



Boerne Charter Amendment Proposition A

"An amendment to the City's home rule charter requiring the City to follow the procedures provide by state law to enlarge its boundaries."

The current language of the charter and the change proposed by this proposition can be found at <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14457/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-A>

"Una enmienda a la carta orgánica de gobierno autónomo de la Ciudad para requerir que la Ciudad siga los procedimientos dispuestos por ley estatal para ampliar sus límites."

El texto actual y los cambios propuestos por esta proposición se pueden encontrar en <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14457/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-A> [en inglés]



Yes/Si - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta

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No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta

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Information

If the "Yes" vote wins, the city will remove from its charter specific procedures about enlarging city boundaries that are no longer valid under current state law.

If the "No" vote wins, the city will leave in its charter specific procedures about enlarging city boundaries, even though those procedures are no longer valid under current state law.

Why should voters consider voting this way on this proposition?

Yes/Si - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta:

New Texas laws went into effect in 2019 that require cities to secure consent of landowners or approval of voters before enlarging the boundaries of the city through annexation. This proposition removes language from the charter that refers to procedures that are no longer valid under current state law. This cleanup will help make sure citizens will not be confused by the outdated language in the city charter.

No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta:

The city charter already includes language stating that "territory may be annexed to the City in any manner and by any procedure that may now be provided by law or that may be hereafter provided by law." The proposed charter amendment does not reference the relevant sections of state law, so citizens may not know where to find information to understand the process.

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Boerne Charter Amendment Proposition B

"An amendment to the City's home rule charter changing the City Council terms of office from two years to three years."

The current language of the charter and the change proposed by this proposition can be found at <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14458/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-B>

"Una enmienda a la carta orgánica de gobierno autónomo de la Ciudad para cambiar los términos en un cargo en el Consejo Municipal de dos años a tres años."

El texto actual y los cambios propuestos por esta proposición se pueden encontrar en <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14458/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-B> [en inglés]



Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta

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No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta

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Information

If the "Yes" vote wins, the Mayor and City Council members will serve for a term of three years, instead of two years. If a City Council member leaves with more than a year left in the term, the voters must choose a replacement in a special election.

If the "No" vote wins, the Mayor and City Council will continue to serve for a term of two years. If a City Council member leaves office, the other City Council members may choose a replacement in most cases.

Why should voters consider voting this way on this proposition?

Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta:

It takes some time for a new City Council member to really learn the job. With a two-year term, it is challenging for new Council members to achieve much for their districts in their first term. Longer terms will allow members to be more effective. Also, less-frequent city elections will save money for the city over time.

No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta:

Longer terms mean that a district with an ineffective Council member will have to wait longer to replace them, or will have to undertake a recall process to remove them sooner. Also, any cost savings the city might realize by less-frequent elections could be offset by increased elections for unexpired terms, if there is turnover among Council members.

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Boerne Charter Amendment Proposition C

"An amendment to the City's home rule charter amending the eligibility requirements for the offices of Mayor and Council Member for alignment and consistency with the constitution and state law."

The current language of the charter and the change proposed by this proposition can be found at <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14459/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-C>

"Una enmienda a la carta orgánica de gobierno autónomo de la Ciudad para modificar los requisitos de elegibilidad para los cargos de alcalde y miembro del consejo para lograr alineación y conformidad con la constitución y la ley estatal."

El texto actual y los cambios propuestos por esta proposición se pueden encontrar en <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14459/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-C> [en inglés]



Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta

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No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta

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Information

If the "Yes" vote wins, candidates for Mayor and City Council will have to be registered voters (not just eligible to vote), and must meet all legal requirements to serve in that office.

If the "No" vote wins, the qualifications to run for Mayor and City Council will remain the same as they are now.

Why should voters consider voting this way on this proposition?

Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta:

Under current charter language, it might be possible for a candidate for Mayor or City Council to qualify under our local requirements but be ineligible to serve because they don't meet state or other legal requirements. The proposed language will prevent this possibility.

No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta:

The current charter language clearly lays out eligibility for office. The proposed language does not reference the other eligibility requirements that might apply, opening the possibility that a candidate might appear to be eligible, but their eligibility could be challenged after filing or even after election

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Boerne Charter Amendment Proposition D

An amendment to the City's home rule charter clarifying that the Mayor is a member of City Council and constitutes a part of a quorum for conducting business.

The current language of the charter and the change proposed by this proposition can be found at <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14460/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-D>

Una enmienda a la carta orgánica de gobierno autónomo de la Ciudad para aclarar que el alcalde es un miembro del Consejo Municipal y constituye una parte de un quórum para tratar asuntos.

El texto actual y los cambios propuestos por esta proposición se pueden encontrar en <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14460/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-D> [en inglés]



Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta

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No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta

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Information

If the "Yes" vote wins, a City Council meeting may proceed even if only the Mayor and two of the five Council members are present, or if only three of the five Council members are present without the Mayor.

