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TO: 2024 Orange County Charter Review Commission
FROM: Wade C. Vose, General Counsel
DATE: May 1, 2024
SUBJECT: Revised Ballot Summary Adding Financial Impact Summary – Charter Amendment Concerning Write-In Candidate Effect on Timing of Charter Officer Elections

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 charter amendment concerning write-in candidates' effect on the timing of charter officer elections. 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 Governmental Structure Committee.

Exhibit “A”

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

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATE EFFECT ON
TIMING OF CHARTER OFFICER
ELECTIONS**

Amending the Orange County Charter to provide that in elections for Charter offices (currently the County Mayor and County Commissioners), write-in candidates shall not count toward the number of qualified candidates (three or more) necessary to trigger an election at the August primary. 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. 605. Nonpartisan elections.

Elections for all Charter offices shall be nonpartisan. No candidate shall be required to pay any party assessment or be required to state the party of which the candidate is a member. All candidates' names shall be placed on the ballot without reference to political party affiliation.

In the event that more than two (2) candidates, not counting write-in candidates, have qualified for any single office under the chartered government, an election shall be held at the time of the ~~first~~ primary election and, providing no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes shall be placed on the ballot for the general election.