

Clark County Official Local

Voters' Pamphlet

November 3, 2026 General and Special Election

Look for your General Election ballot by October 22



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Returning your ballot by mail?

The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.

Sign up to receive text messages regarding your ballot status.

Text the word VOTE to 868392 (VoteWA).



Political parties

Washington State Democrats
PO Box 4027
Seattle, WA 98194
206.583.0664
info@wa-democrats.org
wadems.org

Washington State Republican Party
11911 NE 1st Street, Ste. 201
Bellevue, WA 98005
425.900.3379
info@wagop.org
wagop.org



Who donates to campaigns?

View information on financial contributors for federal candidates:

Federal Election Commission
fec.gov
Toll Free 800.424.9530

View financial contributors for state and local candidates and measures:

Public Disclosure Commission
pdc@pdc.wa.gov
pdc.wa.gov
Toll Free 877.601.2828

County Auditor letter

It has been my great honor to serve as your Clark County Auditor since 1999. My term in office concludes at the end of this year and I am not seeking re-election. I am so appreciative of the confidence voters have placed in me.

Since 1999, the Auditor’s Office has adapted through many challenges and changes. In 1999, we had approximately 168,000 active registered voters, we were using punch card ballots, there were 78 polling places and 61% of the voters used a mail ballot. Elections were being administered from a 2,800 square-foot office with 10 full-time employees.

We now have over 360,000 active registered voters; elections are conducted exclusively with mail ballots and we have 22 official ballot boxes. The Elections Office was recently expanded to 21,000 square feet and we have eight full-time employees.

The best test of the integrity of an election is a recount. I’m proud that each of the 22 recounts conducted since 1998 have reaffirmed the original result.

The staff in each of the Clark County Auditor’s Office departments are very competent hard-working professionals dedicated to providing excellent service to the public in a transparent, accountable and secure manner. Their workspaces, equipment and systems are highly functional. I’m confident the next county auditor will be successful.

You can sign up to receive text notifications regarding your ballot status by texting “VOTE” to 868392. To view your ballot tracker, go to VoteWA.gov. You can also contact the Elections Office by calling 564-397-2345 or by emailing elections@clark.wa.gov.

I encourage you to return your ballot to one of our 22 official ballot boxes. These ballot boxes will be available beginning Wednesday, October 14. The locations of the three ballot boxes closest to you are printed on the voting instructions enclosed with your ballot. More information about ballot drop off options may be found on pages 46 & 47 of this voters’ pamphlet.

The security of our ballot boxes has increased. Each ballot box now has a sophisticated fire suppression system, along with a GPS device that monitors the internal temperature, ballot retrieval doors, and abnormal impacts. In addition, we are in the process of installing video recording cameras at each ballot box.

If you are a registered voter and have not received your General Election ballot in the mail by Thursday, October 22nd, please contact the Elections Office to obtain a replacement ballot.

I urge you to read this pamphlet but to also seek out more information. The best decisions are made by informed voters. Your vote makes a difference. I encourage you to join me in exercising one of the most precious rights we have as Americans – the ability to shape the world we live in by voting.

Sincerely,



Greg Kimsey
Clark County Auditor
564.397.2078
Greg.Kimsey@Clark.wa.gov

Has your address changed?

Has your signature changed?

Lost or damaged ballot?

Contact:
Clark County Elections Office
564.397.2345
elections@clark.wa.gov
clarkvotes.org

Mailing address
PO Box 8815
Vancouver, WA 98666-8815

Street address
1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

For other formats, contact the Clark County ADA Office

Voice 564.397.2282
Relay 711 or 877.833.6341
Fax 564.397.6165
Email ADA@clark.wa.gov

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Voting in Washington State

Registering to vote

Registering takes only a few minutes, and you may do so by mail or online at VoteWA.gov.

The deadline to receive new voter registrations and voter updates to existing registrations online, by phone or by mail is 4 pm Monday, October 26, 2026.

You may still register or update existing voter registrations after October 26, but you must do so in person by 8 pm Tuesday, November 3.

Who is eligible to vote?

You must be a United States citizen, and be 18 years or older on November 3, 2026.



How to vote

Clark County voters will receive their ballots by mail. If you are a registered voter in Clark County, we will mail you a ballot for every election in which you are eligible to participate.

The page **Voting instructions** (page 49) in this pamphlet explains how to vote. Please read the instructions in this pamphlet. We want your vote to count!

Lost or damaged ballot?

If you lose your ballot, or it becomes damaged, you can obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Elections Office.

Phone: 564.397.2345

Email: elections@clark.wa.gov

Mailing address: PO Box 8815, Vancouver, WA 98666-8815

Street address: 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Speech-to-speech relay: 711 or 877.833.6341

Be an informed voter. Here's how.

There are many sources of information for citizens wishing to know more about candidates, and coverage of the November 3, 2026 General and Special Election.



Read all about it

- **The Columbian**
columbian.com
- **The Oregonian**
oregonlive.com/elections
- **The Camas-Washougal Post-Record**
camaspostrecord.com
- **The Reflector**
thereflector.com
- **Clark County Today**
clarkcountytoday.com

League of Women Voters

For a schedule of events or candidate forums, see their website at lwwclarkcounty.org or call 971.220.5874.



Watch cable TV

CVTV Clark-Vancouver Television on Comcast cable channels 21 and 23. Election coverage will include candidate forums and interviews of candidates in various races. See TV listings in *The Columbian*, cable channel 2, and the CVTV website, cvtv.org or call 360.696.8233.

If you do not have cable TV you can obtain videotapes of any program from CVTV.



Look online

- Election coverage can be found on the Clark County Elections Office website at clarkvotes.org.
- All Fort Vancouver Regional Library District branches and Camas Public Library have computers with internet access available for public use during their business hours.
- Follow links provided by candidates to their website, or contact them by email or phone.

What's on my ballot?

Are you wondering which jurisdictions you live in?

Your residential address determines what races and measures appear on your ballot.

There are several ways to find out which districts you live in:

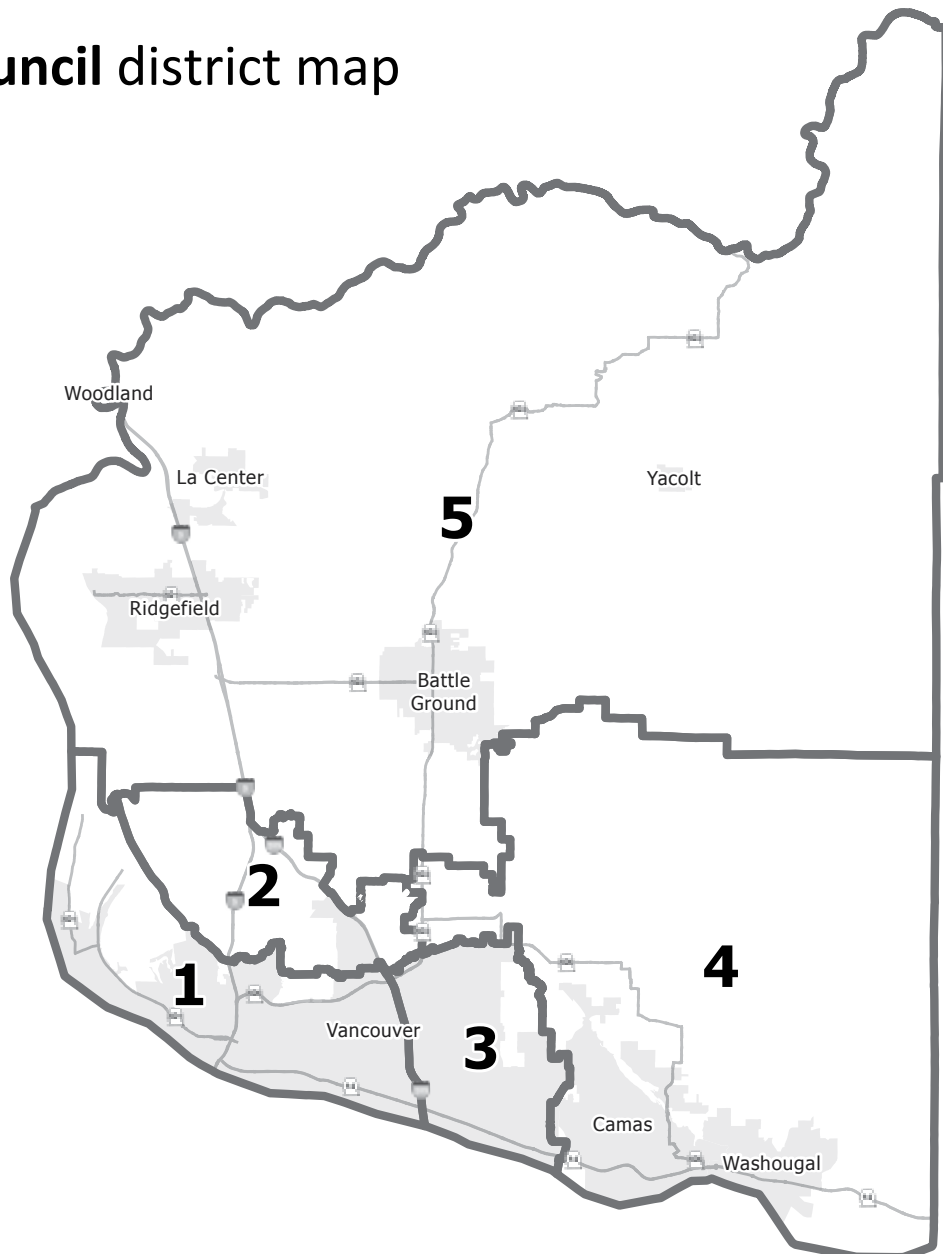
- **Log in to** VoteWA.gov to view your personalized voter information
- **Refer** to your voter registration card to view your jurisdictions
- **Contact** Clark County Elections:
564.397.2345
elections@clark.wa.gov
- **Visit** clarkvotes.org and click on “Voter Districts, Maps & Data” in the left-hand column and select “Voter District Information”. Click “Open Fullscreen Map” for easier viewing. Click on the layer list icon that is located directly under the address field to select which district you want to look up. Select one district at a time or multiple if you prefer. Enter your address. Zoom in and out of the map to follow the district lines.

Clark County Council district map

 Clark County Council district boundary

 Highway

 City

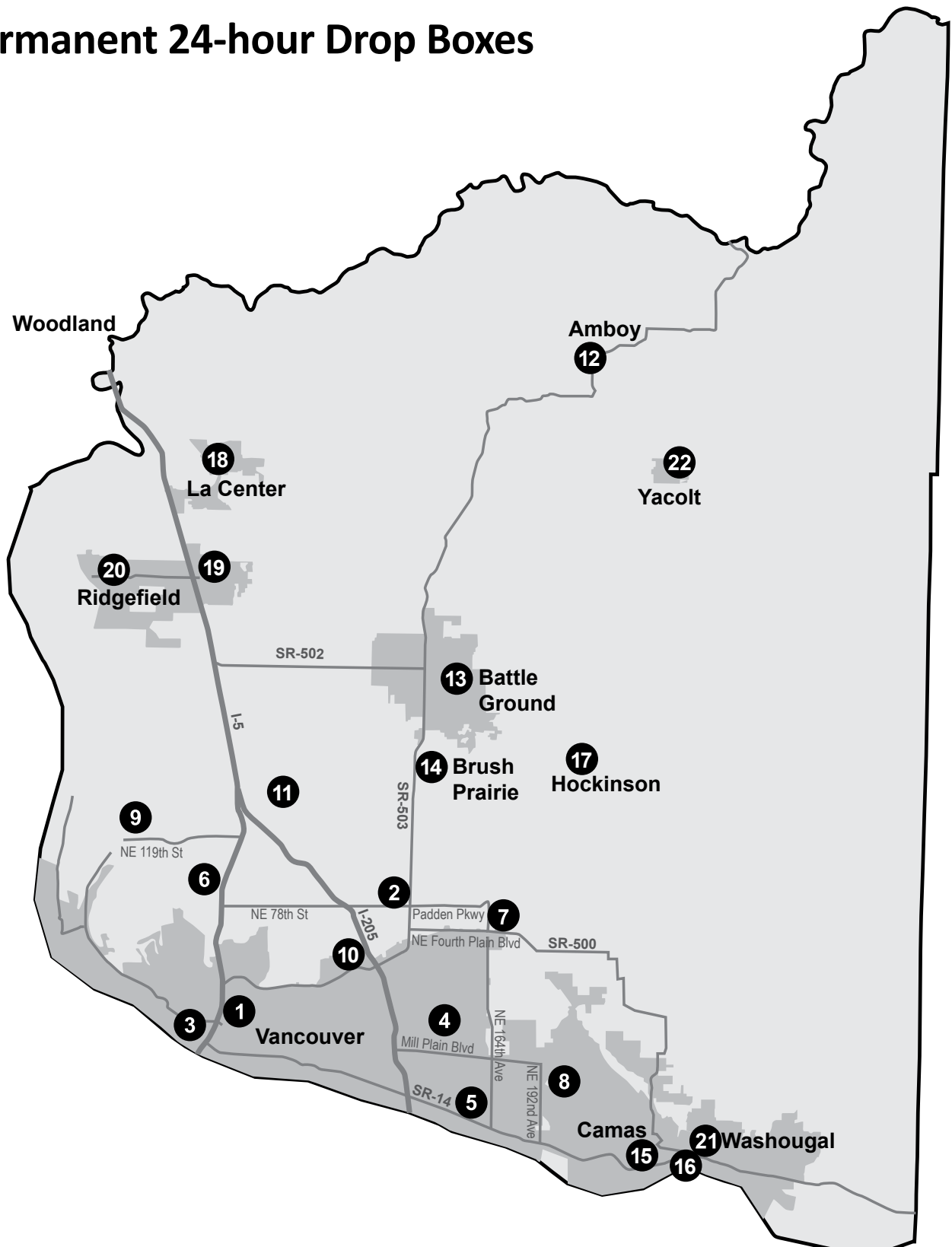


To view detailed maps of all jurisdictions, visit clarkvotes.org.



Ballot deposit locations

Permanent 24-hour Drop Boxes



Ballot deposit locations

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Starting on October 14 until 8 pm on Election Day, you may return your voted ballot **in person** to our office, or to one of the following locations:

Clark County Elections Office **1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver**

Regular hours open 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday

Saturday, October 31 open 8 am to 2 pm

Election Day open 7 am to 8 pm

Red permanent ballot drop boxes *(available 24 hours a day until 8 pm on Election Day)*

Vancouver locations

- 1 **Clark College** 1933 Fort Vancouver Way (between Hanna Hall and the Penguin Bldg. near flagpole, walk-up only)
- 2 **Clark Public Utilities Operations Center** 8600 NE 117th Avenue (southeast parking lot)
- 3 **Downtown Vancouver** West 14th and Esther Streets
- 4 **East Vancouver Post Office** 13651 NE 4th Street
- 5 **Fisher's Landing Transit Center** 3510 SE 164th Avenue
- 6 **Hazel Dell – 99th Street Transit Center** 9700 NE 7th Avenue (between 94th & 99th Streets)
- 7 **Pioneer Elementary/Frontier Middle School** 7600 NE 166th Avenue (parking lot between the two schools)
- 8 **Shahala Middle School** 601 SE 192nd Avenue (located near flagpole)
- 9 **Thomas Jefferson Middle School** 3000 NW 119th Street (parking lot)
- 10 **Vancouver Mall** Southeast of Macy's near the C-Tran Vine Station (parking lot)
- 11 **WSU-Vancouver** 14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue (WSU Entrance Road entering from NE Salmon Creek Avenue, turn right at the first street into the south parking lot)

Other Clark County locations

- 12 **Amboy Middle School** 22115 NE Chelatchie Road, Amboy (west parking lot)
- 13 **Battle Ground Post Office** 418 W Main Street, Battle Ground (next to the blue USPS mailboxes)
- 14 **Brush Prairie Post Office** 12012 NE 150th Circle, Brush Prairie
- 15 **Camas Post Office Downtown** 440 NE 5th Avenue, Camas
- 16 **Camas Washougal Municipal Court** 89 C Street, Washougal
- 17 **Hockinson Community Center** 15916 NE 182nd Avenue, Brush Prairie (parking lot)
- 18 **La Center** 1001 E 4th Street, La Center (west end of parking lot)
- 19 **Ridgefield Junction Park and Ride** Pioneer Street exit, east of I-5, 125 N 65th Ave, Ridgefield (north side of parking lot)
- 20 **Ridgefield School District Administrative Office** 510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield (walk-up only)
- 21 **Washougal Library** 1661 C Street, Washougal (west parking lot)
- 22 **Yacolt Primary School** 507 W Yacolt Road, Yacolt (south parking lot)

WSU Vancouver Student Engagement Hub

WSU Vancouver offers a student engagement hub to provide its students the opportunity to print their online ballot and deposit it into a secured ballot drop box.

