE</div> <div>GEORGE BUSH & DAN QUAYLE</div> <div>ANDRE MARROU & NANCY LORD</div> <div>JAMES WARREN & ESTELLE DeBATES</div> <div>LENORA B. FULANI & MARIA ELIZABETH MUNOZ</div> <div>JAMES BO' GRITZ & CY MINETT</div> <div>LYNDON H. LaROUCHE, JR. & JAMES L. BEVEL</div> <div>ROSS PEROT & JAMES STOCKDALE</div> <div>RON DANIELS & ASIBA TUPAHACHE</div> <div>HOWARD PHILLIPS & ALBION W. KNIGHT, JR.</div> <div>JOHN HAGELIN & MIKE TOMPKINS</div> <div>(Write - In)</div> <div>U. S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)</div> <div>PATTY MURRAY</div> <div>ROD CHANDLER</div> <div>(Write - In)</div>	<div>U.S. REPRESENTATIVE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DIST. (Vote for ONE)</div> <div>NORM DICKS</div> <div>LAURI J. PHILLIPS</div> <div>TOM DONNELLY</div> <div>JIM HERRIGAN</div> <div>(Write - In)</div> <div>STATE OFFICES</div> <div>GOVERNOR (Vote for ONE)</div> <div>MIKE LOWRY</div> <div>KEN EIKENBERRY</div> <div>(Write - In)</div> <div>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for ONE)</div> <div>RICHARD KELLEY</div> <div>JOEL PRITCHARD</div> <div>TOM ISENBERG</div> <div>ABSOLUTELY NOBODY</div> <div>(Write - In)</div> <div>SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for ONE)</div> <div>JEANNE DIXON</div> <div>RALPH MUNRO</div> <div>MAURICE WILLEY</div> <div>(Write - In)</div> <div>STATE TREASURER (Vote for ONE)</div> <div>DAN GRIMM</div> <div>CLAUDE L. OLIVER</div> <div>(Write - In)</div> <div>STATE AUDITOR (Vote for ONE)</div> <div>BRIAN SONNTAG</div> <div>SAM REED</div> <div>ARTHUR D. 'ART' RATHJEN</div> <div>(Write - In)</div> <div>ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for ONE)</div> <div>CHRISTINE GREGOIRE</div> <div>NORM MALENG</div> <div>HOMER L. BRAND</div> <div>(Write - In)</div>	<div>COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS (Vote for ONE)</div> <div>JENNIFER M. BELCHER</div> <div>ANN ANDERSON</div> <div>WILLIAM L. McCORD</div> <div>(Write - In)</div> <div>SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (Vote for ONE)</div> <div>JUDITH BILLINGS</div> <div>TERESA 'TERRY' BERGESON</div> <div>(Write - In)</div> <div>INSURANCE COMMISSIONER (Vote for ONE)</div> <div>DEBORAH SENN</div> <div>RICHARD G. 'DICK' MARQUARDT</div> <div>BRIAN McCULLOCH</div> <div>(Write - In)</div> <div>STATE REPRESENTATIVE 26TH DISTRICT, POS. 1 (Vote for ONE)</div> <div>RON MEYERS</div> <div>TOM SCHNEIDER</div> <div>(Write - In)</div> <div>STATE REPRESENTATIVE 26TH DISTRICT, POS. 2 (Vote for ONE)</div> <div>WES PRUITT</div> <div>ALAN COLEMAN</div> <div>KAREN A. ALLARD</div> <div>(Write - In)</div>
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PIERCE COUNTY	
COUNTY EXECUTIVE (Vote for ONE)	
WENDELL BROWN	DEMOCRATIC
DOUG SUTHERLAND	REPUBLICAN
DALE WASHAM	INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC
(Write - In)	
COUNTY ASSESSOR-TREASURER (Vote for ONE)	
BARBARA GELMAN	DEMOCRATIC
WAYNE BUCK	REPUBLICAN
(Write - In)	
JUDICIAL OFFICES	
STATE SUPREME COURT - POS. 1 (Vote for ONE)	
BARBARA MADSEN	NON-PARTISAN
ELAINE HOUGHTON	NON-PARTISAN
(Write - In)	
STATE SUPREME COURT - POS. 2 (Vote for ONE)	
JAMES M. DOLLIVER	NON-PARTISAN
KEVIN PATRICK DOLAN	NON-PARTISAN
(Write - In)	
STATE SUPREME COURT - POS. 3 (Vote for ONE)	
ROBERT F. UTTER	NON-PARTISAN
(Write - In)	
COURT OF APPEALS - DIV. 2 (Vote for ONE)	
KAREN G. SEINFELD	NON-PARTISAN
(Write - In)	
SUPERIOR COURT - DEPT. 13 (Vote for ONE)	
NILE E. AUBREY	NON-PARTISAN
CHRIS QUINN-BRINTNALL	NON-PARTISAN
(Write - In)	
DISTRICT COURT 1 - POS. 5 TWO YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM (Vote for ONE)	
JOHN MCCARTHY	NON-PARTISAN
(Write - In)	
TACOMA MUNICIPAL COURT DEPARTMENT 3 TWO YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM (Vote for ONE)	
SERGIO ARMIJO	NON-PARTISAN
MIKE PATE	NON-PARTISAN
(Write - In)	

SPECIAL ELECTIONS CITY OF TACOMA	
Proposition No. 1 -- The Mayor -- Shall Charter Section 2.4 provide for the authority of the Mayor upon declaration of an emergency or disaster when necessary to allow immediate action to preserve public health, protect life, and protect public property per Resolution 31889?	
YES	
NO	
Proposition No. 2 -- City Planning Commission -- Shall Charter Section 3.8 provide for City Council Planning Commission membership of nine voting members to be city residents? The City Council will appoint one member from each of the five council districts. To the remaining four positions, the City Council will appoint an individual from each of the following: (a) the development community, (b) the environmental community, (c) public transportation, and (d) a designee with a background in architecture, historic preservation and/or urban design, per Resolution 31891?	
YES	
NO	
Proposition No. 3 Powers and Duties of the Public Utility Board Shall Charter Section 4.17 provide for the consolidation of some General Government and Department of Utilities' functions and services, per Resolution 31892?	
YES	
NO	
Proposition No. 4 Election of Council Members - Numbered Positions Shall Charter Section 5.4 provide for the City Council to change the lines of the election districts in the time and manner as prescribed by state law, per Resolution 31893?	
YES	
NO	
Proposition No. 5 Election of Council Members - Numbered Positions Shall Charter Section 5.4 provide for nomination and election of five council members by district with the Mayor and three Council positions nominated and elected at large per Resolution 31894?	
YES	
NO	
Proposition No. 6 Candidates' Statements of Qualifications Shall Charter Section 5.6 provide for the City Clerk to print each candidate's statements in some convenient form and mail them to each individual place of residence in the City per Resolution 31895?	
YES	
NO	

Proposition No. 7 Unclassified Service Shall Charter Section 6.1 provide for the inclusion of event workers in Public Assembly Facilities in the unclassified service per Resolution 31896?	
YES	
NO	
Proposition No. 8 Eligibility for Employment Shall the prohibition against the City employing of non-U.S. citizens and the prohibition against current officers and employees of the City holding another appointive or elective office be removed from Charter Section 6.3, per Resolution 31897?	
YES	
NO	
Proposition No. 9 Discriminatory Actions Shall Charter Section 6.7 provide for the elimination of discrimination and allow for affirmative action to remedy discrimination per Resolution 31898?	
YES	
NO	
Proposition No. 10 Civil Service Board Shall Charter Section 6.11 provide for the filling of vacancies on the Civil Service Board, removal of appointed members for cause, allow for a Civil Service Hearings Examiner, and provide rules of procedure, per Resolution 31899?	
YES	
NO	
Proposition No. 11 Personnel Rules Shall Charter Section 6.14 require Council to establish and maintain a comprehensive employment and personnel plan and allow the City Council to propose Civil Service and personnel rules per Resolution 31900?	
YES	
NO	
Proposition No. 12 Purchasing and Contracts Shall the 'call to bid' language of Charter Section 7.11 be amended to allow the City to adopt State law standards with regard to bid per Resolution 31901?	
YES	
NO	
Proposition No. 13 Gender-Neutral Language Shall Charter Section 9.8 provide for gender neutral language throughout the Charter per Resolution 31902?	
YES	
NO	

