

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
Resolution No. 25-40

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 TEN

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 NMSA 1-16-3(B) 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, specifically, the Commission's suggested amendments recommend that Section 2.06 of the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE II. — GOVERNING BODY
Section 2.06. Compensation.

Annual compensation for the Mayor shall be ~~ten~~fifteen thousand dollars (~~\$15,000.00~~\$10,000.00) and for each Councilor ~~ten~~fifteen thousand dollars (~~\$15,000.00~~\$10,000.00), payable in monthly installments. Benefits may be provided by the Council as provided for by state law. An elected official who is a retired member of the New Mexico Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA) shall be subject to the statutes and rules of PERA, as may be amended from time to time, governing contributions to the official's PERA retirement account by the City and by the elected official.

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 MAYOR AND COUNCILOR COMPENSATION TO \$15,000

Should the Las Vegas Municipal Charter Article II, Section 2.06 be amended to increase the annual compensation for the Mayor and for each Councilor from ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), each?

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