Washington State University Vancouver

Firstenburg Student Commons (FSC) Vancouver
14204 NE Salmon Creek Ave • Vancouver, WA 98686

Available November 3, Election Day only – 10 am until 8 pm

Accessible voting

Using the Touch Writer

Clark County voters with disabilities have the option of casting their ballot independently using an accessible voting unit.

The Touch Writer voting unit is a ballot marking electronic machine that allows voters with disabilities, including those who are blind, mobility-impaired or lack upper-body dexterity, to vote privately and independently. The Touch Writer is in a booth that is wheelchair-accessible.

Beginning 18 days before each election, this accessible voting machine is available from 8 am to 4 pm, and on Election Day from 7 am to 8 pm at the Clark County Elections Office, 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver.



The Touch Writer unit is in a wheelchair-accessible booth.

About the Touch Writer

The Touch Writer is accessible in several ways:

- For those who cannot operate the Touch Writer using the buttons and wheel, special interface devices are available.
- Those who cannot see or read the Touch Writer screen can use the headphones with volume control to hear the ballot.



Accessible features

- Those who are visually impaired or have difficulty reading can listen to the ballot. The SELECT wheel is the trigger to the audio. Turning clockwise moves the listener through the ballot. To hear something repeated, turn the SELECT wheel counterclockwise. Those using hearing aids with a telecoil mode may use their neckloop rather than the headphones.
- Voters who lack upper-body dexterity can use the jelly switches to move through the ballot. The RED jelly switch is the same as the SELECT wheel. The GREEN jelly switch is the same as the ENTER button.
- Voters with quadriplegia can use their sip-n-puff to vote the ballot. Sip to move through the ballot. Puff to mark your choice.



Voting instructions

Here are a few important reminders to make sure your ballot is counted.

Your ballot packet will be mailed to you at least 18 days before the November 3, 2026 General and Special Election. It will contain:

- An instruction sheet that explains the voting process
- The official ballot where you will mark your choices
- A security sleeve
- A postage-paid return envelope

Returning your ballot by mail?

The USPS recommends that you mail no later than a week before Election Day.

Mark your ballot by completely filling in the box to the left of your choice with a black or blue ink pen. If you want to vote for a candidate not appearing on the ballot, mark the box to the left of the dotted line provided to indicate your choice. Be sure to mark only one choice for each race or measure on the ballot.

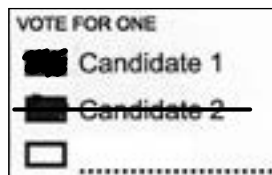
*Example:
Candidate 2 has
been chosen.*

*One candidate has
been marked and
the box is filled in
completely.*



Check your ballot to be sure you have voted for the candidates and measures you intended. Make sure you mark only one response box in each race or measure. If you mark more than one, your vote in that race will not be counted. Your other votes will be counted if they are done correctly. Leaving an office or ballot measure blank will not invalidate your ballot.

If you make a mistake marking your ballot, draw a line through the incorrectly marked choice as shown. You then have the option of marking another choice.



You must sign and date your return envelope in order for your ballot to be counted!

- Sign in the signature box that has YOUR name printed on the envelope.
- If you registered to vote when you obtained your driver's license, the signature on your driver's license is the signature in your voter registration record.
- If you registered to vote online, the signature in your voter registration record is either your driver's license signature or the signature you uploaded directly to the voter portal.
- If you are unsure about the signature in your voter registration record, we encourage you to call the Elections Office at 564.397.2345.
- Do NOT sign someone else's name, even if you have power of attorney.
- Voting over the phone by having someone else fill out and sign your ballot is against the law. Voters can call us at 564.397.2345 to learn about the options for voting while they are out of town.
- Drop boxes are available if you don't want your signature to go through the mail. See pages 46-47 for a complete list of ballot deposit locations.
- Sign up to receive text messages regarding your ballot status. Text the word VOTE to 868392 (VoteWA).

Follow the instruction sheet included with your ballot to seal, sign, date and return your ballot.

Washington State's voting rights

17-year-old voters

Washington Legislation passed in March of 2020 allows 17-year-olds who will be 18 by a General Election to vote in the preceding Primary.

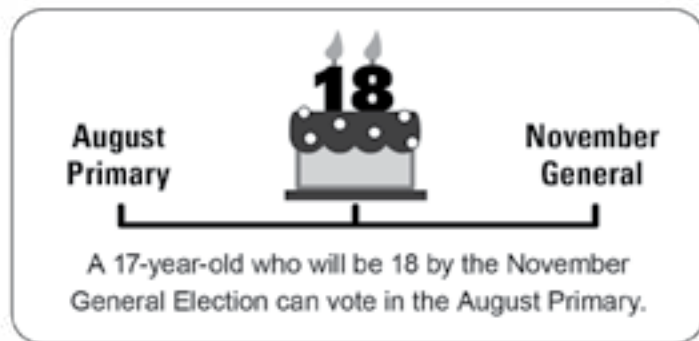
Sixteen and seventeen year-olds can pre-register and will automatically be registered when they are eligible to vote.

Pre-registering can be done through:

- Clark County Elections Office
- Department of Licensing
- Online at VoteWA.gov

Not sure if you've pre-registered?

Call Clark County Elections at 564.397.2345 and make sure your physical and mailing address are current so you receive your ballot.



Felony Conviction and Voting Rights

Washington Legislation went into effect January 1, 2022 regarding convicted felons and their right to vote.

When is my right to vote restored?

- Your right to vote is restored automatically once you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison following a felony conviction.
- You do not lose the right to vote for a misdemeanor conviction or a conviction in juvenile court.

Registering to vote

Once your right to vote is restored, you must register to vote even if you were previously registered. You do not need a certificate of discharge to register to vote.

You can register to vote at:

- Clark County Elections Office
- Department of Licensing
- Online at VoteWA.gov

Do your part!

While the Elections Office is continually updating the voter rolls with information from the Department of Licensing, the post office, local obituaries and a monthly public health deceased list, **you can do your part by following these simple steps:**

- **Update your address** with the Elections Office whenever it changes. Address changes can be made online through VoteWA.gov, by email, mail or phone until 4 pm October 26. You may update your registration in-person until 8 pm on Election Day.
- If you are a snowbird or a college student, visit our website or call to set up a **temporary or seasonal mailing address**.
- **Return to Sender!** If you receive a ballot for a person who does not live at your residence, write “Does not live here” on the **unopened** envelope and put it back in the mail. Do not deposit it into a drop box.
- If you receive a ballot for a **recently deceased voter**, write “Deceased” on the **unopened** envelope and put it back in the mail. We will research and follow up.

Keeping up-to-date with the Elections Office is quick and easy!

clarkvotes.org
elections@clark.wa.gov

PO Box 8815
 Vancouver, WA 98666
 564.397.2345

Scan the QR code to learn more about the responsibilities of elected officials.



Candidate and measure statements are printed exactly as submitted.

Clark County Elections does not correct punctuation, grammar, typos or inaccurate information.

Candidate statements and contact information are current as of publication date. Please visit VoteWA.gov to see a personalized voters' guide with the most current information.

Clark County

Assessor



Peter Van Nortwick

Elected Experience Serving as your Clark County Assessor since 2011.

Other Professional Experience Certified General Appraiser with experience appraising residential, agricultural, and commercial properties. Member of the Clark County Association of Realtors and honored as the organization’s 2020 Affiliate of the Year.

Education Undergraduate studies at the University of Washington. Graduate studies at University of Colorado and Seattle University. Graduate of Leadership Clark County, Class of 2010.

Community Service Volunteer football coach in the Vancouver School District, helping lead student-athletes to three league championships while teaching teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. Youth leader at Northwest Gospel Church Westside.

Statement It is an honor to serve as your Assessor. Throughout my time in office, I have worked to educate taxpayers about how the property tax system works and why taxes increase. Effective leadership requires an Assessor who understands the system, communicates openly, and works closely with taxpayers and elected representatives.

In Olympia, I successfully fought to expand the Senior Exemption Program, helping more low-income seniors receive the property tax relief they need to remain in their homes. Beginning this year, the income threshold will increase to \$85,000, making many more seniors eligible. As participation grows, experienced leadership will be essential to ensure taxpayers receive relief quickly and efficiently.

I have also worked to advance a homestead exemption in Washington State and will continue working with fellow Assessors and legislators to provide meaningful property tax relief for hardworking homeowners.

Our office has led the way in using technology to ensure fair and equitable assessments while keeping costs low for taxpayers. Today, we operate with fewer full-time employees than when I was first elected while continuing to meet the growing needs of Clark County taxpayers. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Phone 360.907.4413
Email friendsofpetervannortwick@gmail.com

Clark County

Assessor



Tyler Thoune

Elected Experience No information submitted

Other Professional Experience Tyler Thoune brings more than 20 years of real-world experience in the Clark County real estate market. He has bought, remodeled, flipped, evaluated, and invested in properties throughout the county. Tyler understands homes,

neighborhoods, and market conditions from direct, hands-on experience — not just computer models and formulas.

Education Graduated from Fort Vancouver High School in 1999. Earned EMT Certification in 2018.

Community Service Volunteer coach for Little League Baseball and Clark County Youth Football since 2016. Pleasant Valley Middle School Band volunteer. Volunteer at Luke's Legacy Carnival at King's Way School.

Statement Clark County homeowners deserve assessments that reflect the real market — not a system that misses the mark. When ordinary homeowners’ values rise while multimillion-dollar properties remain dramatically under-assessed, it raises serious questions about accuracy and fairness.

One luxury Clark County home sold December 22, 2023 for \$13.5 million — just 10 days before the January 1, 2024 valuation date — but was assessed at only \$5,955,707, about 44% of the sale price. Based on local levy rates, that difference represents roughly \$75,000 per year less in property taxes than if the home had been assessed at its sale price. When high-value properties are under-assessed, the tax burden can shift to other taxpayers — like you.

The Board of Equalization is an independent county board where taxpayers appeal their property valuations. In 2024, 56% of valuation cases that reached the Board were reduced or overturned, raising serious concerns about whether many residents were over-assessed in the first place.

As Assessor, Tyler Thoune will fight for fair valuations, transparency, accountability for mistakes, better customer service, and common-sense assessment practices grounded in the actual Clark County market. Tyler will make sure your property is treated fairly so you don’t overpay.

Email tyler@votethoune.com
Website votethoune.com

Clark County

Auditor



Eileen Quiring O'Brien

Elected Experience Clark County Council Chair, 2019-2022; Clark County Council, District 4, - 2016-2019; State Representative (Oregon) – 1995-1997; State Senator (Oregon) – 1997-2001 (Majority Whip)

Other Professional Experience Small Business Owner/Employer; Founding Executive Director, Rober D. &

Marcia H. Randall Charitable Trust; Real Estate Broker and Appraiser

Education Battle Ground High School; George Fox University, B. A. Management of Human Resources (Distinguished Alumna of the year – 1998)

Community Service Clark County Planning Commission, 2012-2016; Board of Equalization, Clark County, 2015; Former Board Member & Chair, PRC of Greater Portland; Former Board Member, Portland Rescue Mission; Former Board Member, Portland Metro Police Chaplaincy

Statement Clark County deserves an Auditor who brings proven experience, sound judgment, a genuine commitment to public service and the ability to lead on day one. Eileen Quiring O'Brien offers years of leadership in government and management, including service as the Chair of the Clark County Council and previously serving in the Oregon House and Senate overseeing budgets, operations, policy, and public resources. All this with a steady focus on transparency, accountability, hard-earned taxpayer resources, and customer service.

For Eileen, this non-political office is about performance and serving all the people of Clark County. The Auditor's Office is responsible for elections, financial operations and reporting, public records, and licensing, services residents rely on every day. It requires accuracy, professionalism, management skills, and capable leadership.

At a time when many people have lost trust in government and are feeling frustrated, Eileen is committed to voter integrity with clean voter rolls, fresh eyes and a diligent search to eliminate any possible waste, fraud and abuse ensuring the Auditor's Office is operating at peak performance and strengthening public confidence.

Clark County deserves an Auditor's Office accountable to the people. Eileen is ready to bring experienced professional leadership to the Auditor's Office today.

Phone 360.606.0151
Email eileenforauditor@gmail.com
Website eileenforauditor.com

Clark County

Auditor



Mitchell Kelly

Elected Experience First-time candidate

Other Professional Experience Deputy County Auditor, Clark County Auditor's Office; Reporting and Analysis Manager, Clark County Auditor's Office; Financial Analyst, Southwest Washington Behavioral Health; Assistant State Auditor, Washington State Auditor's Office

Education MBA, Arizona State University; B.S. Accounting, Minor Spanish, Brigham Young University; High School, Vancouver School of Arts and Academics

Community Service Southwest Washington Finance Officers Association, Pier 360 Peer-Run organization recovery (Board Member); FACES Foundation (Spanish Interpreter); Eagle Scout; AARP Tax Aide; Volunteer Winter Hospitality Overflow; Volunteer English Teacher

Statement The Auditor's Office must operate with transparency, accountability, and integrity. Elections must be administered fairly and accurately so voters are confident that every ballot is handled and counted properly.

Clark County deserves an auditor who is an auditor. I have spent 15 years serving the public as a nonpartisan government finance professional focused on responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources. My experience in public service, financial oversight and auditing, and managing governmental operations has equipped me to lead the Auditor's Office with professionalism, precision, and independence from political influence.

The Auditor's Office provides essential services our community relies on every day, including administering elections, recording property documents, issuing marriage licenses, processing vehicle licensing, and maintaining accurate financial information. These responsibilities require effective management. My experience managing complex operations and leading teams has prepared me to oversee these services efficiently, accurately, and responsibly.

As a lifelong Clark County resident, I care deeply about our community and the trust residents place in local government. I'm committed to serving you with integrity, professionalism, and impartial leadership. I hope you will honor me with your vote.

Phone 360.601.8864
Email mitchellkellyforauditor@gmail.com
Website mitchellkellyforauditor.com

Clark County
Clerk



Scott G Weber

Elected Experience I have been a resident of Clark County for over twenty-five years. I was elected County Clerk in 2010. I was reelected in 2014, 2018, and 2022.

Other Professional Experience Prior to becoming Clerk, I was employed in manufacturing where I developed and implemented Lean

systems to increase efficiency.

Education I have a degree in applied arts and sciences.

Community Service I am honored to have served the residents of Clark County and the State as a Veteran's Court Board member, Treasurer of the Washington State Clerk's Association, and as an Evergreen School District Truancy Board member.

Statement The County Clerk is an elected position created under the Washington Constitution and is the administrative and financial officer for the Superior Court. The Clerk receives, processes and preserves all documents in perpetuity for all Superior Court actions, including criminal, civil, family law, probate, guardianship, paternity, adoption and juvenile, and manages court case-related deposits and disbursements. The Clerk must be independent to maintain the integrity of the court records.

I have served the courts and the citizens of Clark County by providing high-quality, efficient, and effective service. During my time as Clerk, I deployed an independent imaging system that in 2024 allowed the court to function even as the statewide system was unavailable and most counties in the state were seriously impacted.

Public officials must have the highest standards of excellence, integrity, and fairness. During my time in office, I have made significant positive changes, resulting in better, and more responsive customer service. For example, improving the collection of restitution for crime victims, real-time public access to documents and electronic filing - saving citizens legal costs. Keeping court records open and accessible is an essential function of the Clerk's office.

Thank you for your vote!