If the "No" vote wins, a City Council meeting will continue to require the Mayor and three of the five Council members to be present, or four of the five Council members to be present without the Mayor.

Why should voters consider voting this way on this proposition?

Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta:

This proposition clarifies that the Mayor is a member of the City Council for the purposes of counting a quorum, and defines that three members constitutes a quorum for a City Council meeting, which will allow city business to proceed even if three of the six members are absent from a meeting.

No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta:

The Mayor is a separate elected office. A quorum for the city council applies only to the members of the city council as a government entity elected by voters who live in the specific districts of the city. If the proposed language is adopted, city business could be allowed to proceed even if three of the five districts are not represented in the meeting.

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Boerne Charter Amendment Proposition E

"An amendment to the City's home rule charter clarifying the timing of the election of the Mayor Pro-Tem and requiring the City Council to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor Pro Tem as soon as practicable."

The current language of the charter and the change proposed by this proposition can be found at <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14461/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-E>

"Una enmienda a la carta orgánica de gobierno autónomo de la Ciudad para aclarar los plazos de la elección del alcalde pro tempore y requerir que el Consejo Municipal ocupe una vacante en el cargo de alcalde pro tempore tan pronto sea viable."

El texto actual y los cambios propuestos por esta proposición se pueden encontrar en <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14461/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-E> [en inglés]



Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta

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No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta

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Information

The Mayor Pro-Tem is a City Council member who temporarily acts as Mayor if the elected Mayor is unable to serve. If the "Yes" vote wins, the Mayor Pro-Tem will be chosen by the City Council at their first meeting after all votes are counted for the new City Council, and elected again by City Council if the Mayor Pro-Tem leaves office.

The Mayor Pro-Tem is a City Council member who temporarily acts as Mayor if the elected Mayor is unable to serve. If the "No" vote wins, the Mayor Pro-Tem will be chosen by the City Council at their first meeting after each City Council election, and there is no way to replace the Mayor Pro-Tem if they leave office.

Why should voters consider voting this way on this proposition?

Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta:

The Mayor Pro-Tem should only be selected after the election results for City Council are official. The process for replacing a Mayor Pro-Tem who cannot serve out their term should be clear. This proposition establishes both procedures.

No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta:

The rules for the Mayor Pro-Tem as defined in the current charter are sufficient and do not need to be changed.

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Boerne Charter Amendment Proposition F

"An amendment to the City's home rule charter requiring a Council Member to continue to reside in their elected District during their term of office."

The current language of the charter and the change proposed by this proposition can be found at <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14462/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-F>

"Una enmienda a la carta orgánica de gobierno autónomo de la Ciudad para requerir que un miembro del consejo siga residiendo en su Distrito electo durante el término en su cargo."

El texto actual y los cambios propuestos por esta proposición se pueden encontrar en <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14462/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-F> [en inglés]



Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta

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No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta

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Information

If the "Yes" vote wins, a City Council member must leave office if they no longer live in the district that elected them to Council.

If the "No" vote wins, a City Council member must leave office if they no longer live in the City, but may remain in office if they live in a different district than the one that elected them.

Why should voters consider voting this way on this proposition?

Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta:

With the proposed change, Council members would be required to live in the districts that elect them to the City Council. If a Council member moves to a different district, they will be required to resign. They may run to represent their new district, but will not be permitted to represent a district where they no longer live.

No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta:

As long as Council members remain within the City and begin their term in a particular district, it does not matter if they remain in that district for their full term. They can still represent citizens of a district even if they don't live there. The proposed requirement could lead to more turnover on City Council.

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Boerne Charter Amendment Proposition G

"An amendment to the City's home rule charter clarifying that the one-year prohibition on holding employment after service on City Council applies to employment with the City."

The current language of the charter and the change proposed by this proposition can be found at <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14463/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-G>

"Una enmienda a la carta orgánica de gobierno autónomo de la Ciudad para aclarar que la prohibición de un año de mantener un empleo después de fungir en el Consejo Municipal se aplica al empleo para la Ciudad."

El texto actual y los cambios propuestos por esta proposición se pueden encontrar en <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14463/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-G> [en inglés]



Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta

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No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta

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Information

If the "Yes" vote wins, City Council members can't be employed by the City during their term in office, nor for one year after they leave office.

If the "No" vote wins, City Council members might be prevented from holding any other job during their term in office, depending on how one reads the charter.

Why should voters consider voting this way on this proposition?

Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta:

This proposition clarifies ambiguous language in the charter. Although the intent is to prevent Council members from employment with the city during their terms of service, the current language could be interpreted to prevent them from holding any other job while serving on City Council, which would prevent many otherwise capable citizens from serving on City Council.

