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TO: 2024 Orange County Charter Review Commission
FROM: Wade C. Vose, General Counsel
DATE: May 13, 2024
SUBJECT: Revised Ballot Summary Adding Financial Impact Summary – County Protected Lands Amendment

Pursuant to the requirements of Sec. 702.B. of the Charter, please find attached as Exhibit "A" a revised ballot summary adding a summary of the Comptroller's financial impact statement relating to the proposed County Protected Lands charter amendment. The language added to the ballot summary is as follows: "No financial impact."

For ease of reference, the charter text revisions of the proposed charter amendment are also included at Exhibit "A". Such text remains unchanged from that reported out by the Sustainable Growth and Charter Cleanup Committee.

Exhibit “A”

Ballot Proposal: The ballot title and ballot summary for this question are as follows:

**SUPERMAJORITY COUNTY COMMISSION
VOTE TO DISPOSE OF OR CHANGE USE OF
“COUNTY PROTECTED LANDS”**

Amending the Orange County Charter to define “County Protected Lands” as County owned (in whole or in part), operated, or maintained public parks and recreation areas, and environmentally sensitive lands acquired by the County for environmental, ecological, or recreational purposes; and requiring that any County Commission action authorizing the disposition of County Protected Lands or change to another use must be approved by a majority-plus-one County Commission vote. No financial impact.

_____ Yes
_____ No

Text Revisions: Upon approval of this question at referendum, the following portions of the Orange County Charter are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 713. – County Protected Lands.

A. *Definition of “County Protected Lands”.* As used in this section, “County Protected Lands” means public parks and recreation areas that are owned, operated, or maintained by the county, and environmentally sensitive lands acquired by the county for environmental, ecological, or recreational purposes. References to ownership or acquisition encompass ownership or acquisition of any interest in real property, whether by conveyance, dedication, grant of easement, or otherwise, and whether held solely, or in common with others.

B. *Supermajority vote requirement.* Any action of the board authorizing the disposition of any County Protected Lands, or any portion thereof, or the change of any County Protected Lands, or any portion thereof, to another use must be approved by an affirmative vote of not less than a majority plus one of the entire membership of the board.