Phone 360.607.9813
Email friendsofscottweber@gmail.com
Website Weber4Clerk.com

Clark County
Clerk



Rachel Shapiro

Elected Experience As Precinct Committee Officer (PCO), I represented local voters, supported civic engagement, and helped connect residents with the election process. The role included community outreach, voter education, and participation in local leadership decisions.

Other Professional Experience

Founder-Owner, Shapiro Mediation LLC, providing divorce services with fairness, affordability, efficiency, financial forensics, asset analysis, and transparency. I work with individuals from diverse backgrounds to achieve fair, practical outcomes.

Education 2000 Juris Doctorate, University of Massachusetts School of Law, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Bachelor of Science, University of Nebraska.

Community Service Camas-Washougal Parent Co-op Preschool, PTA, Girl Scout leader; Precinct 681 Committee Officer, Clark County.

Statement I am running for the nonpartisan position of Clark County Clerk because the public deserves an office that works with accuracy, efficiency, transparency, and respect.

As a PCO, I have listened to residents, answered questions, and helped people better understand local government. That experience has strengthened my belief that public offices should be accessible, responsive, and easy to navigate. As Clark County Clerk, I will focus on accurate record keeping, timely service, improved access to information, and a more user-friendly office.

Public trust requires accountability. I support greater transparency in government budgeting and spending, including easier online access to financial information so taxpayers can see how their money is used. I will serve with fairness, professionalism, accountability, and respect for every resident who interacts with the Clerk's Office. I will also hold monthly open office hours on the first Wednesday at noon, where residents can bring a bag lunch, ask questions, share concerns, and have real conversations about how local government can better serve our community.

I respectfully ask for your vote to serve as Clark County Clerk so we can build a more responsive, accessible, and trustworthy office for our community.

Phone 310.707.1837
Email Info@VoteRachelShapiro.com
Website VoteRachelShapiro.com

Clark County
Councilor, District No. 1



Glen Yung
Elected Experience Clark County Councilor; Clark County Board of Health; Ending Community Homelessness Organization (ECHO); Mental Health Sales Tax Advisory Board; Opioid Abatement Council; Discovery Clean Water Alliance; C-TRAN; Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization
Other Professional Experience

After a career in banking and finance, my wife and I started and grew a family-run remodeling business in Clark County.

Education Mt. Hood Community College

Community Service Licensed foster and respite home for children; National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance; Hough Neighborhood Association; Community Garden and Plant Library Host; neighborhood graffiti cleanup.

Statement Local government works best when decisions are thoughtful, informed, and focused on long-term community wellbeing.

In my first term, I've focused on issues affecting people's daily lives—affordability, homelessness, public safety, the environment and growth—by asking hard questions, digging into the details, and weighing long-term impacts.

I helped build collaboration between the city and county and secured funding for a 120-bed shelter (under construction) with integrated addiction and mental health treatment to help people move off the streets, stabilize, and rebuild their lives. I also championed new protections to preserve naturally affordable housing and keep mobile home park residents in their homes by preventing park redevelopment, supported additional investments in public safety, clean water infrastructure and Vancouver Lake restoration efforts, and helped move a stalled affordable senior housing project forward so seniors can age in place with dignity.

These efforts are laying the groundwork for greater stability and opportunity, both now and for future generations. You may not agree with every decision, but you can expect that I'll approach each one seriously, thoughtfully, and with genuine commitment to long-term community wellbeing. I'd be honored to earn your vote to continue this important work.

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Clark County
Councilor, District No. 1



Bryan Shull
Elected Experience President of the Uptown Village Association
Other Professional Experience Decades of small business ownership experience including Trap Door Brewing, Cruise the Couve 501(c), and Performance Energy General Contractor. Operations Manager REC Solar, Research Design and Development of Renewable

Energy technologies - California Energy Commission

Education Bachelor of Science, Environmental and Renewable Energy Engineering, Minor in Economics California State University, Sacramento

Community Service President of the Uptown Village Association, President of Cruise the Couve 501(c)(6), Member of Washington Hospitality Association Government Affairs Committee, Board Member of the Camas-Washougal Chamber.

Statement I love Clark County, and I'm deeply concerned about the rising costs facing working families, seniors, and people living paycheck to paycheck. Too many good people are being pushed out of their homes and neighborhoods because the government keeps making life more expensive. Clark County deserves leadership that prioritizes real affordability—not just political slogans.

I was born and raised in Clark County and graduated from Hudson's Bay High School. I've built successful local businesses, creating jobs, supporting nonprofits, and I remain heavily invested in our community. My experience solving complex problems and producing real-world results is exactly the kind of practical leadership our County needs right now.

I support a "tax-last" approach focusing on responsible budgeting before asking taxpayers to pay more. We need strong public safety, practical transportation solutions, balanced growth policies, and compassionate but accountable approaches to homelessness and addiction. I also support policies that encourage small business growth, protect local jobs, and promote affordable, reliable renewable energy solutions.

Clark County can remain a thriving, beautiful place to live, work, and raise a family, but we must lead differently. I'd be honored to earn your trust, your support, and your vote. Learn more at www.electbyranshull.com

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Clark County

Councilor, District No. 2



Michelle Belkot

Elected Experience Current Clark County Councilor District 2, Board of Health, C-TRAN, Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Disability Board, Clark County Legislative Councilor, Public Safety Sales Tax Funding Board, Jail Remodel Steering Committee

Other Professional Experience Civil Servant with over 20 years in the

acquisition and procurement of multi million dollar construction and engineering contracts. Officer in Command, Training Officer, collectively served 25 years USAF (MSGT), USN (Lieutenant)

Education Webster University, Management and Leadership, M.A., George Fox University, Management and Organizational Leadership, B.A., Navy Supply Corps School, Hudson’s Bay High School, Vancouver Public Schools.

Community Service Veterans’ organizations, PTO President, PTO VP, school volunteering, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

Statement As your current Councilor, I dedicate myself to addressing our county’s budget, policy, and legislative needs. I have consistently opposed new and unnecessary taxes and will continue to advocate for fiscal responsibility. Drawing on my experience as federal procurement leader, Veteran, and mother, I am committed to reducing housing costs and taxes.

I am devoted to protecting county residents from unwanted annexation by the City of Vancouver, ensuring that any changes prioritize taxpayers and service quality. County residents deserve better than to face higher city taxes with minimal return. We need practical transportation solutions to meet our future needs, not a new three lane bridge replacing a three lane bridge. Clark County taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize the failing Oregon TriMet light rail through taxes *and* tolls, especially when voters have rejected it *three* times!

I have a proven track record of supporting law enforcement and keeping neighborhoods safe. It is essential that county government prioritizes law enforcement, fire protection, and vital infrastructure before expanding programs or increasing spending.

As the only native Councilor, I personally understand the concerns that are unique to our county. I would be honored to continue serving as your voice for common sense.

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Clark County

Councilor, District No. 2



John Zingale

Elected Experience VEA union representative and board member for Northwest Council for Computer Education and Washington State Council for the Social Studies

Other Professional Experience 2026 Southwest Washington Teacher of the Year and middle school history teacher for 13+ years, with many state

& national awards. Before teaching I spent 16 years in grocery retail. I began bagging groceries and eventually became an asst. store director. Currently serving on the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission.

Education Master’s in Teaching (University of Portland), Bachelor’s in History (Northern Illinois University)

Community Service Clark County Food Bank, classroom partner with the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, and National History Day Coordinator.

Statement As a Council member, I'll work today for the Clark County of our future. I have a history of showing up and taking action for those who want their voices heard, this will be my driving force.

Repeatedly, I’ve heard a similar message: people want a government that works *for* them. This means, building and maintaining the infrastructure that connects our communities, investing in strong social services, and not wasting taxpayer dollars. It means protecting our natural spaces while building more housing people can afford, and having a government that responds to its people. This means *standing up for working families, defending fundamental rights*, and making sure our *economy is affordable*.

I’m running to ensure our county government is as hardworking as the people it serves. For over thirteen years, I’ve served Clark County as a teacher, advocate, and community volunteer, dedicating myself to creating the next generation of active and engaged citizens.

When elected, I’ll bring an *innovative* mindset, *collaborative* spirit, and *tireless* work ethic to Council. I’m honored to be endorsed by local leaders like State Senator Cortes, Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle, and County Councilor Fuentes. I hope to earn your vote and get to work *for* you.

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Clark County
Councilor, District No. 5



Troy McCoy

Elected Experience Battle Ground City Council since 2021; Mayor of Battle Ground 2023-2025; Battle Ground School Board 2017-2021, served as President for 2 years.

Other Professional Experience Small business owner in Battle Ground over 20 years; formerly an Account Manager for Buckman Specialty Chemicals.

Education Chemical Engineering BS, Oregon State University.
Community Service Battle Ground Education Foundation, board member and volunteer; volunteer for Battle Ground Seniors; Battle Ground Community Education – previous volunteer basketball and softball coach.

Statement Clark County is home. As a small business owner, husband, and father, I have built my life in this community. I understand what makes our County a great place to live, work and raise a family. People choose to live in Clark County and invest in their future. Our county government should make that easier, not harder. I believe county government should be open, accountable and responsive to the people it serves. My service on the Battle Ground School Board, City Council and as Mayor has been guided by listening, bringing people together and delivering real results. Clark County taxpayers must not pay for light rail unless approved by voters. Focusing on responsible growth, infrastructure needs, public safety and overall affordability we can work together to protect what makes this County special. I will be a strong proponent of responsible budgets, carefully managed growth and ensuring law enforcement and emergency services have the tools and facilities needed to protect our communities. My record of leadership is being practical, transparent and focused on results. I am committed to serving with integrity and putting our community first. I respectfully ask for your support.

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Clark County
Councilor, District No. 5



Peter Silliman

Elected Experience Charter Review Commission in 2025 where I have sponsored several amendments. Clark County Charter Freeholder Board in 2013. Republican Precinct Committee Officer and Legislative District Coordinator;

Other Professional Experience Telecommunications professional for 22

years leaving as a Senior Engineer in 2014. Policy Analyst for the Board of Clark County Councilors from 2014 to 2016. I am a small business owner, providing expertise to local communications companies since 2017.

Education No information submitted
Community Service I served in Toastmasters to help people improve their communications skills for 10 years. I founded Torah Tree of Life Ministries to teach biblical principles and minister to the poor.

Statement Clark County residents deserve leadership that delivers real results, not just talk. That’s why I sponsored Charter Amendments that will prioritize public safety, produce budget transparency, remove ambiguity, and restore checks and balances to our Charter. I will continue working to protect taxpayers, reduce unnecessary government interference, and promote practical, citizen focused solutions.

As a 56-year Clark County resident raised in La Center, who built a home, raised a family, and runs a business here, I understand the values and priorities of our community because I have lived them my entire life. I care deeply about protecting our quality of life and ensuring Clark County remains a place where families can afford to live, work, and succeed.

My four thousand hours of experience working in the Council Office and current service on the Charter Review Commission means I will hit the ground running on day one. I will continue standing with law enforcement, prioritizing public safety, and make reducing crime a priority. I will be promoting housing affordability, and work to deliver parks, trails, and infrastructure our community deserves.

If you want a citizen focused representative who will deliver, I respectfully ask for your support.

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Clark County

Prosecuting Attorney



Laurel Smith

Elected Experience None

Other Professional Experience
Clark County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, 2012 - Present. Senior Deputy Prosecutor with supervisory experience leading attorneys and staff in specialized units, including domestic violence and child abuse. Presenter on topics including child abuse, domestic violence,

and prosecutorial best practices at state and national trainings. Judge Pro Tempore, Clark County District Court, 2022 - Present.

Education J.D., Lewis and Clark Law School; B.A., International Security and Conflict Resolution, San Diego State University.

Community Service Member of Vancouver Sunrise Rotary Club, immediate past Vice President of George & Donald Simpson Inns of Court, past member of Washington State Bar Association’s Court Rules and Procedures Committee.

Statement It is my honor to serve Clark County as a Senior Deputy Prosecutor. For more than a decade, I have prosecuted some of the most serious and complex cases, including homicides, sexual assaults, and crimes against children. I have dedicated my career to seeking justice for victims and ensuring accountability for those who commit crimes.

My career as a trial attorney and as a supervisor has required not only legal expertise, but strong judgment, a sense of fairness, and the ability to lead through difficult and high-stakes work. I have a proven record of achieving justice. I train prosecutors and work closely with law enforcement, victim advocates, and community partners. And I advocate for laws that make our community a safer place to live.

I care about how we at the Prosecutor’s Office serve the public. The safety of our community is of the utmost importance. As Prosecutor, I will continue to work tirelessly to hold offenders accountable and use smart, evidence-based approaches that make our community safer.

Clark County is my home. I am committed to ensuring our justice system is fair, effective, and rooted in integrity. I respectfully ask for your vote.

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Clark County

Sheriff



John Horch

Elected Experience *Elected Clark County Sheriff*

Other Professional Experience
Oversee all records and enforcement operations, employees and financial budget at the Clark County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO). Enforcement Chief, Drug Task Force Commander, Major Crimes, Internal Affairs, FBI Organized Crime

Task Force. Bomb Technician. Member: Western States Sheriffs Association, Washington State Police and Sheriff’s Association.

Education *BS degree in Organizational Leadership. Graduate: FBI Command College and FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA.*

Community Service *Board Member: Child Justice Center, Law & Justice Council, Santa’s Posse. PAL Volunteer. Supports Lifeline Connections Sobering Unit and Crisis Wellness Center, Young Life, Clark County Food Bank, Open House Ministries.*

Statement It has been an honor to serve as your Sheriff over the past four years. The Sheriff’s Office has made significant progress in keeping our community safe. We increased staffing for patrol, investigations, and support services, which help reduce response times. The Body Worn Camera program was introduced to enhance transparency and accountability while protecting deputies. Investments in tools such as the Grappler have improved our ability to safely apprehend offenders and protect victims. In collaboration with other regional law enforcement partners, we opened the SW Washington Police Academy to raise training standards and efficiency. CCSO also expanded community engagement through public forums, neighborhood outreach, communications, and social media.

Even with these improvements, the Sheriff’s Office remains among the lowest-funded agencies in the state based on the officer-to-citizen ratio. Increasing CCSO staffing will remain my top priority. Additional deputies will enable dedicated positions for traffic enforcement, retail theft, major crimes, child victim support, drug investigations, warrants, civil, and evidence units.

I ask for your vote to build a safer, stronger community.

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Clark County
Treasurer



Alishia Topper

Elected Experience Clark County Treasurer (2019 – Present); Councilmember, City of Vancouver (2014 – 2018).

Other Professional Experience Clark County Treasurer; Washington State Association of County Treasurers, Immediate Past-President; Government Finance Officers Association, Member;

Washington Public Treasurers Association, Member; State of Washington Notary Public Appointment; Vancouver Public Schools; Fort Vancouver National Trust.

Education Master of Public Administration, Portland State University; Certified Public Funds Investment Manager; B.S. in Psychology; B.A. in Foreign Languages and Literatures, WSU-Pullman; Graduate Battle Ground High School with Honors; Amboy Middle School.

Community Service Columbia Credit Union Supervisory Committee; Vancouver Housing Authority, Commissioner.

Statement It is an honor to serve as your Clark County Treasurer. In this role, I am entrusted with safeguarding public funds, ensuring compliance with the law, and making sound financial decisions in the best interest of our county and local governments. I take this responsibility seriously and remain committed to continuous improvement, exceptional customer service, reliability, accuracy, transparency and accountability. I believe strong leadership starts with service, which is why every member of the Treasurer’s Office is committed to serving taxpayers with professionalism and care.

As the steward of your tax dollars, my office manages an investment pool portfolio exceeding \$1 billion and last year allocated \$47 million in interest earnings, the highest in the pool’s history. I also assisted two local school districts through short-term lending to help ensure stable cash flow and uninterrupted operations. In addition, my office received accreditation for our investment policy and annual report to citizens, while also earning clean financial and performance audits with no findings.

If elected, I will continue to safeguard tax dollars, invest wisely for positive returns, and ensure we follow financial best practices.

I would be honored to continue this work on your behalf. Vote Alishia Topper!