VOTE BOTH SIDES



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Official Ballot – Pierce County, WA – General Election, November 2, 2004

TO VOTE: Connect the arrow with a single line pointing to your choice(s), like this: ←

DO NOT: Erase or white out. If you spoil your ballot, request a replacement ballot by calling Pierce County Elections at (253) 798-7430. If unable to obtain a replacement ballot, make corrections to the ballot by crossing out the incorrect vote and voting your desired choice.

TO WRITE-IN: Write the name and party (if a partisan office) in the space provided and connect the arrow.

PARTY ABBREVIATIONS: D - Democratic, R - Republican, L - Libertarian, WW - Workers World, G - Green, SW - Socialist Workers, C - Constitution, SE - Socialist Equality, I - Independent Candidate, NP - Nonpartisan

State Measures	United States	State of Washington
<p>Proposed by Initiative Petition:</p> <p>INITIATIVE TO THE PEOPLE 872</p> <p>Initiative Measure No. 872 concerns elections for partisan offices. This measure would allow voters to select among all candidates in a primary. Ballots would indicate candidates' party preference. The two candidates receiving most votes advance to the general election, regardless of party. Should this measure be enacted into law?</p> <p>YES ←</p> <p>NO ←</p>	<p>President and Vice President</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>John F. Kerry D ←</p> <p>John Edwards R ←</p> <p>George W. Bush R ←</p> <p>Dick Cheney L ←</p> <p>Michael Badnarik L ←</p> <p>Richard V. Campagna WW ←</p> <p>John Parker WW ←</p> <p>Teresa Gutierrez WW ←</p> <p>David Cobb G ←</p> <p>Patricia LaMarche G ←</p> <p>James Harris SW ←</p> <p>Margaret Trowe SW ←</p> <p>Michael Anthony Peroutka C ←</p> <p>Chuck Baldwin C ←</p> <p>Bill Van Auken SE ←</p> <p>Jim Lawrence SE ←</p> <p>Ralph Nader I ←</p> <p>Peter Miguel Camejo I ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p> <p>U.S. Senator</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>Patty Murray D ←</p> <p>George R. Nethercutt, Jr. R ←</p> <p>J. Mills L ←</p> <p>Mark B. Wilson G ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p> <p>U.S. Representative - 9th Congressional District</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>Adam Smith D ←</p> <p>Paul J. Lord R ←</p> <p>Robert F. Losey G ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p>	<p>State Treasurer</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>Mike Murphy D ←</p> <p>Oscar S. Lewis R ←</p> <p>John Sample L ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p> <p>State Auditor</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>Brian Sonntag D ←</p> <p>Will Baker R ←</p> <p>Jason G. Bush L ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p> <p>Attorney General</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>Deborah Senn D ←</p> <p>Rob McKenna R ←</p> <p>J. Bradley Gibson L ←</p> <p>Paul Richmond G ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p> <p>Commissioner of Public Lands</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>Mike Cooper D ←</p> <p>Doug Sutherland R ←</p> <p>Steve Layman L ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p> <p>Superintendent of Public Instruction</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>Teresa (Terry) Bergeson NP ←</p> <p>Judith Billings NP ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p> <p>Insurance Commissioner</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>Mike Kreidler D ←</p> <p>John Adams R ←</p> <p>Stephen D. Steele L ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p> <p>27th Legislative District</p> <p>State Senator - 27th Legislative District</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>Debbie Regala D ←</p> <p>Kim Wheeler R ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p> <p>State Representative</p> <p>27th Legislative District - Position No. 1</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>Dennis Flannigan D ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p> <p>State Representative</p> <p>27th Legislative District - Position No. 2</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>Jeannie Darneille D ←</p> <p>Ian Foraker R ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p>
<p>Passed by the Legislature and Ordered Referred by Petition:</p> <p>REFERENDUM MEASURE 55</p> <p>The legislature passed Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2295 (ESSHB 2295) concerning charter public schools. This bill would authorize charter public schools and would set conditions on operations. Charter schools would be operated by qualified non-profit corporations, under contracts with local education boards, and allocated certain public funds. Should this bill be:</p> <p>APPROVED ←</p> <p>REJECTED ←</p> <p>Proposed to the Legislature and Referred to the People:</p> <p>INITIATIVE TO THE LEGISLATURE 297</p> <p>Initiative Measure No. 297 concerns "mixed" radioactive and nonradioactive hazardous waste. This measure would add new provisions concerning "mixed" radioactive and nonradioactive hazardous waste, requiring cleanup of contamination before additional waste is added, prioritizing cleanup, providing for public participation and enforcement through citizen lawsuits. Should this measure be enacted into law?</p> <p>YES ←</p> <p>NO ←</p>	<p>State of Washington</p> <p>Governor</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>Christine Gregoire D ←</p> <p>Dino Rossi R ←</p> <p>Ruth Bennett L ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p> <p>Lieutenant Governor</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>Brad Owen D ←</p> <p>Jim Wiest R ←</p> <p>Jocelyn A. Langlois L ←</p> <p>Bern Haggerty G ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p> <p>Secretary of State</p> <p>(Vote for One)</p> <p>Laura Ruderman D ←</p> <p>Sam Reed R ←</p> <p>Jacqueline Passey L ←</p> <p>(Write-In) ←</p>	

