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TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings and County Commissioners

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ACTION REQUESTED:

Proposed Voluntary Municipal Annexation Charter Amendment

PROJECT: Proposed Voluntary Municipal Annexation Charter Amendment

PURPOSE: On May 21, 2024, District 1 Commissioner Emily Bonilla presented a Commissioner's Report requesting that a Board-initiated Annexation Charter Amendment be included on the 2024 General Election ballot. The proposal generally sought to establish a new process for voluntary annexation petitions, which would include establishing criteria for approval, public notice and public hearing requirements before the Board, prohibiting annexations outside the County's Urban Service Area with exceptions for existing joint planning area agreements, requirements for interlocal agreements, and establishment of an appeal process. The Board directed staff to perform additional research and bring back a report for further Board discussion.

On July 9, 2024, staff presented its research and analysis regarding the proposed voluntary municipal annexation charter amendment. Key discussion included:

- An overview of the State criteria for annexations and the municipal annexation process
- Issues and challenges resulting from voluntary annexations
- Current annexation review process and Joint Planning Area agreements
- Examples of annexation provisions from other county charters

- Options for a potential charter annexation framework in Orange County

During the July 9, 2024 Work Session, the Board directed staff to prepare a proposed ordinance which would include the ballot proposal (ballot title and ballot summary) along with draft text revisions to the Orange County Charter. The purpose of this Work Session is to present the draft ordinance in advance of an adoption public hearing on August 13, 2024. Additionally, following the staff's presentation, there will be an opportunity for public comment.

This item is for informational purposes only and no action is being requested.

BUDGET: N/A