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District Court
Judge, Department No. 1



Kristen L. Parcher

Legal/Judicial Experience I am currently District Court Judge, Department 1, since 2018. Prior to that appointment I was a District Court Commissioner from 2011-2018.

Other Professional Experience I was an attorney with Vancouver Defenders providing indigent defense services to District Court, and also

worked as a family law attorney for Green & Ritchie.

Education University of Oregon, Juris Doctor; Washington State University, BA in Sociology

Community Service I am currently a member of Vancouver Sunrise Rotary Club here in Vancouver. I have served previously as a volunteer attorney and board member for the Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Statement It has been an honor and privilege to sit as a District Court judge. My promise is to continue to serve our community with intelligence, patience and empathy, never forgetting the importance of due process owed to court participants. I am proud of what District Court has accomplished and will continue to serve in furtherance of District Court’s mission to provide exceptional justice services, providing equitable access and treating everyone with fairness and respect. I look forward to the challenges facing our courts and will continue in this position with integrity and a commitment to continued learning to best handle the matters that come before me. I am humbled to serve in this position and thank you for your vote.

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District Court

Judge, Department No. 2



Chad E. Sleight

Legal/Judicial Experience
Clark County District Court Judge March 2017-present

Other Professional Experience
Pro Tem Judge Clark County District Court 2013-2017; Attorney at Law 2004-2017; Prosecutor for the cities of Battle Ground, Ridgefield, and La Center 2009-2017; Past President of the Clark County

Bar Association; Past President of the local chapter of the Donald Simpson Inns of Court; Past board member of the Clark County Volunteer Lawyers program

Education Juris Doctorate from Willamette University School of Law 2003; Bachelor of Arts from Western Washington University 2000; Camas High School 1996

Community Service No information submitted

Statement It has been an incredible honor and privilege to serve as a District Court Judge in the place that I was born and raised. I was appointed to the Bench by the Clark County Council in 2017, was re-elected in both 2018 and 2022, and hope to continue to serve this community as a judge for many years to come. The role of a judge is not only to preside over cases and make rulings, but also to treat people fairly and with respect. Judges have the ability to make a real difference in people's lives. Our Court is facing new challenges every day, and I am proud of the work we do in District Court to meet those challenges head on find solutions.

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District Court

Judge, Department No. 3



James B. Smith

Legal/Judicial Experience
District Court Judge for Clark County (appointed 2021, elected 2022).

Other Professional Experience
Law Clerk for Chelan County Superior Court. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Cowlitz County - served as Chief Criminal Deputy. Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Clark County

- served as the Team Leader for the Children's Justice Center. AR 6 Judge Pro Tem for Clark County Superior Court

Education Mississippi State University: BA magna cum laude. University of Mississippi School of Law: JD cum laude.

Community Service Vancouver Sunrise Rotary Club. YMCA Mock trial tournament rater and judge. George and Donald Simpson American Inn of Court. Street Law program presenter at local schools

Statement I am proud to have served the people of Clark County for the past 5 years as a District Court judge. I currently serve as the assistant presiding judge and also oversee the Veterans Therapeutic Court program. Prior to being appointed to the bench, I was in public service for 16 years as a deputy prosecutor. As an attorney, I handled some of the most serious cases in the criminal justice system including aggravated murder and child abuse. I also had the opportunity to argue many cases at the Washington Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.

As a judge, I know that each case is important to the people involved and the community as a whole. To that end, I always seek to be thoughtful, patient, and respectful to everyone. When making decisions, I am guided by the law, the facts of the case, and the Constitution. I am committed to improving our local court system and enjoy working with my fellow judges and others to do so. The courts are essential to ensure public safety, uphold the rule of law, and peacefully resolve civil disputes. I am honored by the opportunity to continue to serve in this role.

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District Court
Judge, Department No. 4



Leslie A. Lopez
Legal/Judicial Experience
Clark County District Court Judge (2025-present); Clark County District Court Commissioner (2024-2025); Pro Tempore Judge in Superior and District Courts (2023-2024); Chief Civil Deputy, Clark County Prosecutor’s Office (2021-2024); Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (2018-2021); Trial lawyer for municipalities (2009-2018).

Other Professional Experience DMCJA Diversity Committee; DMCJA Public Outreach; Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program; American Inns of Court; Washington Women Lawyers.

Education Juris Doctorate, Lewis & Clark Law School (2009); Bachelor of Science, Biola University (2001).

Community Service High School Mock Trial Judge/Rater; Clark County Food Bank; Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge; Winter Shelter volunteer; Court Appointed Special Advocate.

Statement It is an honor to serve as a Clark County District Court Judge, and I am seeking to continue serving the people of this County. I am committed to District Court and its mission: delivering exceptional justice services, ensuring equitable access to the court and its programs, treating everyone with fairness and respect, and promoting diversity in our community and operations. I strive to live these values every day.

I commit myself to the oath of a District Court Judge: to support the Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington, and to perform the duties of my office faithfully and impartially, to the best of my ability. I will fulfill this oath and be of service to all who enter my courtroom.

I am honored to work with my fellow judges on developing processes for improvement to our court system. I am grateful to all court staff and colleagues as we navigate any issues that arise together. For my part, I will continue to focus my time, energy, and enthusiasm on being prepared and conscientious, showing dignity and respect to all in my courtroom, and applying the rule of law fairly and impartially. Thank you for your support.

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District Court
Judge, Department No. 5



Megan D. Peyton
Legal/Judicial Experience
Judge Megan Peyton began serving on the Clark County District Court Bench in January of 2026. Before taking the bench , Judge Peyton provided indigent defense services in Clark County starting as an intern in 2007.

Other Professional Experience
Board member of the Clark County YWCA, member of the Clark County Bar Association and Inns of Court.

Education Juris Doctorate from Willamette University College of Law 2007; Bachelor of Arts Western Washington University 2003

Community Service Clark County YWCA, participated in Community Engagement Board for Evergreen School District as well as volunteer in Camas School District.

Statement I am truly honored to have been appointed by the Clark Council to be the Department 5 judge for Clark County District Court. It is where I began my legal career as an intern and where I learned how to be an attorney. I strongly believe that district court is a reflection of the issues and struggles our community faces on a daily basis. My goal everyday is to provide a courtroom that is impartial, fair and informative while also recognizing those issues and struggles of every community member that comes in to my courtroom.

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District Court

Judge, Department No. 6



Abigail E. Bartlett

Legal/Judicial Experience
Clark County District Court Judge (2021-present); Clark County District Court Commissioner (2017-2021); Clark County Prosecutor’s Office Senior Deputy Prosecutor (2006-2017).
Other Professional Experience
District Court Municipal Judges’ Association Diversity Committee

member; Clark County Bar Association Diversity Committee member; Clark County District Court DEI Council member.

Education University of Washington, Bachelor of Arts; Seattle University School of Law, Juris Doctor.

Community Service Washington State Bar Association Judge Pro Tem Training faculty; Vancouver School District Street Law presenter; Clark County College Careers in Justice System committee member; Mock Trial judge.

Statement It has been a privilege to serve Clark County as a District Court Judge. The courthouse is where our community comes to seek justice. My principal duty as a judge is to ensure that justice is accessible, transparent, and fair. I do this by listening to each participant fully, following the law and applying it equitably, explaining court proceedings in a way that makes sense, remaining free from outside influences, and treating everyone who enters my courtroom with respect. I am especially proud to preside over Treatment Alternative Court and DUI Court. In these programs, we work to reduce criminal recidivism and increase community safety by addressing the underlying substance abuse disorders that can lead to criminal behavior. Outside of court, I believe our justice system works best when our community is engaged with it. That is why I regularly dedicate time to educating our youth on the rule of law and introducing them to careers in the justice system. I reside in Clark County with my husband, our 10- and 13-year-old children, and two cats. Thank you for the continued opportunity to serve you.

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Public Utility District No. 1 of Clark County

Commissioner, District No. 3



Jane A. Van Dyke

Elected Experience Clark Public Utilities Commissioner
Other Professional Experience
Member Washington Bar Association and American Public Power Association Policy Makers Council. Active and past president of Washington Public Utilities Districts Association. Worked as Executive Director for Clark County

Volunteer Lawyers, Clark County Bar Association, Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center, Columbia Slough Watershed Council.

Education University of California Santa Barbara BA, Lewis and Clark Northwestern School of Law JD, University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs-NonProfit Leadership

Community Service Board leadership with EOFC Head Start, Columbia Land Trust, Vancouver Sunrise Rotary, and Columbia River Economic Development Council. Volunteer with Stream Team and Clark County Food Bank.

Statement As your Clark Public Utilities Commissioner, I promote outstanding customer service, energy and water conservation and efficiency, effective management, and community and environmental programs.

With excellent employee work, we are a winner of the J.D. Power customer satisfaction award and recognized as a Reliable Public Power Provider for reliable and safe electric service including workforce development and system improvement. Conservation and power and water efficiencies allowed the utility to avoid costly investments. We exceeded our regional energy conservation goals. And we supported rooftop and community solar. As needs change, the Integrated Resource and Water System plans will drive future conservation and resource acquisitions. The utility operates effectively, one electrical rate increase in 15 years and one water rate increase in 13 years. Operation Warm Heart, Senior Rate Credit and other programs assist income limited customers. Plus tree planting, watershed restoration, and student field trips inform and improve our community.

Utilities are increasingly complex, carbon-free energy requirements and rising electric and water demands. I'll advocate for power and water at nonprofit rates and use my experience, commitment, and background to meet our power and water supply, reliability, and infrastructure challenges.

I hope to earn your vote for my re-election.

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Public Utility District No. 1 of Clark County

Commissioner, District No. 3



Gordon Matthews

Elected Experience Former PCO.

Other Professional Experience

44 years in the electrical utility industry: 12 years, Georgia Power Research Center. As craftsman, worked full time while completing engineering degree. Attained Sr. Research Engineer. 32 years, BPA, 14 different assignments across BPA managing Laboratories, Technology

Innovation, corporate strategy, business practices, rate design and large programs.

Education Licensed Engineer, BSME (Georgia Tech).

Community Service Life-long environmentalist, advocating for carbon-free energy since 1970s. Avid cyclist, cross country skier and paddler. I like restoring cars and houses. Married 44 years. Son, his wife, two grandchildren all Vancouver residents. Vancouver resident since 1992. Endorsed by Washington Conservation Action.

Statement Clark PUD is well run, providing affordable services reliably. But decarbonizing and electrifying everything pose new challenges and requiring new thinking.

The BPA hydro system can no longer deliver our full requirements - we aren't building more dams, and climate change means snowpack is diminishing. Solar can go far to meet our needs, but we need a lot. Changing how we build solar will help. Partnering with Eastside Public Utilities to build solar *there* translates to 150% of generation from the same investment. Changing community solar programs means we can benefit both from more generation and from the dividends of our investments. (MatthewsForClarkPUD.org for details)

Why vote for me? I have over 40 years experience encompassing every aspect of our electrical system. I have the knowledge, skills and abilities to help transition on how we get and use electricity. I can help CPUD make the changes to continue its success.

I've lived in Clark County most of my life, and am so grateful to call our planet's best place home. I also have two grandchildren who deserve to enjoy the same quality of life I have. We face many changes, but these changes will make our lives even better!

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Clark County

Proposed Charter Amendment No. 19
Concerning a Limitation on Consecutive Terms for County Council Members

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 26-20 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, concerning a limitation on consecutive terms for County Council members. If approved, this amendment would limit the number of consecutive terms a County Council member could sit to three terms, with eligibility restored after one full term out of office.

Should this amendment be:

To vote, use your official ballot.

STATEMENT FOR

More Choices. Fresh Voices.

Amendment 19 brings local term limits to the Clark County Council by limiting members to three consecutive terms. Periodic open seat elections encourage a broader field of qualified candidates, giving voters more choices. New Council members add different perspectives and strengthen the Council’s connection to Clark County residents.

Experience Still Matters

This amendment values experience gained through public service while making room for others to serve. Twelve years gives Council members ample time to learn the job, represent residents, provide steady leadership, build relationships, and complete major work. This is not a lifetime ban: former Council members may run again after one full term away from office.

Voters Decide. More Citizens Serve.

Voters decide whether to establish this limit and continue choosing who serves in each election. Amendment 19 simply limits how many consecutive terms a person may serve on the Council. The amendment expands public service opportunities and prevents long term incumbency from becoming a problem on the County Council.

Clear Rules. Same Council Role.

The amendment establishes clear rules that apply equally to Council members. Changing Council positions does not restart the count. Current service and earlier terms served without a break count toward the limit. The Council remains Clark County’s elected legislative body with the same powers and responsibilities. Vote to approve Amendment 19 and bring reasonable term limits to Clark County.

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

County records show Commissioner Betty Sue Morris served three consecutive terms (1996 to 2008). Opponents say Councilors need one term to learn. Amendment 19 allows three terms, up to 12 years. That is ample time to serve and lead. Staggered terms preserve institutional knowledge. Long incumbencies deepen special interest ties and discourage challengers. Open seats enhance democratic choice. Only consecutive terms are limited. After a full term away, voters may return a former Councilor.

Clark County

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Clark County Charter Review Commission proposes adding a new charter section limiting County Council members to three consecutive terms, with eligibility restored after one full term out of office. All consecutive service, including prior service, counts toward the limit, and serving more than half a term is treated as a full term.

STATEMENT AGAINST

We ask the voters of Clark County to reject term limits on County Councilors and vote No. Voters should continue to decide whom to reelect to the Clark County Council.

Term Limits: A Solution in Search of a Problem

Clark County Councilors are elected to four-year terms. At that time, each councilor faces voters and makes their case for reelection. No Clark County Councilor or Commissioner has served more than two terms in 36 years. Voters, not the Charter, decided to remove those who overstayed their welcome.

Term Limits Empower Special Interests

The County Council makes important decisions on a broad range of issues: taxation, land use, transportation, and public health. Councilors need at least one term to learn the complexities of their role. Term limits reduce the institutional knowledge shared by returning councilors. As a result, councilors might rely more on outside interest groups or executive branch officials to guide their decision-making. These people do not face term limits and in some cases never face the voters.

Term Limits Ignore Voter Preferences

Limiting a councilor to three consecutive terms restricts voter choice. Popular councilors who represent the people well may earn another term; unresponsive councilors may not. In this way, elections hold councilors accountable. A lame duck — an official who can't be reelected because of term limits — may not work to represent voters. When a councilor does a poor job, the voters should decide their political future. *Vote No on Proposed Amendment 19.*

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

The proponents say “Voters Decide,” but term limits do the opposite: they prevent voters from reelecting an experienced Councilor they believe is doing a good job. We already have competitive elections and regular Council turnover. No evidence is offered that long-term incumbency is a problem or that forced turnover produces better government. Elections provide accountability while preserving voter choice. Don't replace the judgment of the voters with an arbitrary twelve-year limit. *Vote No!*

Clark County

Proposed Charter Amendment No. 20
Concerning a Revised Budget Transparency Process

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 26-10 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, concerning a revised budget transparency process. If approved, this amendment would establish a new timeline for the submission of budget information, presentation, and adoption of the Clark County budget earlier than those dates set in Chapter 36.40 RCW.

Should this amendment be:

To vote, use your official ballot.

STATEMENT FOR

A vote for a more open and public budget process is a vote for the responsible, transparent, and efficient use of taxpayer funds. In 2025, the first public presentation of the budget was October 29th and the budget was adopted on December 2nd with almost no public involvement. Most people are engaged with elections and holidays during that time.

The amendment moves some county budget deadlines back slightly and requires the first public presentation of the proposed budget to be made the first week of September, a second presentation in October, and the final budget adoption hearing be held in November. Moving the public presentation to this time will give the people better visibility to the county’s almost \$900-million budget, give them time to investigate and provide feedback, and give the council more time to consider that input and direct the process.

There is nothing that the county does that impacts the people’s lives more than the adoption of the budget and any proposed tax increases required to implement it. The people should have more visibility to the deliberative process and proposed funding so they can make sure the budget reflects the values and priorities of the people.

