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2004

2004 Charter Amendment	Total Votes	Undervote	Turnout (75.78%)	Average	Drop Off
Tacoma Charter Amendment 1	67100	10410	65.58%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 2	63783	13724	62.34%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 3	65162	12360	63.69%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 4	61295	16224	59.91%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 5	64656	12869	63.19%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 6	62991	14517	61.57%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 7	64255	13259	62.80%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 8	62583	14933	61.17%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 9	63243	14270	61.81%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 10	62543	14977	61.13%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 11	63355	14165	61.92%	62.28%	-13.50

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2014

2014 Charter Amendment	Total Votes	Undervote	Turnout (46.45%)	Average	Drop Off
Tacoma Charter Amendment 1	40,845	7130	39.55%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 2	43,164	4811	41.79%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 3	43,374	4595	42.00%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 4	41,730	6245	40.41%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 5	41,465	6508	40.15%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 6	41,824	6143	40.50%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 7	41,495	6478	40.18%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 8	42,504	5465	41.15%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 9	42,145	5817	40.81%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 10	41,927	6041	40.60%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 11	41,780	6191	40.45%		
Tacoma Charter Amendment 12	43,144	4827	41.77%	40.78%	-5.67

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2022

Metro Parks	Total Votes	Undervote	Turnout (58.83%)	Average	Drop Off
2022 Prop No. 1	67432	8555	52.99%	52.99%	-5.84

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Ballot Order

1. State Measures
2. Countywide Measures
3. Regional Measures
4. Federal Offices
5. State Offices
6. County Offices
7. Port Offices & Measures
8. Rural Library Measures
9. Transit Measures
- 10. City/Town Offices & Measures**
11. School District Offices & Measures
12. Fire Protection District Offices & Measures
13. Park & Recreation Districts Offices & Measures
14. Water Districts Offices & Measures
15. Sewer Districts Offices & Measures
16. Road District Offices & Measures
17. Drainage Districts Offices & Measures



2014

District Court Nonpartisan Office	City of Tacoma - Special Elections Submitted by the Tacoma City Council	City of Tacoma - Special Elections Submitted by the Tacoma City Council
Position No. 1	Proposed Charter Amendment No. 1	Proposed Charter Amendment No. 2
Four Year Short-Term Term	Conform City Election Provisions To State Law	Landmarks Preservation Commission
Kevin McCann	The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 38848 to amend the City Charter. This proposition would amend sections 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14, 3.15, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 3.19, 3.20, 3.21, 3.22, 3.23, 3.24, 3.25, 3.26, 3.27, 3.28, 3.29, 3.30, 3.31, 3.32, 3.33, 3.34, 3.35, 3.36, 3.37, 3.38, 3.39, 3.40, 3.41, 3.42, 3.43, 3.44, 3.45, 3.46, 3.47, 3.48, 3.49, 3.50, 3.51, 3.52, 3.53, 3.54, 3.55, 3.56, 3.57, 3.58, 3.59, 3.60, 3.61, 3.62, 3.63, 3.64, 3.65, 3.66, 3.67, 3.68, 3.69, 3.70, 3.71, 3.72, 3.73, 3.74, 3.75, 3.76, 3.77, 3.78, 3.79, 3.80, 3.81, 3.82, 3.83, 3.84, 3.85, 3.86, 3.87, 3.88, 3.89, 3.90, 3.91, 3.92, 3.93, 3.94, 3.95, 3.96, 3.97, 3.98, 3.99, 4.00, 4.01, 4.02, 4.03, 4.04, 4.05, 4.06, 4.07, 4.08, 4.09, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13, 4.14, 4.15, 4.16, 4.17, 4.18, 4.19, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22, 4.23, 4.24, 4.25, 4.26, 4.27, 4.28, 4.29, 4.30, 4.31, 4.32, 4.33, 4.34, 4.35, 4.36, 4.37, 4.38, 4.39, 4.40, 4.41, 4.42, 4.43, 4.44, 4.45, 4.46, 4.47, 4.48, 4.49, 4.50, 4.51, 4.52, 4.53, 4.54, 4.55, 4.56, 4.57, 4.58, 4.59, 4.60, 4.61, 4.62, 4.63, 4.64, 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Two Ballot Cards

6% did not return
2nd Card

Did voters participate?

Voter Turnout 2008:	
Traditional Ballot Cards counted	333,824
RCV Ballot Cards counted	312,771
Total Ballot Cards Counted	646,595
Overall Turnout	81.20%
Voter Drop-off/Voter Fatigue Stats:	
Executive's Race	
Voters who didn't return an RCV ballot	21,053
Voters who didn't select a 1 st Choice	13,330
Voters who didn't select a 2 nd Choice	91,510
Voters who didn't select a 3 rd Choice	140,439
Assessor - Treasurer's Race	
Voters who didn't return an RCV ballot	21,053
Voters who didn't select a 1 st Choice	50,431
Voters who didn't select a 2 nd Choice	125,270
Voters who didn't select a 3 rd Choice	150,833



Voters' Pamphlet

City of Tacoma - Proposed Charter Amendments

The City of Tacoma is governed by a city charter, in place since 1953. The City of Tacoma is one of eleven cities in the State of Washington to operate under a city charter. Other cities include Seattle and Spokane.

What is a City Charter?

Just as the United States Constitution serves as the "supreme law of the land" for our country, a city charter serves as the basic set of rules for city government. The charter establishes the branches, officers and departments of city government. It defines their relationships and how they interact.

