

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
Resolution No. 25-39

A RESOLUTION
APPROVING PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND AUTHORIZING
PLACEMENT OF BALLOT QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT OF THE REGULAR
LOCAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS IN THE COUNTY OF SAN
MIGUEL ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON SUCH
AMENDMENTS

QUESTION NINE

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas ("City") Governing Body appointed a Charter Commission ("Commission") to review the City Charter pursuant to Section 1.05 of the Charter;

WHEREAS, the Commission has finished their duties and submitted their suggested Charter amendments to the Governing Body;

WHEREAS, the City adopted Ordinance 22-03 opting in to the Regular Local Election;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has considered said suggested Charter amendments;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has requested the City's legal counsel draft the Governing Body's proposed Charter amendments;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body, in considering the Charter revisions, may approve, deny, modify, or remand any of the proposed amendments back to the City's legal counsel for further changes;

WHEREAS, each proposed amendment receiving approval by a majority vote of the Governing Body shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the November 4, 2025, Regular Local Election;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body pursuant to Section 1-16-3(B) NMSA 1978, shall adopt a resolution authorizing placement of ballot questions for the Regular Local Election no later than sixty-seven days before the election.

WHEREAS, according to the Charter Commission's suggested amendments, the Commission recommends ten substantive amendments be placed on the ballot for the November 2025 election;

WHEREAS, according to the Charter Commission's suggested amendments, the Commission recommends that, if both Resolution 25-31 Question One and this Resolution 25-29 Question Nine of the November 4, 2025, election are approved, then the language of Resolution 25-31 Question One shall be applied first and the language of this Resolution 25-39 Question Nine shall be applied second;

WHEREAS, specifically, the Commission's suggested amendments recommend that Sections 2.01(B) and 2.03(B) and (C) of the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE II. — GOVERNING BODY

Section 2.01. Corporate Authority.

- B. The corporate authority of the City shall be vested in the Governing Body, which shall consist of eight (8) five (5) City Councilors, four of whom who shall be elected by from four dual-member districts numbered one through four and one of whom shall be elected by the City at large to represent all City residents, which and shall collectively comprise the City Council, and a Mayor who shall be the presiding officer of the Governing Body.

Section 2.03. Qualifications and Election of Councilors.

- B. One (1) Two (2) Councilors shall be elected by the qualified electors in each of the City council districts. Elected Councilors and candidates shall physically reside within the districts they represent.
- C. Councilors shall each be elected for terms of four (4) years, with two four districts electing Councilors in each general municipal election, thereby allowing for staggered Council terms. The terms of office of the two councilors from each district shall be staggered so that one councilor shall be elected from each district at each regular municipal election. At the general regular municipal election of March 2012 November 2027, the following shall occur: two (2) Councilors shall be elected for the two (2) positions whose terms expire at that election. The remaining two (2) Councilors shall continue to serve until the expiration of their terms and the election of Councilors in the March 2014 regular election. Thenceforth, in each general municipal election, two districts shall elect Councilors.
- 1) Ward 1, Position 1 – Election for four-year term
 - 2) Ward 1, Position 2 – Election for initial two-year term, then four-year terms thereafter
 - 3) Ward 2, Position 1 – No election, four-year term ends in 2029
 - 4) Ward 2, Position 2 – Election for four-year term
 - 5) Ward 3, Position 1 – No election, four-year term ends in 2029
 - 6) Ward 3, Position 2 – Election for four-year term
 - 7) Ward 4, Position 1 – Election for four-year term
 - 8) Ward 4, Position 2 – Election for initial two-year term, then four-year terms thereafter

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to submit the above-recommended amendments to the City's voters for approval;

WHEREAS, state law, Section 3-15-16 NMSA 1978, states that a home rule municipality may amend its Charter “by a proposal submitted to the governing body of the municipality to the qualified electors”;

WHEREAS, resolution is the formal expression of the will of the Governing Body, and is used by the City to describe a proposed ballot questions and submit it to the electors;

WHEREAS, Section 1-16-3 NMSA 1978, requires the City to “file a resolution proposing the ballot question” with the county clerk, not less than seventy (70) days before the election at which the ballot question is proposed to be submitted to the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS that the Governing Body hereby proposes to submit the following question on the ballot of the Regular Local Election on November 4, 2025:

INCREASING COUNCILORS FROM FOUR TO EIGHT MEMBERS

Should the City amend the Las Vegas Municipal Charter Article II to require that the City Council consist of eight members, elected from four dual-member districts, for terms of four (4) years, with staggered terms of office between the two councilors from each district, and detailing the positions up for election in November 2027?

For ☐ Against ☐

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall present this ballot question to the Secretary of State no later than August 29, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the voters approve the above ballot question, then the following amendments shall be made to the City’s Charter:

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.



DAVID ROMERO, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CASANDRA FRESQUEZ, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



GENO ZAMORA, ESQ., CITY'S LEGAL COUNSEL