A budget process that is more transparent and facilitates the involvement of the public will equip us to work together to meet our community’s future needs and challenges. Vote Yes on Proposition 20 for budget transparency. For more info, visit www.clarkcharterreview.com

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

Clark County followed all state required budget adoption procedures last year, and public involvement was minimal. The Council could have encouraged greater public participation but has not. The Charter exists to strengthen local control and already modifies and defines key budget process requirements. The people deserve greater transparency and accountability, and the Charter is an appropriate place to incorporate these guiding principles. Please review RCW 42.30.010.

Clark County

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Clark County's Charter Review Commission proposes to improve budget transparency and public participation by revising the county's annual budget timeline. The amendment establishes earlier deadlines for departments to submit budget estimates, requires the County Manager to provide preliminary budget information to the Council and the public, and mandates public meetings before final budget adoption. The revised process aims to ensure clearer financial planning, more time for review, and greater community involvement.

STATEMENT AGAINST

Vote *no* on Amendment 20 to revise the budget process. The County already follows state rules, deadlines, and budget requirements to make sure the budget is completed correctly and on time.

Adjust the Process, Not the Charter

No Charter amendment is needed because the Charter already allows this flexibility. County leaders and the County Council can add steps or set earlier deadlines if they want to. The Charter does not need to include all the details of how the budget process works. If better instructions or earlier deadlines are needed, County leaders and Councilors can update their rules and procedures.

The Charter Sets the Basic Rules for County Government

The Charter provides the basic framework for how county government works. This proposal adds process details that do not belong in the Charter. Adding these details could make it harder for the county to improve the budget process in the future. Keeping the Charter focused on the big-picture structure gives staff the flexibility to use the most effective and efficient budget process possible.

Vote No!

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

Nothing in the Charter prevents the County from preparing the budget with the deadlines and rules proposed in this amendment.

The County can change existing rules and procedures when needed or desired. Let's not take away the flexibility the current Charter allows our county officials. No Charter Amendment is needed. Keep it simple. Vote No.

Clark County

Proposed Charter Amendment No. 21
Concerning Revised Council Powers Regarding Boards and Commissions

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 26-23 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, concerning revised Council powers regarding boards and commissions. If approved, this amendment would give the County Council the concurrent authority with the County Manager to nominate members to all boards and commissions, with the exception of the Ethics Review Commission.

Should this amendment be:

To vote, use your official ballot.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
The Clark County Charter Review Commission proposes an expansion of the County Council’s authority to concurrently nominate members to certain boards and commissions—excluding the Ethics Review Commission. The amendment revises Section 2.4.H of the Home Rule Charter to allow the council to share nomination power with the County Manager, while retaining final appointment authority.

STATEMENT FOR
Amendment 21 gives our County Council the ability to submit community members for consideration to the volunteer boards and commissions that help keep our County running.

Currently, the Council can only nominate volunteers to the Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, and the Board of Equalization. This amendment expands that ability to include other boards and commissions, now and in the future, with the important exception of the Ethics Review Commission.

This could potentially reduce the burden on county staff to fill spots on these commissions and increase the Council's ability to keep these important volunteer roles filled. Councilors hear from the community often and they can help ensure that those who want to contribute can.

A yes vote will make this common-sense adjustment to our Charter.

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

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Clark County

Proposed Charter Amendment No. 22
Concerning a Clarification of Nonpartisan Office Elections

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 26-01 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, concerning a clarification of nonpartisan office elections. If approved, this amendment clarifies if two or less county candidates file for a race in the Primary, that race will bypass the Primary and proceed directly to the General Election. Nonpartisan elections for county offices shall be held in accordance with the procedures established in state law for nonpartisan elections, and shall occur in even numbered years.

Should this amendment be:

To vote, use your official ballot.

STATEMENT FOR

Charter Amendment 22 Clarifies Nonpartisan Elections

Charter Amendment 22 removes nonpartisan county races from the Primary ballot when there are only one or two candidates and places them directly on the General Election ballot. This is how other nonpartisan races already work, like city councilors, fire district commissioners, and school board members. Elections would still happen in even-numbered years, when most voters turn out.

In 2021, more than 64% of voters chose to make all county offices nonpartisan. They wanted officials to answer to all citizens, not just one party. But the voting process itself never changed. Today, every candidate still appears on the primary ballot, even when only one or two people file. State law already skips primaries for nonpartisan races with one or two candidates. This amendment applies that same money-saving rule to county races. Primaries exist to narrow down large fields of candidates to the top two vote-getters. With only one or two candidates, there is nothing left to narrow.

Charter Amendment 22 Saves Taxpayer Money

Every election costs taxpayers money. The county must print and mail ballots and voters’ pamphlets and list each candidate. When a race only has one or two candidates, listing them on both the primary and general election ballot uses taxpayer dollars unwisely. For instance, five races on your current ballot had two or fewer candidates file but still appeared on the primary ballot.

Vote to approve Charter Amendment 22—save tax dollars and stop unnecessary primaries!

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

The outcome of the primary elections in question is already determined. The election itself serves no purpose. If this amendment passes, candidates can still campaign, fundraise, and attend forums the moment they file — primary or not. Incumbents have name recognition; an unnecessary primary will not change that; it just costs more. The opponents want an extra opportunity for candidate names to be printed on a ballot and voters’ pamphlet at taxpayer expense. *Approve Amendment 22!*

Clark County

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Clark County Charter Review Commission proposes to clarify that several county offices—including Council members, Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, and Prosecuting Attorney—remain nonpartisan. If two or less county candidates file for a race in the Primary, that race will bypass the Primary and Proceed directly to the General Election. The amendment requires these positions to follow procedures for nonpartisan elections under state law and mandates that both primary and general elections occur in even-numbered years.

STATEMENT AGAINST

The purpose of an election is not simply to produce a winner. It is to give voters a fair and informed opportunity to evaluate those asking to represent them. Under this amendment, when two or fewer candidates file for an affected county nonpartisan office, the race would not appear on the August primary ballot, and the candidates would not appear in the Primary Voters' Pamphlet. Voters would lose months of publicly provided information about candidates seeking offices responsible for elections, public safety, criminal justice, property assessment, and other vital services.

Elections are the citizens' interview process. The primary election introduces candidates, encourages public discussion, and gives voters time to compare qualifications before November. It also gives first-time candidates valuable exposure and feedback about whether their message is reaching voters. Incumbents already have name recognition and results from previous campaigns. Eliminating the primary creates a built-in advantage for incumbents while challengers lose months to introduce themselves and build public support.

Supporters cite election cost savings. But administrative savings are a poor trade for delaying voter information and reducing opportunities for candidates to compete fairly. Elections should serve voters first. The proposed amendment also embeds even-numbered-year county elections in the Charter, when ballots already include federal and state contests. Voters should retain the opportunity to reconsider election procedures in the future.

A County Charter should strengthen public participation, not diminish it. Vote Reject on Proposition 26-22. For more information, visit [opposecharteramendment22](#) on Facebook.

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

Primaries do more than narrow candidates; they inform voters. Amendment 22 removes one- and two-candidate county races from the Primary, delaying voters' opportunity to learn about and evaluate those candidates until the General Election. That benefits incumbents with greater name recognition and reduces public scrutiny of important county offices. Don't trade voter information, participation, and accountability for claimed savings. Vote *No* on Amendment 22.

Clark County

Proposed Charter Amendment No. 23
Concerning a Required Annual Report Publication by the County Manager

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 26-24 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, concerning a required annual report publication by the County Manager. If approved, the amendment would require the County Manager to present to the Council in a public meeting and publish broadly an annual statement of the County’s fiscal and government affairs, and any other report which the Council may deem necessary as well as annually prepare and present to the Council in a public meeting a budget and budget message setting forth the proposals for the forthcoming fiscal year.

Should this amendment be:

To vote, use your official ballot.

STATEMENT FOR

Amendment 23 makes two key updates to the Charter. It creates a clear requirement to produce an annual report of what's happening in our County government, and it requires the report to be published broadly.

These requirements strengthen a foundation of government transparency and accountability in Clark County and ensure that information is easy to find. Producing and publishing the report once per year requires a minimum level of oversight to our community without overburdening County employees.

Putting this in the Charter ensures that this reporting doesn't depend upon who's in office or on staff and that the public will always be made aware of this information.

We ask for your vote for this common-sense update seeking improved transparency and accountability in local government.

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

That positive results might favor an incumbent or poor results could favor a newcomer doesn't mean information should be withheld from voters. Delaying or withholding information can influence elections as well. Transparency is always in the public interest. This change would not negate any state law or other applicable restrictions.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Clark County Charter Review Commission proposes requiring the County Manager to prepare and broadly publish an annual statement of the county's fiscal and governmental affairs. This changes the report from optional to mandatory and ensures public accessibility. The amendment also reaffirms existing duties, including presenting the annual budget in a public meeting.

STATEMENT AGAINST

Against Charter Amendment #23. The primary change that Charter Amendment #23 makes to the County charter is that: "The county manager *must*: Present to the council in a public meeting *and publish broadly* an annual statement of the county's fiscal and governmental affairs, and any other report which they may deem necessary."

The committee concerns are that the broad publishing mandate is not restricted in relation to County elections. In years that County elected incumbents are running for re-election, or the county has put ballot measures out to voters, this proposed "publish broadly" mandate could be used to mail out information prior to the election that favors county incumbents or county ballot measures.

Our committee has noticed that some tax districts do mail out glowing multi-page colored print annual reports around 2 months or less prior to elections at which tax hikes are requested. Committees against these tax hikes have no taxpayer funded mailers ever. State law, *RCW 42.52.185*, Restrictions on Mailings by Legislators, does not allow legislators to send mailers at taxpayer expense during election season.

Mandating broad publishing ignores any election restrictions that should apply, and cost constraints that might limit the manner in which this information is published. This amendment should be Rejected. The Charter Review Committee can fix it next year if they deem it necessary.

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Reject Charter Amendment#23. If approved, "The county manager *must... publish broadly* an annual statement of the county's fiscal and governmental affairs, and *any other report* which they may deem necessary." The annual statement of fiscal and governmental affairs, or other reports can be easily posted at the county website instead of expensive countywide mailers. Amendment#23 allows the unelected county manager to create and publish broadly any report they choose, even during election seasons.

Clark County

Proposed Charter Amendment No. 24
Concerning a Requirement for a Housing Impact Analysis

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 26-07 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, concerning a requirement for a Housing Impact Analysis. If approved, this amendment would require prior to the adoption of any ordinance reasonably likely to have a direct and material impact upon residential housing capacity, density, permitting, subdivision requirements, parking requirements, applicable to residential development, or residential construction costs, the County shall publish a Housing Impact Analysis.

Should this amendment be:

To vote, use your official ballot.

STATEMENT FOR

Better Information. Better Housing Decisions.

For too many families, the dream of owning a home in Clark County is slipping further out of reach. This amendment ensures decisions affecting housing costs and housing supply are guided by greater transparency and better information before new land use and construction regulations are adopted.

Understanding Impacts Before Acting

This amendment does not dictate policy outcomes or prevent the County from adopting new regulations. It simply ensures elected officials and the public have reliable information about the potential impacts of important housing decisions before they are made. It applies only to discretionary decisions initiated by the County, not routine updates required by state law, focusing analysis where it matters while limiting unnecessary costs and delays.

Planning for Clark County's Future

Clark County is growing, and the choices we make today will influence whether families, workers, and future generations can continue to find opportunity here. Housing decisions have real consequences for the cost and availability of homes. By identifying potential impacts before regulations are adopted, this amendment helps avoid unintended consequences that could raise housing costs, limit housing opportunities, or make it harder for people to afford a home in Clark County.

An “Approved” vote supports transparent, accountable, and informed decision-making. Housing policy should be based on evidence and understanding, not guesswork. Families deserve to know how decisions made today could affect the cost and availability of housing tomorrow.

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Land use and development are among the most consequential decisions counties make, making the Charter an appropriate place to require transparency and accountability. Existing advisory boards do not analyze housing costs, while a similar requirement in Whatcom County has required no additional staff or monetary cost. Taxpayers bear the cost of poor housing decisions. Amendment 24 is not a cure-all, but a practical step to ensure Councilors consider housing costs and consequences before acting.

Clark County

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Clark County Charter Review Commission proposes requiring a Housing Impact Analysis before adopting any ordinance that could affect housing capacity, development rules, or construction costs. The analysis must evaluate impacts on housing supply, land availability, permitting efficiency, and production costs, using accepted planning or economic methods. It applies only to discretionary county-initiated ordinances, excluding ministerial updates required by state law.

STATEMENT AGAINST

This proposal attempts to address a pressing policy issue in the wrong place — the county charter. This amendment’s required reports would provide little benefit to the public, but the costs associated with creating each of them would be paid by taxpayers. *Please vote No on Amendment 24.*

Micromanages Policy Process

The Charter provides the framework for county government. Amendments not relating to the structure, organization, and governance of the county are not appropriate. This proposed amendment is an example of overreach and micromanagement. Housing and land use policy and priorities should be left to the Council, where current needs can be assessed at public hearings. The county already hears about how its decisions affect housing costs through the Development Engineering Advisory Board and the Planning Commission.

Housing Affordability Not Caused by County Policy

Home construction costs are outside of the county’s control. Construction engineering standards are driven largely by state and federal regulations. Local land use planning decisions, codes, and policies do not cause housing shortages. If they did, the rate of purchases by first time homebuyers and median-buyer households would be lower in Clark County than in other Washington counties. This is not the case.

Not a solution, please vote no.

The proponents of Amendment 24 state this amendment will help “reduce unintended cost increases” on housing. More analysis will not solve the problem of housing affordability. This amendment would cost taxpayers for issues the County cannot control—high interest rates and state and federal mandates. *Vote No!*

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This proposal doesn't do anything to address housing affordability or the American dream of owning a home. Instead, it puts in the Charter what should be County Council policy decisions. Either there will be a report that is repurposed from analysis that already has been or is being done by county staff or a requirement to hire outside consultants before proposing a new regulation. This does not add transparency, it adds costly bureaucracy. *Vote No!*

Clark County

Proposed Charter Amendment No. 25
Concerning the Requirement of Supermajority Approval by Council for County Taxes

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 26-08 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, concerning the requirement of supermajority approval by Council for County taxes. If approved, after January 1, 2027, this amendment would require any new councilmanic tax assessed, levied, or increased to have a two-third affirmative vote by the Council. Also, if approved, this amendment would not apply to fees, rates and charges, special assessments, or existing taxes levied prior to adoption of the amendment or any renewal or reauthorization of those taxes not seeking an increased tax rate.

Should this amendment be:

To vote, use your official ballot.

STATEMENT FOR

Tax Increases Should Require Broad Support

When families and businesses are already paying more for everyday expenses, government should think carefully before asking taxpayers to pay even more. This amendment raises the standard for future council-approved tax increases by requiring a minimum two-thirds affirmative vote of the County Council before a new councilmanic tax may be assessed, levied, or increased.

A supermajority requires Councilmembers to work across political lines and build greater consensus before raising taxes. Requiring broad support also provides greater tax predictability for households and businesses, encouraging long-term investment and responsible planning.

This does not change any current tax or fee. It does not reduce or eliminate any current county service or program. Clark County will continue providing essential services, including public safety, roads, and parks.

Instead, this amendment protects taxpayers from future tax increases approved by only a narrow majority while encouraging future County Councils to build broader support before asking taxpayers to pay more. At a time when families and businesses face rising costs, this added safeguard helps ensure tax increases are carefully considered before they are approved. An *“Approved”* vote supports greater consensus before raising taxes. Tax increases deserve broader support.

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

Amendment 25 does not claim to cut taxes, nor does it cut funding or services. Funding can still be approved by a Council supermajority or voters, including for public safety on this ballot. The County faces rising costs, but so do families and businesses. Calling this “veto power” ignores the alternative: just three councilors can impose a new tax on 550,000 Clark County residents. Amendment 25 simply requires broader support for Council-imposed tax increases.

Clark County

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Clark County Charter Review Commission proposes requiring a two-thirds supermajority vote of the County Council to approve any new councilmanic tax or increase to such a tax beginning January 1, 2027. The amendment defines “new councilmanic tax” and excludes existing taxes, fees, rates, and special assessments. The measure aims to strengthen fiscal oversight and limit tax increases without broad council support.