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Pierce County	
County Executive	
(Vote for One)	
John W. Ladenburg	D
Greg A. Bakamis	R
(Write-In)	
Assessor - Treasurer	
(Vote for One)	
Ken Madsen	D
Dale Washam	R
(Write-In)	
County Council - District No. 2	
(Vote for One)	
Calvin Goings	D
(Write-In)	
Nonpartisan Judicial	
State Supreme Court Justice - Position No. 1	
(Vote for One)	
Jim Johnson	NP
Mary Kay Becker	NP
(Write-In)	
State Supreme Court Justice - Position No. 5	
(Vote for One)	
Barbara Madsen	NP
(Write-In)	
State Supreme Court Justice - Position No. 6	
(Vote for One)	
Richard B. Sanders	NP
Terry Sebring	NP
(Write-In)	
Court of Appeals, Division No. 2	
District No. 1 - Position No. 1	
Short Term - Six Year Term (Vote for One)	
Marywae Van Deren	NP
(Write-In)	
District Court - Position No. 3	
Two Year Unexpired Term (Vote for One)	
Frank Dacca	NP
Ron Heslop	NP
(Write-In)	

City of Tacoma	
Special Elections	
Submitted by the City of Tacoma	
Proposition No. 1	
City Council adopted Resolution 36236 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 2.5 states that City Council members may be removed from office by recall but does not extend the right of recall to other elected City officers. This proposition would amend Section 2.5 to allow for the recall of any elected officer of the City, including elected members of City boards and commissions. Should this proposition be approved?	
YES	←
NO	←
Proposition No. 2	
City Council adopted Resolution 36238 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 2.13 requires that every passed ordinance be published in the City's official newspaper and provides that ordinances authorizing franchises and the issuance of revenue bonds are effective 30 days after publication. This proposition would amend Section 2.13 to allow publication of a summary of every passed ordinance and provide that the effective date of ordinances authorizing franchises and the issuance of revenue bonds would be set by ordinance. Should this proposition be approved?	
YES	←
NO	←

City of Tacoma	
Proposition No. 3	
City Council adopted Substitute Resolution 36239 to amend the Charter. The current City Charter does not require any periodic review of the Charter. This proposition would add new Section 2.26 to the Charter requiring that the City Council commence a review of the Charter at least once every ten years by appointing citizens to a charter review committee or by election of a board of freeholders. Should this proposition be approved?	
YES	←
NO	←

