



Petition Gatherer Badge Ordinance

Work Session

**Orange County Board of
County Commissioners**

**Orange County Attorney's Office
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Overview of Charter Amendment

- **2016 Charter Review Commission (“CRC”) convened in February 2015**
- **CRC issued Final Report in June 2016**
- **CRC approved three ballot questions proposing amendments to Charter**
 - Initiative Process
 - Constitutional Offices
- **2016 general election ballot**



Overview of Charter Amendment

- Initiative process amendment approved by 66.71% of voters
- Amends Sections 601 & 602 of Charter
- Reforms process used by citizens to propose adoption or amendment to County Charter and ordinances
- Amendments intended to provide clarity, accountability, and transparency, and to ensure equal treatment of voters



Overview of Charter Amendment

- **Changes to initiative process are both substantive and procedural**
 - Financial impact statement
 - Public hearing and changed deadlines
 - Signature requirements
 - Legal review panel
 - Gatherer affidavit and badge
- **Gatherer badge requirement**
 - Petition gatherers required to display badge indicating whether gatherer is paid or a volunteer
 - Charter requires ordinance to specify the form and manner in which badge displayed



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Proposed Ordinance

- **Ordinance would create new provision in the County Code establishing badge requirement**
- **Individuals gathering signatures for a County initiative petition required to display badge**
 - **“VOLUNTEER GATHERER” or “PAID GATHERER”**
 - **Clearly legible bold-faced type**
 - **At least 4” x 3” in size**
 - **At least 30-point font**
 - **Displayed on chest in clear view**



Proposed Ordinance

PAID
GATHERER

VOLUNTEER
GATHERER



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- **Schedule public hearing to adopt proposed ordinance**
- **Badge requirement applicable immediately upon effective date of ordinance**
- **Petitions initiated subsequent to adoption of ordinance must comply with badge requirement**



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