STATEMENT AGAINST**Not a Tax Cut**

Please vote *No* on the proposed supermajority amendment. This amendment will not cut your taxes because most taxes are not set by the County Council. Counties already have tight limits on raising taxes, and voters must approve extra taxes such as bonds and levies. County Council has not taken tax increases lightly. In 7 of the last 14 years, they did not approve the 1% property tax increase allowed by law.

Threatens Services You Rely On

By not increasing taxes by 1%, Clark County has had a hard time keeping up with services people expect and that the state requires. A supermajority requirement makes it harder for the Council to fund law and justice which is 73% of the county's budget. Approximately 1/3 of this goes to the Sheriff's Office. Maintaining roads, providing timely permits, funding parks, and insuring water quality might also decline without the 1% increase.

Gives Veto Power to a Super-Minority

The supermajority requirement sounds like a simple 2/3 rule, but with only 5 councilors, 2/3 means 4 out of 5 or 80% of councilors must agree. This would make Clark County the most restrictive in Washington. Allowing 2 councilors to control county funding puts public services at risk. *Vote No* on proposed Amendment 25!

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

Don't be fooled. The pro statement is right about one thing: this won't lower your taxes or cost of living. It only limits *a small fraction* of your taxes — those that include funding parks and public safety. A minority's veto could starve that funding while costs keep rising. Real predictability means services that keep pace with inflation — not fiscal paralysis. Council seats are nonpartisan — there's no reason to limit its authority for a fake "consensus."

Clark County

Proposed Charter Amendment No. 26
Concerning the Initiative, Mini-Initiative, and Referenda Process

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 26-40 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, concerning the initiative, mini-initiative, and referenda process. If approved, this amendment would reduce the number of signatures necessary for initiatives and referendums from 10% to 8%; remove calculation requirements of required signatures based on the number of votes cast within unincorporated areas of the County at the date the initiative and referendum is initiated; allow for initiatives without sufficient signatures have possible opportunity to become a mini-initiative; and permit the Auditor’s Office to limited use statistical sampling techniques for signature verification.

Should this amendment be:

To vote, use your official ballot.

STATEMENT FOR

Charter Amendment 26 makes Citizen Participation more Achievable
Charter Amendment 26 makes it easier for Clark County citizens to have a voice in their government. The amendment would lower the verified-signature requirement for initiative and referendum petitions from 10% to 8%. It would also let valid signatures from an unsuccessful initiative transfer to a mini-initiative once the 3% threshold is met, so public support is not wasted.

For petitions affecting only unincorporated Clark County, the required number of signatures would be calculated using the same method as petitions affecting the entire county. The County Auditor may also use random statistical sampling to verify petition signatures, by sampling at least 3,000 submitted signatures. The amendment also protects petitioners by ensuring that no petition can be rejected based solely on statistical sampling. According to the Elections Office, statistical sampling would reduce staff time when reviewing signatures and would lower county costs.

This amendment is a practical step toward making Clark County government more responsive to its citizens. The charter gives residents the power of initiative and referendum, but since Clark County adopted home rule in 2014, no citizen petition has qualified for the ballot. One major barrier is the current signature requirement. This amendment would make the process more accessible while preserving the safeguards needed to ensure petitions have meaningful public support.

With bipartisan support, Charter Amendment 26 offers a balanced way to strengthen public participation while keeping important safeguards in place. *Vote to Approve Proposed Charter Amendment 26!*

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Unlike the 2022 proposal, this proposal doesn’t require the Prosecuting Attorney’s opinion on local initiative powers to appear on petitions or ballots. Lowering the signature threshold from 10% to 8% still requires strong public support and preserves verification safeguards. Other counties’ experience shows lower thresholds do not unleash a flood of initiatives. Amendment 26 gives Clark County citizens a more achievable path to use their Charter-protected initiative and referendum rights.
Vote to Approve!

Clark County

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Clark County Charter Review Commission proposes to revise Article 7 of the Home Rule Charter, lowering signature requirements for initiatives and referenda from 10% to 8% and allowing insufficient initiative signatures to qualify as mini-initiatives. The amendment standardizes signature calculations for measures affecting unincorporated areas and permits the County Auditor to use statistical sampling for signature verification.

STATEMENT AGAINST

In 2022 in Clark County a similar measure to reduce the required signature percentages for initiatives and referenda was rejected by 59% of the vote. While this version adds a technical change in how the Election's office certifies initiatives by permitting statistical sampling for signature verification, the proposed lower thresholds are the same as the ones which voters rejected in 2022. With attention focused on election integrity, all signatures should be verified.

Does lowering the threshold for initiatives work? Both Whatcom and Snohomish Counties passed charter amendments to lower these thresholds. Even with these lower thresholds, no initiatives have made it to the ballot.

Please vote Against this amendment.

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

How can this amendment be more "democratic" when all signatures to a petition are not verified? It encourages bad behavior and does not support election integrity. How can this amendment be more responsive to the voters of Clark County when they defeated a similar amendment by a large majority? When does No not mean No? Vote *No*!

Clark County

Proposed Charter Amendment No. 27
Concerning Legislative Branch Performance Audits

The Clark County Charter Review Commission adopted Resolution No. 26-14 proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter, concerning legislative branch performance audits. If approved, the amendment would permit the County Council to conduct, or cause to be conducted, performance and program audits to review the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs and operations of the County. Also, if approved, this amendment would require the County Council to establish by ordinance within the legislative branch an independent county auditing process.

Should this amendment be:

To vote, use your official ballot.

STATEMENT FOR

A vote for performance audits is a vote for responsible, transparent, and efficient use of taxpayer funds. This amendment would give the county council, the representatives of the people, the power to conduct audits of county departments or programs as part of their legislative duties.

Performance auditing has been shown to improve the efficient use of funds in government operations. The county auditor already conducts routine audits of county finances. This amendment does not duplicate or replace those efforts. This amendment specifically addresses auditing department operations or programs. It grants the power to conduct independent audits to the body that approves the budget for those departments and operations, the county council.

Auditing departments or programs for effectiveness should be one of the considerations for continuing a program or operation. Other Washington charter counties have given this power to their representatives and believe auditing is a way to maximize cost savings, improve program effectiveness and efficiency, and maintain best practices.

This amendment gives the council the discretion to define the scope of the audit and determine if a county employee, the auditor’s department, or an outside contractor will conduct it. This flexibility will maximize the efficient use of the audit process. Direct access to information produces better policy and the council is responsible for policy and the budget. Give the council this tool to do it better. Vote Yes on Proposition 27 performance audits. For more info, visit www.clarkcharterreview.com

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

The Council currently can only request an audit. The auditor isn’t required to conduct it. Charter Amendment 27 does not duplicate any existing financial audits or require any audit be performed. There is therefore no expense added by this amendment. It gives the Council discretionary power to audit a department or program when needed and to choose the most cost-effective approach to do it. More efficient use of taxpayer funds will be the result.

Clark County

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Clark County Charter Review Commission proposes to authorize the County Council to initiate independent performance audits of county programs and operations. The amendment creates new Charter Sections 2.7 and 2.8, establishing an auditing process aimed at improving transparency, efficiency, and responsible stewardship of public resources. Audits may be conducted by qualified independent contractors using generally accepted government auditing standards. Annual state-mandated audits will continue unchanged.

STATEMENT AGAINST

Council Already Part of the Audit Process

Please vote no on Charter Amendment 27. County Councilors can already request audits. Any Clark County resident can also ask for an audit. An Audit Oversight Committee reviews requests, and a County Councilor is always on that committee. The Council already has a voice in the audit process.

State Provides Free Outside Review

If a Councilor wants an outside review, the Washington State Auditor's Office already offers one for free. County staff have used this service before. Hiring private audit firms costs taxpayers money, and those firms do not answer to voters. We should not spend extra money on something we already can get at no cost.

Extra Audits Will Add Expense

Our county already has strong audits. We pay the Washington State Auditor's Office \$350,000 to \$400,000 each year for required audits. Amendment 27 would add new costs, not reduce them. Its Fiscal Analysis says it could cost taxpayers at least \$100,000 more each year. Costs could grow even higher. For example, Pierce County spends about \$600,000 a year on performance audits.

Why Pay More – In Taxes

Adding outside audits does not guarantee savings. Their recommendations can increase costs instead of reducing them. Our county already has a limited tax base and struggles to fund important services like public safety. We should not spend taxpayer money on reviews we already can get for free. Vote no on Charter Amendment 27.

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Janet Landesberg

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

This amendment wastes taxpayer funds as Council already passed an ordinance allowing any citizen or councilor to request a performance audit from the County Auditor's department. No evidence shows the existing law does not work. Taxpayers should not pay for outside audits when they can request one for free. Other charter counties have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on outside audits. This is not responsible, efficient use of taxpayer funds. Vote no.

Clark County

Proposition No. 12

Bonds for Public Safety and Criminal Justice Capital Infrastructure

The Clark County Council adopted Resolution 2026-07-08, concerning public safety and criminal justice infrastructure. This proposition would allow Clark County to acquire, construct, remodel, and equip public safety and criminal justice infrastructure in Clark County, including the remodel and expansion of the Clark County Jail and courtrooms and a new or remodeled Sheriff’s Office Headquarters; issue no more than \$366,204,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 31 years; and levy annual excess property taxes on all taxable property within Clark County to pay the bonds, pursuant to Resolution 2026-07-08.

Should this proposition be approved?

To vote, use your official ballot.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Clark County proposes a bond measure seeking approval to issue up to \$366,204,000 in general obligation bonds to upgrade public safety and criminal justice facilities. Funding would support remodeling and increasing jail capacity, adding additional courtrooms and building or renovating the Sheriff’s Office Headquarters. The bonds would mature within 31 years and be repaid through excess property tax levies. The Budget Office and Finance Team have reviewed fiscal impacts.

STATEMENT FOR

Public safety begins with a justice system that works. Clark County’s jail, the hub of the system, was built 40 plus years ago for a much smaller community. Today, it is overcrowded, outdated and unsafe. It no longer has the capacity to meet the needs of our growing county. Action to address this long-standing need is long overdue.

This measure would provide funding to expand *capacity* and update the Jail and related public safety infrastructure. It will create the space needed now and for the future to safely hold offenders accountable and improve staff safety. It will reduce the need to house inmates in other counties at higher cost. It will add much needed medical and addiction treatment and reentry services that reduce repeat crime and ultimately save money. It would also support improvements to court facilities and a new Sheriff’s Office headquarters displaced by the jail expansion.

Voters are concerned about affordability. The 30-year bond structure will reduce today’s costs to about \$86/year per median home. Why is this a good investment now? When there is not enough room in the jail, offenders may be released sooner than intended, reducing *public* confidence in the justice system. A properly sized jail helps ensure that people arrested for crimes can be held while their cases move through the courts, while also providing access to mental health, addiction treatment, and other humane services.

Accountability, safer neighborhoods, treatment and ultimately reduced costs are the strongest reasons to approve this investment.

Statement for and rebuttal of statement against submitted by:

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Sue Marshall

John Horch

After recruitment attempts, no person within the jurisdiction volunteered to write a statement against Proposition No. 12, and therefore no statements were submitted for:

STATEMENT AGAINST

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

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Clark County

Proposition No. 13**Levy Lid Lift for Public Safety and Criminal Justice Services**

The Clark County Council adopted Resolution 2026-07-09, concerning public safety and criminal justice services. This proposition would provide funds for public safety and criminal justice services, including additional correction deputies, sheriff deputies, prosecuting attorney staff, and other services. It authorizes a maximum regular property tax levy for collection in 2027 of \$1.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of approximately \$0.44 from 2026. The 2027 levy amount would be used to compute the limitations for subsequent levies under chapter 84.55 RCW. Qualifying persons are exempt under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved?

To vote, use your official ballot.

STATEMENT FOR

To have safe communities, we must have sufficient, highly trained law enforcement and corrections personnel. Clark County's population has grown, but public safety staffing has not kept pace. The deteriorating 42-year-old Clark County Jail requires additional corrections officers to operate safely. The Clark County Sheriff's Office has one of the lowest deputy-to-population ratios in Washington and the lowest among local law enforcement agencies in Clark County.

As Sheriff's staffing shortages have increased, emergency response times have grown, patrol coverage has been reduced, detectives have been reassigned from investigations to patrol, and some lower-priority crimes no longer receive an in-person response. Likewise, serious safety and health issues in the jail are increasing. We owe all of them safety.

Sufficient and visible law enforcement and jail staff are ultimately a deterrent to repeat crime, supporting compliance and treatment. This measure would fund additional sheriff deputies, correction officers, professional support staff, prosecuting attorney staff, and other criminal justice services. These investments will improve emergency response capacity, maintain essential public safety services, support the safe operation of an expanded county jail, and meet the needs of Clark County's growing population.

Why is this cost - approximately \$212 per year per median household - needed now? Because delay increases both cost and risk. Public safety depends on having enough trained personnel to quickly respond to emergencies, investigate serious crimes, operate a safe and secure jail, and provide the services residents expect now and in the future.

Statement for and rebuttal of statement against submitted by:

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John Horch

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

A larger jail cannot operate without people working in it. Proposition 13 is about more than staffing a future jail. It adds urgently needed Sheriff's deputies, corrections officers, prosecutors, and other criminal justice staff. Proposition 12 would fund the jail expansion. Proposition 13 staffs that expansion. Public safety requires both: adequate facilities and enough trained people to operate them and serve our growing community. Delay will increase costs and jeopardize safety for our community.

Clark County

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Clark County proposes a levy lid lift to generate additional revenue for public safety and criminal justice services. Funding would support staffing needs tied to the planned jail expansion, including correction deputies, sheriff's deputies, and prosecuting attorney staff. If approved, the measure would raise the 2027 regular property tax levy to \$1.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value, increasing the levy limit for future years, with exemptions for qualifying low-income seniors and disabled persons.

STATEMENT AGAINST

If approved, Proposition13 would authorize Clark County to levy property taxes in excess of limitations in RCW 84.55. The Property Tax Levy Rate would lift from \$0.71 per \$1000 of value to \$1.15 per \$1000 value in 2027. *That's 62% higher!* A property assessed at \$600,000 would pay ~\$690 for 2027 county property taxes, an increase of ~\$264. Recently, a County Council majority has raised county property taxes annually, and could continue annual tax hikes in future years.

Proposition13 would support staffing for Proposition12, an approximately \$366,204,000 jail expansion. *It's premature to raise taxes to staff a jail expansion that's not yet approved by voters!* Reject Proposition13 to staff the jail project until voters first approve capital costs for jail expansion.

In April 2026, Clark County Council separately approved a 0.1% Sales Tax for Criminal Justice. These funds are planned for additional Sheriff Officers, Jail Corrections Officers, Juvenile Detention Officers, court and support staff. *County employees are too expensive to hire in advance.* County salaries and benefits include retirement, health, life & disability insurance, holidays, vacation days that accrue, etcetera.

Taxing districts for Fire & EMS, Schools, Cities, Ports, Libraries etc. can also request tax hikes. Each tax increase for multiple tax districts adds up to higher property taxes, adversely impacting homeowners and businesses. Rental rates increase when property taxes rise. Senior Citizens, Persons with Disabilities, and others may qualify for property tax exemptions or reductions; applications are required. See County Assessor Department, <https://clark.wa.gov/assessor/property-tax-relief-programs>

Statement against and rebuttal of statement for submitted by:

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

The statement against was written prior to being allowed to see the statement in favor. After reading the statement in favor, the committee would have disbanded, or withdrawn the statement against, but that's not allowed under administrative rules. The statement favoring Proposition#13 offers numerous strong reasons to Approve it now, regardless of whether the jail expansion is approved. If the jail expansion is passed, additional criminal justice officers and staff will also be needed.

Battle Ground School District No. 119

Proposition No. 11

Student Safety, Academic Support, Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Battle Ground School District No. 119 adopted Resolution No. I-26, concerning funding for student safety, academic support, educational programs and operations. If approved, this proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expired levy, on all taxable property within the District for programs not funded by the State, including student safety, smaller classes, special education, reading and math support, curriculum, student activities, and preparing students for postsecondary education, employment, or military:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2027	\$1.76	\$37,025,000
2028	\$1.76	\$38,690,000
2029	\$1.76	\$40,430,000

as provided in Resolution No. I-26. Should this proposition be approved?

