

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HAWAI‘I COUNTY CHARTER

Note: [These Proposed Amendments Will Be On The General Election Ballot, November 7, 2006](#)

The Hawai‘i County Charter is the document which sets out the form of local government in the County of Hawai‘i. Five amendments have been proposed to the Charter by the Hawai‘i County Council. These five amendments, Proposals “1,” “2,” “3,” “4,” and “5,” will be placed on a ballot in the form of questions, and set before the electorate in the General Election on November 7, 2006. The relevant ballot questions are set out below, followed by a link to the full text of the five amendments published in ordinance form. In the ordinances, material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken and new material is underscored.

BALLOT QUESTION PROPOSAL 1: The Department of Civil Service.

Should the Hawai‘i County Charter be amended by changing the name of:

- The department of civil service to the “department of human resources”;
- The director of civil service to the “director of human resources”;
- The department’s personnel management program to the “human resources management program”;
- The title of the deputy director of civil service, also referred to as the deputy director of personnel, to the “deputy director of human resources”; and
- The civil service commission to the “merit appeals board”?

If you agree, VOTE “YES.”

If you disagree, VOTE “NO.”

[Link to: Ordinance No. 06-60](#)

BALLOT QUESTION PROPOSAL 2: The Fire Department.

Should the name of the “fire department” be changed to the “Hawai‘i fire department”?

If you agree, VOTE “YES.”

If you disagree, VOTE “NO.”

[Link to: Ordinance No. 06-95](#)

BALLOT QUESTION
PROPOSAL 3: Terms of Board or Commission Members.

Should provisions relating to a board or commission member's eligibility for a second appointment to the same board or commission be changed--to allow persons appointed for any term of two years or less to be eligible to succeed themselves for an additional full term?

If you agree, VOTE "YES."
If you disagree, VOTE "NO."

[Link to: Ordinance No. 06-51](#)

BALLOT QUESTION
PROPOSAL 4: Impeachment of Elected Officials.

Should the Hawai'i County Charter be amended by:

- 1) Changing the number of persons required to sign an impeachment petition from "not less than one hundred (100) qualified electors of the county" to:
 - Not less than two percent of registered voters in the last general election - for impeachment of the mayor or prosecuting attorney; and
 - Not less than two percent of registered voters in the respective council district in the last general election - for impeachment of a council member; and
- 2) Adding a requirement that persons who sign an impeachment petition must be:
 - A registered voter of the county - for impeachment of the mayor or prosecuting attorney; and
 - A registered voter in the respective council district - for impeachment of a council member?

If you agree, VOTE "YES."
If you disagree, VOTE "NO."

[Link to: Ordinance No. 06-84](#)

BALLOT QUESTION
PROPOSAL 5: Petitions for Initiative or Referendum, Recall of Elected Officials, or Charter Amendments or Revisions.

Should the Hawai'i County Charter be amended to:

- Remove the requirement that social security numbers be provided by persons signing petitions for:
 - initiative or referendum;
 - recall of elected officials; or
 - charter amendments or revisions;
- Remove the requirement that mailing addresses be provided by persons signing petitions for recall of elected officials;
- Increase the time period allowed to certify the sufficiency of initiative and referendum petitions from twenty days to twenty working days and the supplemental petitions from five days to five working days; and
- Make minor punctuation, style, and grammar changes to sections 11-4, 11-5, and 15-1 to improve their clarity?

If you agree, VOTE “YES.”

If you disagree, VOTE “NO.”

[Link to: Ordinance No. 06-96](#)

Copies of the full text and the respective ballot questions relating to Proposals “1,” “2,” “3,” “4,” and “5,” are on file in the County Clerk’s Office in Hilo and the Office of the County Council in Kailua-Kona.

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