Changing the Charter

The charter can only be changed by a vote of the people. Proposed changes can be initiated by the council or by a voter initiative petition.

The Tacoma Charter requires that a citizens' committee look at the charter at least once every ten years.

Charter Review Committee

The Tacoma City Council appointed a 15 member citizens' Charter Review Committee in January 2014. The Committee held multiple meetings, took public testimony and thought about changing a variety of things. The Committee met from January to April, 2014 and then forwarded recommended changes to the Council.

Again, public hearings were held and the Tacoma City Council chose to place twelve proposed charter amendments on the ballot.

For More Information

Information about the twelve amendments appears on pages 22-33 of this pamphlet. Specific text changes to the Charter can be viewed at piercecountyelections.org. Strikethroughs (deleted text) and underlines (new text) are shown for each proposed amendment. Additional information can be found on the City's web page at cityoftacoma.org or contact the City Clerk's Office at (253) 591-5505.

Local ballot measures

Want to learn more about a ballot measure being proposed in your area?



You are encouraged to read the full text of each district resolution on our website at piercecountyelections.org

Read the voters' pamphlet information (ballot title, explanatory statement, and "For" and "Against" statements).

Contact the district or members of the "For" or "Against" committee.

Visit the district's website.

Special Elections are placed on the ballot at the district's request. The district's governing body passes a resolution or ordinance calling for the election.

City of Tacoma - Special Election - Proposed Charter Amendment No. 1

Submitted by the Tacoma City Council - Conform City Election Provisions to State Law

Ballot Title

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 20948 to amend the City Charter. This proposition would amend sections 2.4, 2.7, 2.19, 2.20, 3.7, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, 5.6, 5.6, and 6.11(b) to bring election-related provisions in conformance with state law and City practice, all as provided in Resolution No. 20948.

Explanatory Statement

City Charter Sections 2.4, 2.7, 2.19, 2.20, 3.7, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, 5.6, and 6.11(b) contain outdated language that conflicts with state law and City practice relating to elections. If approved, this amendment would conform City Charter language to state law and City practice to avoid confusion and assist citizens and candidates in understanding and complying with initiative, referendum, and other election processes.

Statement For

Voting Yes cleans up the Charter. Our Charter was written in 1953 and has obsolete language and requirements which should be removed. In 1993, each city decided its own election procedures.

State law now governs election procedures. We have all-mail voting. The state says how to fill vacancies. The County Auditor administers elections. We and the Superior Court determine contested elections. Tacoma's former rules for all this are in the current Charter. Our actions comply with state requirements. This amendment makes the Charter comply also.

The County Auditor will continue to print the Voters' Pamphlet. Tacoma candidates currently need ten residents as sponsors and pay a \$50 printing fee. No other areas in the county have these requirements. The removal of Section 5.6 eliminates these requirements, bringing the city in agreement with the rest of the county.

Vote Yes. Voting no leaves inaccurate information in the Charter.

Rebuttal of Statement Against

This is a perfect example of why the Charter needs to be amended. The writers believe that the City produces the Voters' Pamphlet. It is the County who produces it and this outdated information should be removed from the Charter. Section 5.6 of the old Charter is going away because of its outdated filing provisions. It will not affect the Voters' Pamphlet. Vote yes on Amendment 1.

Committee Member: Torri Baker, Susan Edleroschick, and Liz Kumbel-Thurlow, govfor Tacoma@gmail.com

Statement Against

Keep the Voters' Pamphlet
In 1992, the voters approved Charter Section 5.6 which requires the City publish a voters' pamphlet. This amendment eliminates that voters' pamphlet requirement.

The voters' pamphlet saves the playing field
The voters' pamphlet is comparative, objective and mailed to all voters before an election. Candidates, challengers, and the incumbents compete against the council incumbents, the incumbents, and the well-financed candidates. Do not trust the politicians to keep the voters' pamphlet without the charter requirement.

Don't trust the politicians
The ballot title does not include abolishing the voters' pamphlet. This is misleading and hides what they're trying to do.

Dangerous and useless amendments
This amendment is one of the dangerous amendments this year (like amendments 4-6-8-9) designed to increase the power of the council incumbents, as opposed to the voters' amendments (like amendments 2-7-10). To be safe, it's best to vote against all the Charter amendments (except 3). To protect our voters pamphlet please vote No on Amendment 1.

Rebuttal of Statement For

The proponent's argument is false. The Charter voters' pamphlet requirement doesn't conflict with state law. The Charter requirement is compatible with the county's as both are together in your hands now.

Our voters' pamphlet protected the county's. The county can repeal them at any time. Our Charter requirement ensures that we will always have one.

Don't trust the politicians. Vote No.

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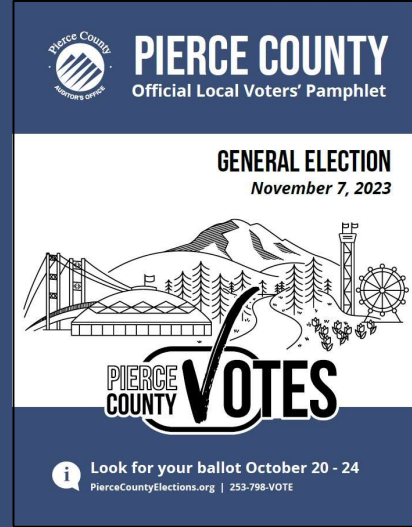
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Questions