To vote, use your official ballot.

STATEMENT FOR

Great communities invest in children. We all benefit from being part of an educated, productive society. We all struggle when we aren't. If you need medical attention, you want your doctor to be able to diagnose and treat you. When a pipe bursts at your house, you need a good plumber to fix it. A competent workforce benefits you and your family. But it doesn't happen without strong public schools.

More education = less crime, higher property values
Educated workers aren't the only reason to support local funding. Research shows that investing in public schools reduces adult crimes. Students at better-funded schools were *15% less likely to be arrested by age 30*. Education also provides a return on investment for property values. A study found that *every \$1 a community spends on public schools increases home values by \$20*. An appreciating asset means better long-term financial stability for you and your family.

Local dollars = local control

The proposed levy is a direct response to local input. The district listened to community priorities. It responded to calls for lowering the amount. If this levy fails, the district is at risk of undergoing financial oversight, giving the state control over all financial decisions. Who is best suited to decide what happens in Battle Ground?

You deserve the best place to live, and students deserve the best public schools. Vote yes for our youth, yes for local control, yes for less crime and yes for a thriving community.

Statement for and rebuttal of statement against submitted by:

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

Yes, a good education system costs money. The board heard the community and lowered the amount while still planning to put resources toward what people said they value most. State law requires levy dollars to be placed in the general fund, where they are audited. Opponents admit schools face \$20 million in unfunded mandates. Cutting local funds won't fix that; it only threatens school safety, academic support, special education and extracurricular activities. Vote yes!

Battle Ground School District No. 119

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This proposition authorizes Battle Ground School District to replace the student educational programs and operations levy that expired in 2025. This replacement levy will be used to pay for student safety, academic support, educational programs and operations expenses that are not fully funded by the State, including, but not limited to: student safety, reading and math support, smaller class sizes, special education, curriculum, sports and extracurricular activities, and career readiness, including preparing students for postsecondary education, employment or military service. Further information is available on the District's website: battlegroundps.org. Exemptions from taxes may be available, contact Clark County Assessor 564-397-2391.

STATEMENT AGAINST

The levy has failed 3 times in the last 2 years. This is the fourth attempt. The district has cut programs and staff and says they will need to cut more if this levy doesn't pass. They say there are over \$20 million in un/under funded mandates. The Board considered four different levy options and choose #2. This will collect \$116,145,000 over 3 years. The last failure had asked for \$189,510,000. There was one lower cost option not chosen.

Test scores haven't improved. Student headcount and FTE's appears to show some decline in the last two years? Fewer students means less money from the state. We also pay school property taxes to the state as well as a Capital Levy (which runs out in 2027).

What will this cost you? If your home has an assessed value of \$650,000 it will cost you about \$1,144 per year or \$95.33 per month. Local and State school related taxes are 48-50% of total taxes. The state average spend per student is nearing \$20,000.

We need a good education system and that costs money. The question is how much money and what you can afford. The district asks you to trust their spending choices. Public suggestions included being specific about how and where the money would be spent. Unfortunately the levy language says all the money will go into the general fund. How will the district show how their spending improved outcomes? A detailed article will be available at www.swweducation.org.

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

If you have the money to give the levy might make sense. Do you need to make trade-offs? Do you need to pay your rent, buy groceries, put gas in the car and buy a new pair of shoes once in a while? What's the best use of your limited funds? The state already tells school districts what to do. Do you want schools to live within their means like you need to?

Clark County - Proposed Charter Amendment No. 19

Resolution No. 26-20

Clark County Charter Review Commission**Resolution No. 26-20 Limitation on Consecutive Terms for County Council Members**

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter, to establish a limitation on consecutive terms for members of the Clark County Council.

WHEREAS, in November 2025, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 14, 2026, and July 8, 2026, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on July 8, 2026, voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2026 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter to establish a limitation on consecutive terms for members of the Clark County Council; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment is intended to balance the value of experience in elected office with the recognized benefit of periodic turnover in elected office, broader access to public service opportunities, and regular open-seat elections; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment permits a person who has reached the three consecutive-term limit to regain eligibility after one full intervening term out of office; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendment is necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

SECTION 1. New. A new charter Section 6.7, Limitation on Consecutive Terms for County Council Members, is hereby proposed to be added to the Home Rule Charter as follows:

Section 6.7 Limitation on Consecutive Terms for County Council Members

No person shall be eligible to be elected to more than three consecutive terms as a member of the County Council. Service shall be considered consecutive unless separated by one full term during which the individual did not hold the office of County Councilmember. All service, including service prior to the effective date of this section, shall be counted in determining eligibility, provided it was consecutive. Service of more than one-half of a full term shall be deemed a full term for purposes of determining eligibility. Service in any County Council position shall be counted when determining eligibility.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This resolution proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

SECTION 3. Instructions for Submission. The Charter Secretary shall:

- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- B. The County Auditor shall transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.
- C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, provide a copy to Code Publishing for inclusion in the Charter.
- D. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of this proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Clark County Charter Review Commission this 8th day of July, 2026.

Clark County - Proposed Charter Amendment No. 20

Resolution No. 26-10

**Clark County Charter Review Commission
Resolution No. 26-10--Revised Budget Transparency and Process**

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter, to alter the annual budget adoption timeline to promote transparent decision making, provide additional time to review and consider the proposed budget, and facilitate more meaningful public participation.

WHEREAS, in November 2025, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 14, 2026, and July 8, 2026, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on July 8, 2026, voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2026 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter to alter the annual budget adoption timeline to promote transparent decision making, provide additional time to review and consider the proposed budget, and facilitate more meaningful public participation.

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendment is necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

SECTION 1. Amendatory.

Section 4.1, Financial administration, is hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

Section 4.1 Financial administration

- A. For the purposes of budget preparation, presentation to the council and monitoring, under Chapter 36.40, the county manager is designated as the chief financial officer of the county.
- B. Per RCW 36.40.010, each office and department shall provide a preliminary budget composed on a detailed and itemized estimates, both of the probable revenues from sources other than taxation, and of all expenditures required by such office, department, service, or institution for the ensuing fiscal year.
- C. Per RCW 36.40.040, upon receipt of the preliminary budget estimates the county manager shall prepare the county budget which shall set forth the complete financial program of the county for the ensuing fiscal year, showing the expenditure program and the sources of revenue by which it is to be financed.
- ~~D. B.~~ The auditor shall be responsible for financial administration of the county, including reports to the county council on the actual revenues and expenses of the organization, in accordance with RCW 36.22.010 and this charter; provided

the auditor is not responsible for those duties assigned by this charter to the treasurer or county manager.

~~E. C.~~ The duties of treasurer are those specified in federal law, and Washington State Constitution and statutes.

SECTION 2. New.

Section 4.2 Budget Information, is hereby proposed to be added to the Home Rule Charter as follows:

- A. On or before June 30th the County Manager shall notify in writing each county official, elected or appointed, in charge of an office, department, service, or institution of the county, to file with them detailed and itemized estimates, both of the probable revenues from sources other than taxation, and of all expenditures required by such office, department, service, or institution for the ensuing budget cycle. The notification submitted under this subsection as well as any other instructions for preparing the budget shall be made available on a public facing website.
- B. On or before July 31st all agencies of County government shall submit to the County Manager information necessary to prepare the budget. The county manager shall transmit copies of these preliminary estimates to the county council.
- C. On or before August 31st the county manager shall transmit to the county council a proposed preliminary budget which shall set forth the complete financial program of the county for the ensuing fiscal year, showing the expenditure program and the sources of revenue by which it is to be financed, and make the information available on a public facing website.

SECTION 3. New.

Section 4.3 Presentation and Adoption of Budgets is hereby proposed to be added to the Home Rule Charter as follows:

- A. On or before September 8th the County Manager shall present to the County Council in a public meeting the preliminary budget.
- B. On or before October 31st the County Council shall hold a public meeting to present its revised preliminary budget and where anyone may appear and be heard for or against any part of the preliminary budget.
- C. On or before November 30th the Council shall hold a public hearing and by resolution adopt a budget, and adopt appropriation, tax, and revenue ordinances for the next budget cycle.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This resolution proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

SECTION 5. Instructions for Submission. The Charter Secretary shall:

- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- B. The County Auditor shall transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.

Clark County - Proposed Charter Amendment No. 20

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- C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, provide a copy to Code Publishing for inclusion in the Charter.
- D. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of this proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Clark County Charter Review Commission this 8th day of July, 2026.

Clark County - Proposed Charter Amendment No. 21

Resolution No. 26-23

Clark County Charter Review Commission**Resolution No. 26-23 Revised Council Powers Regarding Boards and Commissions**

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter regarding Section 2.4.H (Powers of the Council), to expand the county council's concurrent nomination authority for boards and commissions, with the exception of the Ethics Review Commission.

WHEREAS, in November 2025, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 14, 2026, and July 8, 2026, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on July 8, 2026, voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2026 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter to expand the county council's concurrent nomination authority for boards and commissions, with the exception of the Ethics Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendment is necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

SECTION 1. Amendatory. Section 2.4. H, Powers of the Council, is hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

Section 2.4. H Powers of the Council

H. Have concurrent authority with the county manager to nominate members to all the following boards and commissions, except the Ethics Review Commission. Members are appointed by the council.

- ~~1. Clark County planning commission.~~
- ~~2. Clark County historic preservation commission.~~
- ~~3. Board of equalization of assessment.~~

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This resolution proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

SECTION 3. Instructions for Submission. The Charter Secretary shall:

- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- B. The County Auditor shall transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.

C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, provide a copy to Code Publishing for inclusion in the Charter.

D. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of this proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Clark County Charter Review Commission this 8th day of July, 2026.

Clark County - Proposed Charter Amendment No. 22

Resolution No. 26-01

Clark County Charter Review Commission
Amended Resolution No. 26-01 Clarifying Nonpartisan Office Elections

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter to retain the offices of council member, assessor, auditor, clerk, sheriff, treasurer, and prosecuting attorney as nonpartisan offices; require elections for those offices to follow the procedures established by state law for nonpartisan elections; and retain even-numbered-year elections. Under RCW 29A.52.220, when, after the last day allowed for candidates to withdraw, there are no more than two candidates filed for a single position in one of these offices, no primary may be held for that position, and the candidates’ names appear on the general election ballot.

WHEREAS, in November 2025, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 14, 2026, and July 8, 2026, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on July 8, 2026, voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2026 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter that would amend the Charter retaining the nonpartisan offices of council member, assessor, auditor, clerk, sheriff, treasurer and prosecuting attorney for declarations and filing for candidacy, to be conducted for nonpartisan elections under applicable law, and that both the Primary and General Election shall occur in even-numbered years.

WHEREAS, after its July 8, 2026, vote, the Clark County Charter Review Commission determined that Resolution No. 26-01 should be amended to state expressly one effect of requiring county elections to follow the procedures established by state law for nonpartisan elections: Under RCW 29A.52.220, when after the last day allowed for candidates to withdraw, there are no more than two candidates filed for a single position in one of these offices, no primary may be held for that position, and the candidates’ names appear on the general election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendment is necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

SECTION 1. Amendatory. Charter Section 6.2, Offices designated, is hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

Charter Section 6.2, Offices designated
The offices of council member, assessor, auditor, clerk, sheriff, treasurer and prosecuting attorney shall be nonpartisan offices. ~~Elections for the offices shall be conducted in the manner provided for partisan local elections under state law.~~ Elections for the offices shall be held in accordance with the procedures established for nonpartisan elections under applicable law, and that both the Primary and General Election shall occur in even-numbered years.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This resolution proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

- SECTION 3. Instructions for Submission.** The Charter Secretary shall:
- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
 - B. The County Auditor shall transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.
 - C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, provide a copy to Code Publishing for inclusion in the Charter.
 - D. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of this proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

ADOPTED at a special meeting of the Clark County Charter Review Commission this 29th day of July, 2026.

Clark County - Proposed Charter Amendment No. 23

Resolution No. 26-24

Clark County Charter Review Commission**Resolution No. 26-24 Require Annual Report Publication by the County Manager**

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter regarding Section 3.2B (Powers and Duties of the County Manager), to convert the county manager's annual report from a discretionary power to a mandatory duty and to require broad public publication of the report.

WHEREAS, in November 2025, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 14, 2026, and July 8, 2026, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on July 8, 2026, voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2026 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter to require the county manager to annually prepare and broadly publish a statement of the county's fiscal and governmental affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendment is necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

SECTION 1. Amendatory. Charter Section 3.2B, Powers and Duties (of the County Manager), is hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

Charter Section 3.2B, Powers and Duties.

The county manager shall be the county's chief executive officer and have all executive powers of the county which are not expressly vested in other elected officers by state law or this charter. The county manager shall have the power to:

1. Supervise all administrative departments established by this charter or created by the council.
2. Execute and enforce all ordinances and state statutes not assigned to other elected officials.
3. ~~Present to the council an annual statement of the county's fiscal and governmental affairs, and any other report which they may deem necessary.~~
4. ~~Annually prepare and present to the council in a public meeting a budget and budget message setting forth proposals for the forthcoming fiscal year.~~

- ~~5. 3. Prepare and present to the planning commission comprehensive plans, including capital improvement plans, and development ordinances for present and future development; present the planning commission's recommendations on these matters to the council.~~
6. ~~4. Determine the organizational structure of and assign duties to administrative departments which are not specifically assigned by this charter or ordinance.~~
7. ~~5. Sign or cause to be signed on behalf of the county all deeds, contracts and instruments not otherwise reserved to others by this charter or state law.~~
8. ~~6. Conduct collective bargaining on behalf of the county, subject to state and federal law and budget direction provided by the council and as allowed by state law.~~
9. ~~7. Manage properties owned by the county.~~

The specific statement of particular executive powers shall not be construed as limiting the executive powers of the county manager.

The county manager must:

1. Present to the council in a public meeting and publish broadly an annual statement of the county's fiscal and governmental affairs, and any other report which they may deem necessary.
2. Annually prepare and present to the council in a public meeting a budget and budget message setting forth proposals for the forthcoming fiscal year.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This resolution proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

SECTION 3. Instructions for Submission. The Charter Secretary shall:

- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- B. The County Auditor shall transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.
- C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, provide a copy to Code Publishing for inclusion in the Charter.
- D. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of this proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Clark County Charter Review Commission this 8th day of July, 2026.

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Resolution No. 26-07

**Clark County Charter Review Commission
Resolution No. 26-07 Requiring Housing Impact Analysis**

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter, to require the preparation and public release of a housing impact analysis prior to the adoption of ordinances impacting housing availability, residential development, and housing construction costs.

WHEREAS, in November 2025, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 14, 2026, and July 8, 2026, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on July 8, 2026, voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2026 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter to require the preparation and public release of a housing impact analysis prior to the adoption of ordinances impacting housing availability, residential development, and housing construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendment is necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

SECTION 1. New. A new charter Section 8.14, Housing Impact Analysis, is hereby proposed to be added to the Home Rule Charter as follows:

Section 8.14 Housing Impact Analysis

Prior to the adoption of any ordinance that is reasonably likely to have a direct and material impact upon residential housing capacity, density, permitting, subdivision requirements, parking requirements applicable to residential development, or residential construction costs, the County shall publish a Housing Impact Analysis of the proposed ordinance addressing impacts on housing supply, land availability for residential development, residential permitting efficiency, and housing production costs. For purposes of this section, "Housing Impact Analysis" means an analysis prepared by county staff, or qualified third-party professionals, using reasonably available data and generally accepted planning, economic, fiscal, or housing-market methodologies. This section shall be implemented consistent with applicable state law and Chapter 36.70A RCW and applies only to discretionary county-initiated ordinances and code amendments, excluding ministerial amendments adopted solely to conform to changes in state law.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This resolution proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

SECTION 3. Instructions for Submission. The Charter Secretary shall:

- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- B. The County Auditor shall transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.
- C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, provide a copy to Code Publishing for inclusion in the Charter.
- D. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of this proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Clark County Charter Review Commission this 8th day of July, 2026.

