

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
CHARTER AMENDMENT BALLOT QUESTIONS
FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION**

QUESTION A

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to require the Anne Arundel County Veterans Affairs Commission.

A vote **FOR** the charter amendment would add a Charter requirement that the County have a Veterans Affairs Commission.

A vote **AGAINST** the charter amendment would mean that the Veterans Affairs Commission would not be required by the Charter.

([Resolution No. 64-21](#), passed January 18, 2022)

QUESTION B

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to provide that no person elected or appointed to the office of County Councilmember may serve more than three full consecutive four-year terms.

A vote **FOR** the charter amendment would allow a County Councilmember to serve three full consecutive four-year terms.

A vote **AGAINST** the charter amendment would retain the current provision that a County Councilmember may serve two full consecutive four-year terms.

([Resolution No. 18-22](#), passed July 5, 2022)

QUESTION C

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to require that the compensation paid to each member of the County Council be paid after consideration of recommendations of the Salary Standard Commission that are approved by ordinance of the County Council.

A vote **FOR** the charter amendment would remove the reference to an obsolete salary amount and would substitute a reference to the current procedure of County Council salaries being set by ordinance of the County Council adopted based on a recommendation of the Salary Standard Commission.

A vote **AGAINST** the charter amendment would retain the reference to the obsolete salary amount.

([Resolution No. 19-22](#), passed July 5, 2022)

QUESTION D

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to remove the requirement that copies of bills and notices of public hearings be posted on a bulletin board and to require that electronic copies of bills and notice of any public hearing be published to the County Council website and that printed copies of bills be made available to the public and press and that bills receive required publication.

A vote **FOR** the charter amendment would remove the requirement that copies of bills and notices of public hearings be posted on a bulletin board, and would require them to be posted on the County Council website and that paper copies of bills be available for the public and the press. It would also clarify the requirement that all bills receive publication required by law, including before passage by the County Council.

A vote **AGAINST** the charter amendment would continue to only require that copies of bills and notices of public hearings be posted on a bulletin board, with additional copies available to the public and the press. It would also continue to only reference other publication of bills after passage by the County Council.

([Resolution No. 21-22](#), passed July 5, 2022)

QUESTION E

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to clarify the differences between the two types of emergency ordinances allowed under the Charter and the legislative procedure that applies to each.

A vote **FOR** the charter amendment would clarify the language relating to the two types of emergency ordinances already described in the Charter and would clarify when the two types are declared to be emergency ordinances and when they are effective.

A vote **AGAINST** the charter amendment would retain the current language relating to the two types of emergency ordinances.

([Resolution No. 22-22](#), passed July 5, 2022)

QUESTION F

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to allow the County Council to assign additional functions, duties, and personnel to the County Auditor that are related to the finances and financial affairs of the County.

A vote **FOR** the charter amendment would approve amending language in the Charter to clarify that additional functions, duties, and personnel assigned to the County Auditor by the County Council must be related to finances and financial affairs of the County.

(Question F continued)

A vote **AGAINST** the charter amendment would retain the current language that states that the additional functions, duties, and personnel assigned to the County Auditor by the County Council must be consistent with the County Auditor's functions, duties, and personnel under the Charter.

([Resolution No. 23-22](#), passed July 5, 2022)

QUESTION G

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to change the name of the Charter Revision Commission to the Redistricting and Charter Revision Commission and to amend the date by which a decennial Redistricting and Charter Revision Commission must be appointed by the County Council.

A vote **FOR** the charter amendment would change the name of the Charter Revision Commission to the Redistricting and Charter Revision Commission. It would also change the date of appointment of the Commission from at or before the first day of the annual legislative session of the County Council after publication of the data from the United States decennial census to the first day of the annual legislation session of the County Council in the year of each United States decennial census.

A vote **AGAINST** the charter amendment would retain the name of the Charter Revision Commission and would retain the date of appointment of the Commission as at or before the first day of the annual legislative session of the County Council after publication of the data from the United States decennial census.

([Resolution No. 24-22](#), passed July 5, 2022)

QUESTION H

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to be gender neutral consistent with changes recommended based on a review by the County Attorney.

A vote **FOR** the amendment would replace all singularly masculine or feminine references in the Charter to gender neutral references as recommended based on a review of the Charter by the County Attorney.

A vote **AGAINST** the amendment would retain all singularly masculine or feminine references in the Charter.

([Resolution No. 30-22](#), passed July 18, 2022)