

RESOLUTION NO. R2025-11-30

A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, THE ADOPTION OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN PROPOSITIONS EACH PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR AN ELECTION HAVING BEEN HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, AND DECLARING RESULTS OF THAT ELECTION.

WHEREAS, a Special Election was ordered by the City Council of the City of Decatur, Texas, to be held on November 4, 2025, at which twenty-four (24) propositions were to be submitted to the duly qualified resident electors of the City of Decatur, Texas, for their action thereon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Decatur, Texas, has determined that the Special Election was duly called; notice of the Special Election was duly given in the form, manner, and time required by law; and on November 4, 2025, the Special Election was in all respects legally held and conducted in accordance with applicable laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Special Election was administered by the Elections Department of Wise County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the election officers of Wise County have prepared the returns of the Special Election, and the returns have been delivered to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, appearing from the returns provided to the City of Decatur, Texas, by the Wise County Elections Department, there were 552 valid and legal votes cast at the Special Election; and

WHEREAS, the votes cast For and Against each proposition are as detailed in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Decatur, Texas, met on November 10, 2025, a quorum thereof being present, and canvassed the returns ascertaining and determining the number of votes received on each proposition.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Resolution by reference as findings of fact and are incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section 2. The tabulation of votes cast for the purposes of amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the City of Decatur, Texas, captured in Propositions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, and X in the Special Election held on November 4, 2025, be and the same is hereby adopted as the official tabulation filed and

recorded in the official records of the City of Decatur, Texas, as the official canvass of the Special Election.

Section 3. The propositions on which the votes were cast are recorded below, and votes were cast as follows:

Proposition	Early & Absentee Votes	Election Day	Total Votes
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	286	173	459
Against	25	45	70
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	272	155	427
Against	34	54	88
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	275	174	449
Against	36	41	77
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	221	134	355
Against	94	84	178
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	301	195	496
Against	20	26	46
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	303	195	498
Against	17	27	44
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	305	203	508
Against	15	17	32
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	292	192	484
Against	24	23	47
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	282	185	467
Against	34	33	67


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	273	180	453
Against	35	32	67
Proposition K Shall the Charter be amended to add the position and duties of the City Secretary?			
For	276	176	452
Against	34	37	71
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	291	191	482
Against	24	26	50
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	232	136	368
Against	79	78	157
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	280	175	455
Against	30	35	65
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	242	142	384
Against	63	68	131
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	267	183	450
Against	39	24	63
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	285	187	472
Against	27	26	53
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	271	157	428
Against	28	43	71
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	296	197	493
Against	17	20	37

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	263	156	419
Against	42	56	98
Proposition U Shall the Charter be amended to require all employees who handle money to execute surety bonds?			
For	278	172	450
Against	31	42	73
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	276	180	456
Against	31	31	62
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	283	187	470
Against	16	24	40
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	275	175	450
Against	27	34	61

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public and that the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by state law.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of November 2025.



 Mike McQuisten, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Asucena Delgado, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary