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Resolution No. 26-08

Clark County Charter Review Commission**Resolution No. 26-08 Requiring Supermajority Council Approval for County Taxes**

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter, to require at least a two-thirds affirmative vote of the County Council to approve all new councilmanic tax measures and increases thereto.

WHEREAS, in November 2025, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 14, 2026, and July 8, 2026, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on July 8, 2026, voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2026 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter that would amend the Charter to require at least a two-thirds affirmative vote of the County Council to approve all new councilmanic tax measures and increases thereto.

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendment is necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

SECTION 1. Amendatory. Charter Section 2.4, Powers of the council, is hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

Charter Section 2.4, Powers of the council

The enumeration of particular legislative powers shall not be construed as limiting the legislative powers of the council. The council shall be the policy-determining body of the county. The council shall exercise its legislative power by adoption and enactment of ordinances, resolutions and motions. Subject to state and federal law, it shall have the power to:

- A. Levy taxes, appropriate revenue, and adopt budgets for the county, provided that after January 1, 2027, any new councilmanic tax may be assessed, levied or increased only by a minimum of two-thirds affirmative vote of the Council. For purposes of this section, "new councilmanic tax" means a tax for which the county council has the authority to levy but has not levied, or a tax which is granted to the county council after January 1, 2027. A councilmanic tax does not include fees, rates and charges, or special assessments. This section does not apply to existing councilmanic taxes levied by the county council as of January 1, 2027, or any renewal or reauthorization of those taxes that does not increase the tax rate.

- B. Provide compensation for all county employees and provide for the reimbursement of expenses.
- C. Adopt by ordinance comprehensive plans and land development codes, including improvement plans for present and future development in the county.
- D. Conduct public hearings on matters of public concern to assist in performing its legislative responsibilities.
- E. Carry out other legislative duties as authorized and required by law.
- F. Set collective bargaining guidelines and approve collective bargaining agreements.
- G. Confirm or reject appointments to boards and commissions forwarded by the county manager.
- H. Have concurrent authority with the county manager to nominate members to the following boards and commissions. Members are appointed by the council.
 1. Clark County planning commission.
 2. Clark County historic preservation commission.
 3. Board of equalization of assessment.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This resolution proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter shall be effective January 1, 2027.

SECTION 3. Instructions for Submission. The Charter Secretary shall:

- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- B. The County Auditor shall transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.
- C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, provide a copy to Code Publishing for inclusion in the Charter.
- D. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of this proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Clark County Charter Review Commission this 8th day of July, 2026.

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Resolution No. 26-40

Clark County Charter Review Commission
Resolution No. 26-40 Amending the Initiative, Mini-initiative, and
Referenda Process

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend Article 7, Initiatives and Referendum of the Home Rule Charter.

WHEREAS, in November 2025, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on July 8, 2026, voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2026 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 14, 2026, and July 8, 2026, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendment is necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

BE IT RESOLVED this amendment would amend the Charter to lower the requirement for verified signatures on an initiative or referendum petition from 10% to 8%;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this amendment would allow for the transfer of signatures from an unsuccessful initiative petition to a mini-initiative if the required 3% of valid signatures have been obtained;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this amendment would allow signatures for petitions only affecting unincorporated Clark County to be calculated using the same method as petitions for the entire county;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this amendment would allow the County Auditor to use random statistical sampling to verify initiative, mini-initiative and referendum petition signatures, in compliance with WAC 434-379-010, by sampling no less than 3,000 signatures submitted and would provide that no petition be rejected solely based on statistical sampling;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

SECTION 1. Amendatory.

Section 7.2 Initiative, is hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

Section 7.2 Initiative

The people reserve the power of initiative. An ordinance or amendment to an ordinance, except as limited by state or federal law or court interpretation, may be proposed by filing an initiative petition with the auditor. No ordinance enacted as a result of initiative shall be amended or repealed within two (2) years after enactment, except as a result of a subsequent initiative or referendum or as required by state or federal law.

A. Initiative Limitations. The following are limited by state or federal law or court interpretations and may not be proposed or adopted by initiative.

1. Ordinances providing for compensation or working conditions of county employees or elected officials.
2. Redistricting council districts.
3. Authorizing or repealing an appropriation of money or any portion of the annual budget.
4. Authorizing or repealing taxes or fees.
5. Authorizing or repealing any provision of a service or program provided by the county.
6. Amending or repealing this charter.

B. Initiative Requirements.

1. Initiatives that require new or additional sources of revenue shall include a recommended revenue source adequate to finance the result of the initiative.

C. Initiative Procedures.

1. Any registered voter of Clark County may file an initiative proposal with the auditor, who shall transmit a copy to the prosecuting attorney. If the ordinance proposed by initiative would be effective exclusively in unincorporated Clark County, the registered voter must be a registered voter residing in unincorporated Clark County to file the initiative proposal with the auditor. Within ten (10) business days of the filing date, the prosecuting attorney shall formulate a true and impartial ballot title, posed as a positive question not exceeding fifty (50) words.
2. The prosecuting attorney shall transmit the initiative petition to the auditor, who shall give the proposed initiative a number that will be the identifying number. Within an additional five (5) business days, the auditor shall confer with the petitioner to review and establish the form and style of the initiative petition as required by the auditor or ordinance. Within an additional ten (10) days the prosecuting attorney shall evaluate the petition and provide the petitioner and auditor with the following statement: "In the opinion of the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney, the subject of this initiative is within the scope of local initiative powers. Yes [] No [] No opinion at this time []." The prosecuting attorney shall mark the box that reflects his or her opinion. The petitioner may include this statement on the petition.
3. The petitioner shall have one hundred twenty (120) days after receipt of the Prosecuting Attorney's statement as required in 7.2 C (2) to collect signatures of registered county voters. Valid collected signatures shall number no less than:
 - a. If the ordinance proposed by the initiative would be effective in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County, valid signatures shall number no less than ~~ten (10)~~ eight (8) percent of the number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election; or
 - b. If the ordinance proposed by the initiative would be effective exclusively in unincorporated areas of the County, valid signatures shall number no less than ~~ten (10)~~ eight (8) percent of the votes cast in unincorporated Clark County at the last gubernatorial election; provided, however, the registered voters signing the petition must be registered voters residing in unincorporated Clark

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~~County, and, further provided that, the number of required signatures shall be calculated based only upon votes cast within areas which on the date the initiative is initiated, are unincorporated areas of the County.~~

Each petition shall contain the warning clause prescribed by state law, full text of the proposed measure, ordinance or amendment to an ordinance, and ballot title.

4. The auditor shall verify the number of signatures on the petition, and, if a sufficient number of valid signatures has been submitted, place the proposal on the ballot for the next general election.
 - a. Signatures on the petition must be submitted to the auditor no less than one hundred fifty (150) days before the date of the next general election.
 - b. If the council enacts the proposal without change or amendment not less than sixty (60) days prior to said election, the proposal shall be removed from the ballot.
 - c. If the council does not adopt the proposed measure but adopts a substitute measure not more than fifteen (15) days after petition validation, the substitute measure shall be placed on the same ballot with the initiative proposal.
 - d. If the ordinance proposed by the initiative is one that is effective exclusively in unincorporated areas of the county, only registered voters in unincorporated Clark County shall be permitted to vote on the initiative.
5. When a ballot contains an initiative petition, substitute measure or multiple initiative measures on the same topic, the voters shall be given the choice of rejecting or accepting each initiative.
 - a. If the voters accept more than one (1) initiative on the same topic, and the measures are incompatible, the initiative receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall be approved.
 - b. If there are multiple measures on the same topic, compatible with one another, they may all be approved.
 - c. If the voters reject all initiatives, none shall be approved.
 - d. If the voters approve one (1) initiative and reject the others, the approved initiative shall be approved.

SECTION 2. New.

A new charter Section 7.3 Initiative-Insufficient Signatures is hereby proposed to be added to the Home Rule Charter as follows:

Section 7.3 Initiative – Insufficient Signatures

If the proponents of an initiative fail to obtain the required number of signatures in the designated time period but have sufficient signatures to qualify the proposal as a mini-initiative, the proposal shall be treated as a mini-initiative at the request of the proponents.

SECTION 3. Amendatory.

Charter Section 7.3 Mini-initiative, is hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

Section 7.3.4 Mini-initiative

The people reserve the power of mini-initiative, except as limited by state or federal law and subject to Article 7, Section 2(A). Ordinances or amendments to an existing ordinance may be proposed to the council by transmitting the proposal to the auditor. An initiative petition shall bear signatures of qualified voters totaling no less than three (3) percent of the number of votes cast in the county in the last gubernatorial election. A proposed ordinance or amendment to an existing ordinance that would be effective exclusively in unincorporated Clark County, may only be submitted to the auditor by a registered voter residing in unincorporated Clark County; further, that initiative petition must bear the signatures of qualified voters who reside in unincorporated Clark County totaling no less than three (3) percent of the number of votes cast in the unincorporated County in the last gubernatorial election. ~~The number of required signatures shall be calculated based only upon votes cast within areas which, on the date such petitions are filed, are unincorporated areas of the County.~~ The auditor shall have thirty (30) business days to validate signatures. If a sufficient number of signatures is verified, the auditor shall transmit the initiative petition to the county council. The council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance or amendment to an existing ordinance within sixty (60) days, and enact, reject or modify the proposed ordinance within thirty (30) calendar days of the hearing.

SECTION 4. Amendatory.

Charter Section 7.4, Referendum, is hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

Section 7.4.5 Referendum

The people reserve the power of referendum. Referendum may be ordered on any ordinance, or any part thereof, passed by the council, except as limited by state or federal law or court interpretations.

A. *Referendum Limitations.* The following ordinances are limited by state or federal law or court interpretations and are not subject to referendum:

1. Emergency ordinances.
2. Ordinances providing for compensation or working conditions of county employees or elected officials.
3. Ordinances authorizing or repealing an appropriation of money or any portion of the annual budget.
4. Ordinances authorizing or repealing taxes or fees.
5. Ordinances required by state or federal law.

B. *Referendum Procedure.* A referendum petition proposal shall be filed with the auditor within ten (10) days after the council passes an ordinance. Except as set forth in this section, a referendum petition proposal may be filed against an ordinance or any portion of an ordinance. Any registered Clark County voter may file with the auditor a referendum petition proposal signed by at least one hundred (100) registered voters of Clark County. If the referendum pertains to an ordinance which is effective exclusively in unincorporated Clark County, the referendum petition proposal must include the signatures of at least one hundred (100) registered voters residing in unincorporated Clark County and must be filed by a registered voter residing in unincorporated Clark County.

1. The auditor shall verify signatures on the referendum petition proposal within ten (10) calendar days. After one hundred (100) signatures are validated, the ordinance or portion of

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the ordinance subject to referendum is suspended until:

- a. Sufficient valid signatures are collected within the time prescribed by this section to place the measure on the ballot and voters have voted on the measure.
 - b. Valid signatures are not collected within the time prescribed by this section to place the measure on the ballot.
2. Filing a referendum petition proposal against a portion of an ordinance shall not delay the remainder of the ordinance from taking effect.
 3. Within five (5) business days of filing the referendum petition, the auditor shall confer with the petitioner to review the referendum petition as to form and style, as required by the auditor or ordinance. The auditor shall give the referendum petition an identifying number and transmit a copy of the referendum petition to the prosecuting attorney and county manager. Within ten (10) business days after receipt, the prosecuting attorney shall write a ballot title not to exceed fifty (50) words and posed as a positive question, which shall express a true and impartial statement of the measure. The prosecuting attorney shall then promptly transmit the referendum petition's ballot title to the auditor who shall provide it to the petitioner within five (5) business days.
 4. The petitioner shall have one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of delivery of the ballot title as required in ~~7.2 B (3)~~ 7.5 B (3) to collect signatures of registered Clark County voters. The number of valid signatures collected shall equal no less than:
 - a. For an ordinance which is effective exclusively in the unincorporated areas of the county, valid signatures shall number no less than ~~ten (10)~~ eight (8) percent of the votes cast in unincorporated Clark County at the last gubernatorial election; provided, however, the registered voters signing the petition must be registered voters residing in unincorporated Clark County, ~~and, further, provided that, the number of required signatures shall be calculated based only upon votes cast within areas which, on the date the referendum is initiated, are incorporated areas of the county.~~
 - b. For all other ordinances, the number of valid signatures collected shall equal no less than ~~ten (10)~~ eight (8) percent of the total votes cast in the county in the last gubernatorial election.

Each petition shall contain the full text of the referred measure and ballot title. The auditor shall verify the number of signatures on the petition and, if valid, submit the measure to voters at the next general election. If the ordinance subject to referendum is one that is effective exclusively in unincorporated areas of the county, only registered voters in unincorporated Clark County shall be permitted to vote on the referendum. Petition signatures must be submitted to the auditor for verification no less than one hundred fifty (150) calendar days before the date of the next general election.

SECTION 5. New.

A new charter Section 7.6 Use of Statistical Sampling for Verification of Signatures, is hereby proposed to be added to the Home Rule Charter as follows:

Section 7.6 Use of Statistical Sampling for Verification of Signatures

The auditor's office may use statistical sampling techniques for signature verification of initiatives, mini-initiatives and referenda based on WAC 434-379-010, by sampling no less than 3,000 signatures submitted. No petition will be rejected on the basis of the statistical method employed, and no petition will be accepted on the basis of the statistical method employed if such method indicates that the petition contains fewer than the requisite number of signatures of legal voters. If the auditor's office finds the same name signed to more than one petition, he or she shall reject all but the first such valid signature.

SECTION 6. Amendatory.

Charter Section 7.5 Recall, is hereby proposed to be amended as follows:

Section 7.5.7 Recall

The people reserve the power of recall, as provided in the constitution and laws of the state of Washington.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This resolution proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

SECTION 8. Instructions for Submission. The Charter Secretary shall:

- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- B. The County Auditor shall transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.
- C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, provide a copy to Code Publishing for inclusion in the Charter.
- D. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of this proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Clark County Charter Review Commission this 8th day of July, 2026.

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Resolution No. 26-14

Clark County Charter Review Commission

Resolution No. 26-14 Legislative Branch Performance Audits

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter, to authorize the County Council to initiate independent performance audits to review the effectiveness and efficiency of programs or operations of the county to increase transparency, effectiveness, and responsible stewardship of the public's resources.

WHEREAS, in November 2025, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 14, 2026, and July 8, 2026, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on July 8, 2026, voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2026 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter to authorize the County Council to initiate independent performance audits to review the effectiveness and efficiency of programs or operations of the county; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment is intended to increase transparency, effectiveness, and responsible stewardship of the public's resources; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendment is necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

SECTION 1. New. A new charter Section 2.7, Performance Audits, is hereby proposed to be added to the Home Rule Charter as follows:

Section 2.7 Performance Audits

- A. The County Council may conduct, or cause to be conducted, performance and program audits to review the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs and operations of the county.
- B. Annual audits shall continue to be performed by the state in accordance with general law.
- C. Performance audits will be conducted with the goal of transparently, effectively, and responsibly stewarding public resources.

SECTION 2. New. A new charter Section 2.8, Performance Auditing Process, is hereby proposed to be added to the Home Rule Charter as follows:

Section 2.8 Performance Auditing Process

- A. The County Council shall establish by ordinance within the legislative branch an independent county performance auditing process for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating, and reporting on the integrity of the county's compliance with applicable laws, policies, guidelines, and procedures, and the efficiency and effectiveness of operations and programs.
- B. Performance auditing not performed by the county shall be conducted via open, competitive, and transparent service contracts. Selected contractors shall have appropriate professional credentials, legal authority for access to records, adequate funding, and shall use generally accepted auditing standards. Selected contractors shall adhere to Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, promulgated by the United States Government Accountability Office, in conducting their work and shall be considered independent as defined by those standards.
- C. Performance audits shall be conducted on an as-needed basis.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This resolution proposing an amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

SECTION 4. Instructions for Submission. The Charter Secretary shall:

- A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter.
- B. The County Auditor shall transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.
- C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, provide a copy to Code Publishing for inclusion in the Charter.
- D. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of this proposed amendment, post the approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County website.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Clark County Charter Review Commission this 8th day of July, 2026.