City of Tacoma	
Proposition No. 4	
City Council adopted Resolution 36240 to amend the Charter. City Charter Sections 2.18 through 2.21 govern the process for amending ordinances by initiative petition and calling for referendums on ordinances. Section 9.6 governs amendments to the Charter. This proposition would amend the Charter by replacing Sections 2.18 through 2.21 with new Sections 2.18 through 2.20, providing a clear process for amending ordinances by initiative petition and for referendums, and repealing existing Sections 2.21 and 9.6. Should this proposition be approved?	
YES	←
NO	←

City of Tacoma	
Proposition No. 5	
City Council adopted Resolution 36241 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 3.1 describes the relationship between the City Council and the City Manager. This proposition would amend Section 3.1 by adding language and require that the Council perform annual performance reviews of and vote every two years on whether to reconfirm the appointment of any City Manager. This proposition would authorize the City Council to directly retain an individual or organization to assist in recruiting or reviewing the performance of a City Manager. Should this proposition be approved?	
YES	←
NO	←

City of Tacoma	
Proposition No. 6	
City Council adopted Resolution 36242 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 4.8 governs removal of Public Utility Board members. Section 6.11 of the Charter governs removal of Civil Service Board members. The Charter does not provide for removal of the members of any other City boards or commissions. This proposition would add a new Section 3.13 to the Charter that provides a uniform process for removal of members of any City board or commission. Sections 4.8 and 6.11 would be amended for consistency. Should this proposition be approved?	
YES	←
NO	←

City of Tacoma	
Proposition No. 7	
City Council adopted Substitute Resolution 36243 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 6.3 prohibits City officers and employees from holding any other public office except military or notary public. This proposition would amend Section 6.3 by removing the limiting language to allow City employees and officials to hold other public offices not in conflict with law or the City's policies and Code of Ethics. Should this proposition be approved?	
YES	←
NO	←

City of Tacoma	
Proposition No. 8	
City Council adopted Resolution No. 36244 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 6.6 prohibits officers and employees of the City from having a pecuniary interest, defined as a beneficial interest, in City contracts, purchases, and sales. This proposition would amend Section 6.6 to define pecuniary interest as a financial interest and provide an exception for remote interests as defined by state law. Should this proposition be approved?	
YES	←
NO	←

City of Tacoma	
Proposition No. 9	
City Council adopted Resolution 36245 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 6.8 prohibits City employees in classified service from participating in election campaigns for City officials. This provision is contrary to state law and unenforceable. This proposition would amend Section 6.8 by deleting language contrary to state law and adding new language prohibiting dual office-holding by elected City officials. Should this proposition be approved?	
YES	←
NO	←

City of Tacoma	
Proposition No. 10	
City Council adopted Resolution 36248 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 7.9 provides that disbursement of City funds shall be by check or warrant of the City Treasurer audited and certified by the Director of Finance. This proposition would amend Section 7.9 to allow for a broader range of electronic funds processing, delete the language regarding the Finance Director, and reaffirm the responsibilities of the City Treasurer. Should this proposition be approved?	
YES	←
NO	←

City of Tacoma	
Proposition No. 11	
City Council adopted Resolution 36250 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 9.1 governs disposal of real and personal property belonging to the City, including a limitation that leases of City-owned waterfront property not exceed 30 years. This proposition would amend Section 9.1 to allow City-owned waterfront property to be leased for up to 75 years and provide that leases of one year or less, without renewal options, do not need Council approval. Should this proposition be approved?	
YES	←
NO	←

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	
Special Election - Proposition No. 1	
Submitted by the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$60,000,000	
The Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma adopted Resolution No. RR41-04 concerning capital improvement bonds. This proposition authorizes the District to make safety, restroom, playground and other infrastructure improvements at neighborhood parks and Point Defiance Park; improve existing parks and facilities, including community centers and waterfront access; purchase open space; refinance existing bond debt; issue \$60,000,000 in general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years; and levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. RR41-04. Should this proposition be:	
APPROVED	←
REJECTED	←

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