

## Equitable Representation Subcommittee Temperature Check

On a scale between 1-5 with 1 being not that important and 5 being very important, how important do you think it is that our recommendations align with the City's recommendations on ballot structure?	
Maja Harris	3
Annie Kallen	3
Timur Ender	2
Meikelo Cabbage	2
Samantha Gladu	4
Jude Perez	4

On a scale between 1-5 with 1 being not that important and 5 being very important, how important do you think it is that our recommendations align with the City's recommendations on multi-member districts?	
Maja Harris	1
Annie Kallen	1
Timur Ender	4
Meikelo Cabbage	1
Samantha Gladu	2
Jude Perez	3

On a scale between 1-5 with 1 being not that important and 5 being very important, how important do you think it is that our recommendations align with the City's recommendations on power of the top executive?	
Maja Harris	1
Annie Kallen	1
Timur Ender	2
Meikelo Cabbage	2
Samantha Gladu	1
Jude Perez	3

Is there anything else you'd like to share about your thoughts on city and county matching?	
Maja Harris	I don't think it's particularly important to have alignment on form of government or the nature of the districts/number of commissioners because historically that has not been the case. I think voters are used to City and County being different and have come to expect it. I do think that the city vote on RCV increases the odds for Multnomah County to be able to pass RCV though. The City of Portland Charter Review process as well as high profile examples like the NYC mayoral race have increased awareness about RCV and it polled extremely well in a recent poll on the proposed city charter amendments, around 70% in favor.
Annie Kallen	<p>If we are changing the voting method in both the city and the county, it's important for the voter experience to match (such as using a ranked ballot for both), but we could still decide on a different tabulation method (for example, ranked ballots could be tabulated using a Condorcet method at the county level and using IRV/ STV at the city level). Alternatively, we might decide to hold off on changing the voting method at the county level for now. Then a future charter review commission or initiative could make a change at the county level based on seeing how things play out for Portland. We should also keep in mind that Portland's process is not final yet; They still need to complete their legal/ financial analysis, so their recommendations may change based on that analysis.</p> <p>For the other two questions, I don't think they need to match Portland's recommendations, because it doesn't affect how the voter completes the ballot, so it shouldn't cause confusion if they don't match. The county and the city have different dynamics and different needs.</p>
Timur Ender	While I agree with City's recommendations, I also don't think it is super important that they match up closely
Meikelo Cabbage	
Samantha Gladu	<p>I'd like to match ballot structure, or at least not propose an alternative ballot structure</p> <p>I do not think our districts or top executive need to match</p>
Jude Perez	Need to do more research on the last two topics. I don't feel knowledgeable enough to have a hard stance right now.

Number of commissioners: This subcommittee is exploring whether to increase the number of commissioners on County Council. What are your thoughts on the number of commissioners?		What is the strength of your opinion? Rank between 1-5
Maja Harris	It should stay the same (5 commissioners)	1
Annie Kallen	It should increase; I'm not sure the ideal number	2
Timur Ender	It should increase and there should be more than 21 commissioners on the County Council	5
Meikelo Cabbage	It should stay the same (5 commissioners)	4
Samantha Gladu	I'm not sure	
Jude Perez	I'm not sure	1

Single District or Multi-Member Districts: If we increase the number of commissioners, should there be one member per district, or multiple members per district?		What is the strength of your opinion? Rank between 1-5
Maja Harris	Single Member Districts	1
Annie Kallen	I'm not sure	3
Timur Ender	Multi Member Districts	5
Meikelo Cabbage	Single Member Districts	5
Samantha Gladu	I'm not sure	
Jude Perez	Multi Member Districts	3

At Large: What are your thoughts on having an at-large position? An at-large position means someone would need to be elected county-wide. In its current form, the county has a chair that is elected at-large and the four other commissioners are elected by district.	
Maja Harris	I think the current system of having the chair elected at large should remain
Annie Kallen	I think the current system of having the chair elected at large should remain
Timur Ender	I don't think there should be anyone elected at-large. In this case, a "chair" or "president of the Council" would likely be elected by other members of the council to serve for a certain period of time.
Meikelo Cabbage	I think the current system of having the chair elected at large should remain
Samantha Gladu	I don't think there should be anyone elected at-large. In this case, a "chair" or "president of the Council" would likely be elected by other members of the council to serve for a certain period of time.
Jude Perez	I'm not sure

Anything else you'd like to add about number of commissioners or districts?	
Maja Harris	Given how little time we have left in our process I don't feel that we have the bandwidth to do the due diligence and the public input process needed to determine the right number for an increase or for multi-member districts. I don't think going by the numbers in the city reform package is a good enough process because of the difference in size between city and county and the fact that districts already exist.
Annie Kallen	
Timur Ender	
Meikelo Cabbage	
Samantha Gladu	I'm curious to hear about what has come up in the government accountability sub related to chair and powers of the chair
Jude Perez	

