

MUNICIPAL AMENDMENTS VOTER GUIDE

VOTE FOR DAL

November Odd-Year Municipal Elections Employees' Retirement Fund Amendments

Adding Office of Inspector General

The Chamber actively supported amendments D, A, & L during the Charter Review process.

QUICK POSITION SUMMARY

Proposition A - FOR

Proposition B - AGAINST

Proposition C - AGAINST

Proposition D - FOR

Proposition E - AGAINST

Proposition F - FOR

Proposition G - FOR

Proposition H - AGAINST

Proposition I - AGAINST

Proposition J - AGAINST

Proposition L - FOR

Proposition O - FOR

Proposition P - AGAINST

Proposition Q - FOR

Proposition R - AGAINST

Proposition S - AGAINST

Proposition T - AGAINST

Proposition U - AGAINST



EXPANDED POSITION SUMMARY

Employees' Retirement Fund Amendments	Amendment to the City Code relating to modified terms for City employee retirement funds. Chamber Stance: FOR
Adding a Preamble to the City Charter	Amendment is unnecessary for effective City governance. Chamber Stance: AGAINST
Increasing Salaries for City Council & Mayor	While on its own an increase in salary is warranted, the proposed amendment includes an additional yearly CPI adjustment, something not included for City employees. Chamber Stance: AGAINST
November Odd- Year Municipal Elections	Allows the City to begin the process of moving elections from May during odd-years to November during odd-years to increase turnout and reduce election costs. Chamber Stance: FOR
E City Council Term Limits	While this is a close call, term limits do exist in the form of elections every two years, and a lifetime term limit ban could be considered undemocratic. Chamber Stance: AGAINST
Providing City Secretary & City Auditor with Employees	Operational amendment requested by City Secretary's Office for improved governance, and to clarify that these offices can be staffed with effective senior-level personnel. Chamber Stance: FOR
Enhanced Criteria for Redistricting Commission	Will allow for de-politicization of Commission appointees and ensures more independent, effective appointees. Chamber Stance: FOR
Expanding Certain Board Commissions to Non-Citizens	Removes the requirement for some board and commission members to be registered voters. Commitment to voting is a critical characteristic of an engaged citizen, and there are many qualified registered voters to serve in these roles. This amendment was rejected by voters in a previous election. Chamber Stance: AGAINST



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Extending Petition Signature Deadlines & Reducing Signatures Required	Creates additional petition-driven reforms rather than traditional consideration of policy matters by committee and City Council review, which would lead to less effective policy and additional costs for the City. Chamber Stance: AGAINST
Allowing Early Removal of Board and Commission Members Before Term Completion	This could result in ineffective representation on boards and commissions, and may also politicize these positions. Chamber Stance: AGAINST
K Removed from Ballot	
Adding Office of Inspector General	This will maximize independence of the Inspector General office and help create true deterrent for misconduct. Chamber Stance: FOR
M Removed from Ballot	
N Removed from Ballot	
Appointment Procedures of Municipal Judges	Operational amendment to improve municipal judge appointment procedures. Chamber Stance: FOR
P Discharge Appeal Payments	Could lead to additional costs for City associated with employee discharge appeals, and, if passed, would remove a barrier to frivolous appeals that lead to less efficient governance. Chamber Stance: AGAINST
Technical Amendment Revisions	Technical amendments to comply with recent changes in state law and current practices. Chamber Stance: FOR
R Enforcement of Marijuana Offenses Reform	Conflicts with other existing laws and opposed by Dallas Police Department Chief. Chamber Stance: AGAINST



EXPANDED POSITION SUMMARY

S Waiver of Governmental Immunity	Conflicts with other existing laws and would lead to additional expenses for City in already challenging budget. Chamber Stance: AGAINST
T Annual City Manager Survey	Policy item more appropriate for City Council and will also detract from the hiring of best candidates. Chamber Stance: AGAINST
Mandatory Increases to Police Force and Budget	Would negatively impact the City budget and require across the board cuts to other services. Chamber Stance: AGAINST

The Chamber's Advocacy Council and Board Leadership diligently evaluated all recommendations internally and in collaboration with other civic and business partners to ensure the recommendations align with the Chamber's mission and support probusiness initiatives.



Early Voting October 21st- November 1st **Election Day** Tuesday, November 5th

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