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TO: 2024 Orange County Charter Review Commission
FROM: Wade C. Vose, General Counsel
DATE: April 24, 2024
SUBJECT: Revised Ballot Summary Adding Financial Impact Summary – Charter Amendment Establishing Charter Office of County Attorney

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 establishing a charter office of County Attorney. 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:

**ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER
AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING CHARTER
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Amending the Orange County Charter to establish an office of the County Attorney, who shall be the County’s chief legal counsel, appointed by the County Mayor and confirmed by a majority of the full County Commission, and removed by either the County Mayor or a majority of the full County Commission. 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. 402. Initial divisions and administrative regulations.

A. [Initial divisions.] The following initial divisions are hereby established:

1. Community rehabilitative services.
2. Fire and rescue services.
3. Public utilities.
4. Administrative support.
5. Health and human services.
6. Public works and development.
7. Civic facilities.
8. ~~Legal services.~~

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Sec. 403. Office of county attorney.

There shall be an office of the county attorney. The county attorney shall be the chief legal counsel to the county. The county attorney shall be appointed by the county mayor and confirmed by a vote of a majority of the full board. The county attorney may be removed by the county mayor, or by a vote of a majority of the full board. The county attorney shall employ such assistant county attorneys and special assistant county attorneys, on either a full-time or part-time basis, as may be deemed necessary, subject to budget approval. The county attorney and all assistant attorneys shall represent the county government, the board, county mayor,

county administrator, and the department and division heads and county officers, all divisions and agencies of county government and all adjustment, regulatory and advisory boards and commissions in all legal matters affecting the county government; and, upon request, they shall represent all constitutional officers serving Orange County. The county attorney and all assistant attorneys shall be licensed to practice law in the State of Florida. The compensation of the county attorney shall be set by the board after recommendation by the county mayor.