BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 24-07-09-11	IN THE MATTER OF REFERRING TO ELECTION SIX AMENDMENTS TO THE LANE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 26, 2024, and on July 9, 2024, in which members of the public were given the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Lane County Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the public interest and benefit to offer the voters the option to approve amendment to the Lane County Charter that would revise how Commissioner Districts are described (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the public interest and benefit to offer the voters the option to approve amendment to the Lane County Charter that would enshrine in the Charter an independent Redistricting Committee empowered to prepare and select a redistricting plan in conjunction with the release of Federal Census data, as necessary to ensure equal protection under the law (Exhibit B); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the public interest and benefit to offer the voters the option to approve amendment to the Lane County Charter that would repeal Section 32, which imposes spending limits based upon outdate language and inapplicable past practices (Exhibit C); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the public interest and benefit to offer the voters the option to approve amendment to the Lane County Charter that would repeal Section 33, which imposes restrictions on the use and development of the East Alton Baker Park property that is no longer owned by Lane County (Exhibit D); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the public interest and benefit to offer the voters the option to approve amendment to the Lane County Charter that would repeal Section 34, which limits the rate and use of revenue for a County income tax that does not exist (Exhibit E); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the public interest and benefit to offer the voters the option to approve amendment to the Lane County Charter that would revise the provision governing the Charter Review Committee to remove obsolete references to past specific dates and extend the Committee's deadline for making recommendations from one year to two years (Exhibit F);

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the measures and explanatory statements be submitted to the voters on the November 5, 2024, ballot, as shown in Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, and F, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and it is further

ORDERED, that a copy of this Board Order be presented to the County Clerk of Lane County and shall constitute our certification that these measures and explanatory statements be placed on the November 5, 2024, ballot; and it is further

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ORDERED, that the County Clerk of Lane County provide notice for and conduct the election in the manner provided by law, including ORS Chapter 250.

ADOPTED this 9th day of July, 2024.

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Laurie Trieger, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

Ballot Title

CAPTION: AMENDMENT OF LANE CHARTER TO REVISE DESCRIPTIONS OF COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS

QUESTION: Shall Lane County amend the Lane County Charter to revise geographic descriptions of Commissioner Districts and identify Districts by number?

SUMMARY: The proposed amendments to Section 10.3.c of the Lane County Charter would revise the descriptions of Commissioner Districts to identify Districts by number and minimize use of geographic descriptions. District descriptions would conform to the following general format:

District No. 1, generally comprised of western Lane County outside the metropolitan area, but also including contiguous portions of the County as necessary to comply with subsection (d). The commissioner elected from this district shall fill Position No. 1.

Ballot Title

CAPTION: AMENDMENT OF LANE CHARTER TO REVISE SUBSECTIONS GOVERNING REDISTRICTING

QUESTION: Shall Lane County amend the Lane County Charter to link redistricting to the decennial census and enshrine independent redistricting committee.

SUMMARY: The proposed amendments to Section 10.3.d would require review of Commissioner District boundaries coinciding with the release of Federal Census Data every ten years, and not more often. Proposed amendments would require Commissioners to convene an Independent Redistricting Committee if modification of District boundaries is necessary to ensure equal protection under the law.

The proposed amendments to Section 10.3.e would enshrine in the Charter the composition of the Independent Redistricting Committee, how members are appointed, and requirements for public meetings and the development of proposed redistricting plans. The proposed amendments would require the Board of Commissioners to adopt the redistricting plan selected by the Independent Redistricting Committee.

Ballot Title

CAPTION: REPEAL OF SECTION 32 OF LANE COUNTY CHARTER

QUESTION: Shall Lane County repeal Section 32 of the Lane County Charter?

SUMMARY: The proposed amendment would repeal Section 32 of the Lane County Charter, which imposes specific limits on annual County expenditures. State laws governing county budgets would continue to apply, as appropriate.

Ballot Title

CAPTION: REPEAL OF SECTION 33 OF LANE COUNTY CHARTER

QUESTION: Shall Lane County repeal Section 33 of the Lane County Charter?

SUMMARY: The proposed amendment would repeal Section 33 of the Lane County Charter, which imposes restrictions on the use and development of East Alton Baker Park. Lane County no longer owns the land constituting East Alton Baker Park as it was sold to the City of Eugene.

Ballot Title

CAPTION: REPEAL OF SECTION 34 OF LANE COUNTY CHARTER

QUESTION: Shall Lane County repeal Section 34 of the Lane County Charter

SUMMARY: The proposed amendment would repeal Section 34 of the Lane County Charter, which limits the rate of any Lane County income tax and directs how revenues are to be used. There is not currently any Lane County income tax.

Ballot Title

CAPTION: AMENDMENT OF LANE CHARTER UPDATING PROVISION GOVERNING CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

QUESTION: Shall Lane County amend the Lane County Charter provision governing Charter Review Committee, removing outdate references and extending recommendations deadline?

SUMMARY: The proposed amendments to Section 35 of the Lane County Charter would revise the provision governing the Charter Review Committee to remove obsolete references to past specific dates and to extend the Committee's deadline for making recommendations from one year to two years.