What are your thoughts on changing the ballot structure of county elections?		Of the two ballot styles we've discussed, what is your position on the voting method?	What is the strength of your opinion? Rank between 1-5
Maja Harris	I think we should change the ballot structure	I prefer Ranked Choice Voting	5
Annie Kallen	A lot depends on what happens with Portland.	I prefer STAR voting	5
Timur Ender	I think we should change the ballot structure	I prefer Ranked Choice Voting	2
Meikelo Cabbage	I'm not sure	We should retain our current voting system	4
Samantha Gladu	I think we should change the ballot structure	I prefer Ranked Choice Voting	5
Jude Perez	I think we should change the ballot structure	I prefer STAR voting	5

Anything else you'd like to add about ballot structure?	
Maja Harris	I think this is a great time to put RCV on the ballot because it is polling well and would be pretty straightforward for voters.
Annie Kallen	STAR voting is my preference, but I would also support a Condorcet method or Approval voting. I would also support finding some way to set up a county-level task force to do a deep dive on voting methods specifically and make a recommendation to the county commissioners, especially after giving Portland time to see whether RCV is viable for them or not (given their tri-county structure).
Timur Ender	
Meikelo Cabbage	
Samantha Gladu	
Jude Perez	While I prefer STAR voting, I wouldn't mind Ranked Choice Voting either.

What are your thoughts on expanding the franchise to non citizens?		What is the strength of your opinion? Rank between 1-5
Maja Harris	I think we should do this	5
Annie Kallen	I'd like to know more about how non citizens are defined, and also what the level of public support would be.	3
Timur Ender	I think we should do this	5
Meikelo Cabbage	I do not think we should do this	4
Samantha Gladu	I think we should do this	5
Jude Perez	I think we should do this	4

Anything else you'd like to add about expanding the franchise to non citizens?	
Maja Harris	
Annie Kallen	
Timur Ender	
Meikelo Cabbage	
Samantha Gladu	
Jude Perez	Would need to do more research but I do feel like this is something we should move forward with.

What are your thoughts on election timing?		What is the strength of your opinion? Rank between 1-5
Maja Harris	I think all county elections should be held at the same time, in a November election of a non-presidential election year	3
Annie Kallen	I'm not sure	3
Timur Ender	I think all county elections should be held at the same time, in a November election of a presidential election year	5
Meikelo Cabbage	I'm not sure	3
Samantha Gladu	I think all county elections should be held at the same time, in a May election of a presidential election year	
Jude Perez	I think all county elections should be held at the same time, in a November election of a non-presidential election year	2

Anything else you'd like to add about election timing?	
Maja Harris	I don't have a strong opinion but I think county elections during midterms would drive up turnout for the city districts that will vote during midterms so it would help make the city process more equitable. That probably shouldn't be a consideration for our committee but I can't help thinking of it holistically and those city districts are going to be at a slight disadvantage compared to the city districts that get to vote in presidential years.
Annie Kallen	<p>If we use an alternative voting method, we may want to eliminate the primary, but we might also consider keeping the primary and send the top 4 or 5 candidates to the general election (for the sake of narrowing down the field).</p> <p>If we end up using ranked choice voting, we should also consider how many candidates voters are allowed to rank, because that will impact how accurate the elections will be if there are a large number of candidates in a single election.</p>
Timur Ender	
Meikelo Cabbage	
Samantha Gladu	I see benefit in not having everyone turn over all at once, although I anticipate that it would be rare for the full county commission to leave at the same time. In the state house, all terms are up at the same time and they tend to have some turnover but never 100% turnover. The county has term limits, but it is unlikely that all commissioners would hit their term limit at the same time.
Jude Perez	

What are your thoughts on allowing candidates to self-identify with a political party?		What is the strength of your opinion? Rank between 1-5
Maja Harris	I think county elections should remain nonpartisan	3
Annie Kallen	I think candidates should be able to self-declare a preference for a political party	2
Timur Ender	I think candidates should be able to self-declare a preference for a political party	4
Meikelo Cabbage	I think county elections should remain nonpartisan	3
Samantha Gladu	I think candidates should be able to self-declare a preference for a political party	3
Jude Perez	I'm not sure	2

The county has a winner take all election formula, meaning whomever gets a majority of the votes wins. In a proportional representation electoral formula, parties gain seats in proportion to the number of votes cast for them. Do you feel the county elections should move to a proportional representation system?		What is the strength of your opinion? Rank between 1-5
Maja Harris	Yes	5
Annie Kallen	No	3
Timur Ender	Yes	3
Meikelo Cabbage	No	5
Samantha Gladu	I'm not sure	
Jude Perez	I'm not sure	2

Anything else you'd like to add about proportional representation?	
Maja Harris	
Annie Kallen	I don't see that PR would add a lot of benefit to the county given our demographics. It wouldn't be worth the added complexity and reduced transparency of PR unless it can be demonstrated that it would add a lot of value (which I'm not seeing right now).
Timur Ender	
Meikelo Cabbage	
Samantha Gladu	on this one, I'm still not sure how we'd implement it
Jude Perez	