

Ballot Propositions

PROPOSITION A

Shall the Charter be amended to correct non-substantive capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentence structure errors and remove references to outdated position titles, functions, or word usage?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION B

Shall the Charter be amended to remove non-substantive references to specific state laws that may change over time and replace those references with a general reference to "state law" except in reference to the Texas Open Meetings Act?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION C

Shall the Charter be amended to eliminate the portions of the Charter that are preempted by state law and to add clauses to recognize that if a conflict arises between the Charter and state law that state law prevails?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION D

Shall the Charter be amended to adjust City Council terms from four 2-year terms to three 3-year terms and establish a schedule through which the new 3-year terms shall take effect to assure that one city-wide election shall occur each year?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION E

Shall the Charter be amended to clarify that candidates for the positions of Mayor and Councilmember must be at least 21 years old on the day of their election or appointment?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION F

Shall the Charter be amended to state that no candidate for Mayor or Councilmember may be in arrears in payment of taxes or other liabilities due to the City of Decatur, Texas?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION G

Shall the Charter be amended to require candidates for elected office to maintain the qualifications of office consistently from the date the candidate files their application to run for office forward?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION H

Shall the Charter be amended to clarify the duties of the Mayor to remove outdated powers and to follow state law provisions regarding mayoral duties?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION I

Shall the Charter be amended to make it clear that the Mayor and City Attorney can place items on agendas for City Council meetings?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION J

Shall the Charter be amended to make it clear that the City Attorney's duty to represent the City includes all foreseen, contemplated, or pending litigation and solidify the City Attorney's rights of access to the City's evidence to include administrative remedies as directed by the City Manager?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION K

Shall the Charter be amended to add the position and duties of the City Secretary? FOR:

_____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION L

Shall the Charter be amended to clarify that a majority vote of the City Council is required for the filling of a vacancy on the City Council?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION M

Shall the Charter be amended to clarify that in the instance of a recall election, if the recall election results in a tie vote, the recall petition did not pass with a majority of votes cast, and the elected official shall continue in office?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION N

Shall the Charter be amended to clarify that in a forfeiture of office action, the $\frac{3}{4}$ vote required of the of the entire membership of the City Council excludes the Councilmember who is the subject of the forfeiture vote?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION O

Shall the Charter be amended to clarify that a Mayor or up to one (1) Councilmember may serve on a board, committee, or commission that is advisory in nature?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION P

Shall the Charter be amended to include electronic publications in the list of allowable publication methods when publication of documents or notices is required unless state law requires otherwise?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION Q

Shall the Charter be amended to adjust the term of office of the Municipal Judge to the minimum allowable term provided by state law?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION R

Shall the Charter be amended to incorporate into the Charter the provisions of the 2010 ordinance creating the Decatur Municipal Court of Record?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION S

Shall the Charter be amended to adjust the time period for which the court must keep a recorded copy of a trial from 21 days to 120 days to allow for the operation of the appellate timetable?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION T

Shall the Charter be amended to clarify that the City may conduct elections and secure election judges through contract with another governmental entity, such as Wise County?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION U

Shall the Charter be amended to require all employees who handle money to execute surety bonds?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION V

Shall the Charter be amended to add an Anti-Nepotism provision that would prohibit employees or contractors of the City from being related to the Mayor, Councilmembers, or City Manager within the third degree of consanguinity (blood) or second degree of affinity (marriage) unless the employee or contractor has been continuously employed by the City for at least two years?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION W

Shall the Charter be amended to add a Definitions appendix that includes definitions for Budget, Capital Improvement Program, Comprehensive Master Plan, Council-Manager Form of Government, Entire Membership of Council, Home Rule, Initiative, Instrumentality of the City, Referendum, Recall, and Term of Office?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

PROPOSITION X

Shall the Charter be amended to remove or adjust language that applies only to the original charter which was approved in 2003 without removing historical context but to ensure the provisions of the amended Charter make sense?

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____
