

Notice of Measure Election

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250.175, 254.103, 254.465

Notice

Date of Notice

September 7, 2022

Name of County or Counties

Multnomah County

Date of Election

November 8, 2022

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

See attached

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

See attached

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

See attached

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Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the county governing body; or
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached?

Yes

No

Authorized County Official Not required to be notarized.

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Title

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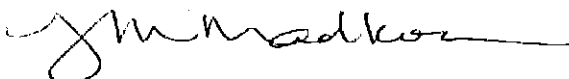
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By signing this document:

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the county to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and
- I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.



September 7, 2022

Signature

Date Signed

Ombudsperson Ballot Title & Explanatory Statement

Caption (9/10): Amends charter: establishes ombudsperson function in county auditor's office

Question (20/20): Should charter establish ombudsperson function in auditor's office to impartially investigate complaints about county administrative actions, make reports requiring response?

Summary (175/175): Under current charter, the county auditor conducts performance audits, makes reports; may conduct studies to measure, improve county performance; assists with redistricting; appoints salary commission.

This charter amendment recommended by the Charter Review Committee would expand the auditor's duties by establishing an ombudsperson function in the auditor's office. The ombudsperson would, under auditor direction, be available to the public as an impartial resource to receive and investigate complaints and make related reports about administrative actions of the county. Goal of ombudsperson is safeguarding rights of the public and promoting high standards of fairness, competency, efficiency and justice in provision of county services. Responsible elected officials would be required to respond in writing to ombudsperson reports.

The ombudsperson would not be authorized to investigate acts of an elected official or an elected official's personal staff, matters currently in litigation, matters subject to collective bargaining agreement grievance procedures, violations of county personnel rules, or discrimination complaints from employees or applicants for employment. The ombudsperson would be guided by generally accepted standards for governmental ombudsmen serving the public.

Explanatory Statement (318/500): Under the current county charter, the county auditor conducts performance audits of all county operations and financial affairs and makes reports about those audits to the board of county commissioners. The auditor may conduct studies intended to measure or improve the performance of county efforts. In addition, the auditor's duties include a role in redistricting, including determining the population distribution among the commissioner districts after the federal decennial census and, if needed, preparing and presenting to the board of county commissioners a plan for modifying the boundaries of commissioner districts. The auditor also appoints a salary commission.

This charter amendment recommended by the Charter Review Committee would expand the auditor's duties to include an ombudsperson function in the office of county auditor. Under the auditor's direction, the ombudsperson would be available to the public as an impartial resource authorized to receive and investigate complaints and make related reports about administrative actions of the county. The goal of the ombudsperson would be to safeguard the rights of the public and promote high standards of fairness, competency, efficiency and justice in the provision of county services.

Similar to county audit reports, the chair of the board of county commissioners or the responsible elected official would be required to respond in writing to all ombudsperson reports stating what actions had been or would be taken to address the findings in the report. The written response would be given to the board and the auditor in a manner and time frame requested by the auditor.

The ombudsperson would not be authorized to investigate the acts of an elected official or the elected official's personal staff, matters currently in litigation, matters subject to collective bargaining agreement grievance procedures, violations of county personnel rules, or discrimination complaints from an employee or applicant for employment.

In carrying out its functions, the ombudsperson would be guided by generally accepted standards for governmental ombudsmen serving the public.