

Amendments to the State Constitution Proposed by the Thirty-Second Legislature

Question #1

Shall the state constitution be amended to repeal the legislature's authority to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples?

YES

NO

Question #2

Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended to make the appointment and confirmation process for district court judges the same as the appointment and confirmation process for supreme court justices and intermediate court of appeals and circuit court judges, which would require:

(1) The Judicial Selection Commission to present the Chief Justice with a list of not less than four and not more than six nominees for a vacancy;

(2) A district court appointee to be automatically considered appointed if the Senate fails to reject the appointment within thirty days of receiving the appointment notice;

(3) The Chief Justice to make another appointment from the list of district court nominees within ten days if the Senate rejects an appointment; and

(4) The appointment and consent procedure to be followed until a valid appointment is made, or failing this, the Judicial Selection Commission to make the appointment from the list of nominees, without Senate consent?

YES

NO

Proposed Amendments to the Honolulu City Charter

Charter Question #1

Shall the Revised City Charter be amended to require that the City Council appropriate, without having to simultaneously increase real property tax rates to fund the appropriation, one-half of one percent of the City's estimated real property tax revenues in each fiscal year's budget and capital program, to be deposited into a Climate Resiliency Fund, the purpose of which is to support initiatives and projects aimed at mitigating the impacts of climate change, enhancing the resilience of the City's infrastructure and communities, and promoting sustainable practices?

YES

NO

Charter Question #2

Shall the Revised City Charter be amended to establish the Department of Emergency Management as an independent agency of the City Executive Branch by assigning the Department of Emergency Management a separate chapter in the City Charter similar to the chapters assigned to all other City departments to provide that all Department of Emergency Management positions, including its Director and Deputy Director, are subject to the civil service laws; and to specify a minimum level of qualifications for the civil service position of the Director of Emergency Management, with additional minimum qualifications to be determined in accordance with civil service laws?

YES

NO

Charter Question #3

Shall the Revised City Charter be amended to establish an Ocean Safety Commission to review and make recommendations on certain activities of the Department of Ocean Safety and to appoint and remove the Chief of Ocean Safety?

YES

NO

Charter Question #4

Shall the Revised City Charter provisions relating to the salaries for Councilmembers be amended to cap any annual increase at no more than five percent, require that any changes be tied to the average annual salary changes of city employees in the City's collective bargaining units, and remove the Council's authority to vote on its own raises?

YES

NO

2024 Ballot Questions - Charter Amendments

Question #1 (Resolution 23-162 CD1):

"Shall the Revised City Charter be amended to require that the City Council appropriate, without having to simultaneously increase real property tax rates to fund the appropriation, one-half of one percent of the City's estimated real property tax revenues in each fiscal year's budget and capital program, to be deposited into a Climate Resiliency Fund, the purpose of which is to support initiatives and projects aimed at mitigating the impacts of climate change, enhancing the resilience of the City's infrastructure and communities, and promoting sustainable practices?"

Question 1 Summary: Should ½ of 1% of the City's property taxes be earmarked for the Climate Resiliency Fund (funds climate change projects)?

Charter Question #2 (Resolution 23-239 CD1, FD1):

"Shall the Revised City Charter be amended to establish the Department of Emergency Management as an independent agency of the City Executive Branch by assigning the Department of Emergency Management a separate chapter in the City Charter similar to the chapters assigned to all other City departments; to provide that all Department of Emergency Management positions, including its Director and Deputy Director, are subject to the civil service laws; and to specify a minimum level of qualifications for the civil service position of the Director of Emergency Management, with additional minimum qualifications to be determined in accordance with civil service laws?"

Question 2 Summary: Should we update the Charter to reflect the current status of the DEM as an independent agency of the City Executive Branch and provide that all DEM positions, including its Director and Deputy Director, are subject to the civil service laws?

Charter Question #3 (Resolution 24-050 FD1):

"Shall the Revised City Charter be amended to establish an Ocean Safety Commission to review and make recommendations on certain activities of the Department of Ocean Safety and to appoint the Chief of Ocean Safety?"

Question 3 Summary: Should an Ocean Safety Commission be established to oversee the Department of Ocean Safety and appoint the Chief of Ocean Safety?

Question #4 (Resolution 24-105 CD1):

"Shall the Revised City Charter provisions relating to the salaries for Councilmembers be amended to cap any annual increase at no more than five percent, require that any changes be tied to the average annual salary changes of city employees in the City's collective bargaining units, and remove the Council's authority to vote on its own raises?"

Question 4 Summary: Should Councilmembers' annual salary increases be capped at 5% and tied to the average salary increases of city employees?