No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta:

The current language is sufficient, and if it is interpreted to prevent City Council members from holding any other employment during their terms of service, that is fine and will ensure they are dedicated to City Council service.

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Boerne Charter Amendment Proposition H

"An amendment to the City's home rule charter by deleting and revising for alignment and compliance with the constitution and state elections law."

The current language of the charter and the change proposed by this proposition can be found at <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14464/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-H>

"Una enmienda a la carta orgánica de gobierno autónomo de la Ciudad mediante eliminación y corrección para lograr alineación y conformidad con la constitución y la ley electoral estatal."

El texto actual y los cambios propuestos por esta proposición se pueden encontrar en <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14464/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-H> [en inglés]



Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta

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No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta

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Information

If the "Yes" vote wins, the city will remove specific local procedures about conducting city elections from the charter, and will simply run elections as current state law says it should.

If the "No" vote wins, the city will leave specific local procedures about conducting city elections in the charter, even if those procedures may be against current state law.

Why should voters consider voting this way on this proposition?

Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta:

This proposition ensures that city elections will occur on uniform election dates as prescribed by the state. As a result, those dates will be more likely to be shared with other local, state and federal elections, which will share the burden of overhead costs. Also, voter turnout for an election with more races on the ballot will likely be greater than voter turnout for an election with city races only.

No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta:

This proposed charter amendment requires that the City Council conduct all elections consistent with state law, but does not reference the relevant sections of state elections law. Without those references, it may be difficult for citizens to know what those state requirements are.

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Boerne Charter Amendment Proposition I

"An amendment to the City's home rule charter requiring the City Budget to be prepared and submitted to City Council in alignment and compliance with the constitution and the requirements of state law."

The current language of the charter and the change proposed by this proposition can be found at <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14465/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-I>

"Una enmienda a la carta orgánica de gobierno autónomo de la Ciudad para requerir que el presupuesto de la Ciudad se prepare y entregue al Consejo Municipal en alineación y conformidad con la constitución y los requisitos de la ley estatal."

El texto actual y los cambios propuestos por esta proposición se pueden encontrar en <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14465/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-I> [en inglés]



Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta

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No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta

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Information

If the "Yes" vote wins, the city will remove some local rules from the charter that tell the City Manager how to prepare and present the city budget. Instead, it will require the City Manager to prepare and present the budget as current state law says they should.

If the "No" vote wins, the city will leave some local rules in the charter that tell the City Manager how to prepare and present the city budget even if those rules may be against current state law.

Why should voters consider voting this way on this proposition?

Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta:

Current state law governing the preparation and presentation of city budgets (such as Tex. Loc. Gov't Code §102) include important transparency provisions that are not in our current charter. For example, state law requires cities to publish their budgets on their website, and if a budget would require a tax increase, state law requires that the budget include that information clearly and prominently on its first page.

No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta:

The current city charter language clearly lays out the timeline for the budget process, but that timeline is not as clear to citizens if it only references state law. Also, this change is not necessary because our current charter language would already generally meet the requirements of Tex. Loc. Gov't Code §102.011, as long as the City provides clear and prominent notice of property tax increases.

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Boerne Charter Amendment Proposition J

"An amendment to the City's home rule charter authorizing the City Manager to contract for budgeted items not exceeding the state law competitive bidding threshold requirements and requiring contracts for expenditures exceeding the state law competitive bidding threshold to be expressly approved in advance by the Council."

The current language of the charter and the change proposed by this proposition can be found at <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14466/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-J>

"Una enmienda a la carta orgánica de gobierno autónomo de la Ciudad para autorizar al Administrador de la Ciudad a contratar artículos presupuestados que no superen los requisitos umbrales de licitación competitiva de la ley estatal y requerir que el Consejo apruebe por adelantado contratos para desembolsos que superen los umbrales de licitación competitiva de la ley estatal."

El texto actual y los cambios propuestos por esta proposición se pueden encontrar en <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14466/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-J> [en inglés]



Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta

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No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta

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Information

If the "Yes" vote wins, the City Manager will be able to make contracts for budgeted expenses without City Council approval, as long as those expenses are below the amount where state law requires competitive bidding, which is currently \$50,000.

If the "No" vote wins, the City Manager will be able to make contracts for budgeted expenses without City Council approval, as long as those expenses are below \$15,000.

Why should voters consider voting this way on this proposition?

Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta:

This proposition would better align city purchasing policy with state policies, by setting the threshold for City Council approval at the same level as the threshold for competitive bidding. It would improve the efficiency of city government by giving the City Manager greater authority to execute contracts below that threshold without City Council approval.

No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta:

By increasing the threshold for City Council approval from \$15,000 to \$50,000, this proposed change would reduce the fiscal oversight role by our elected City Council. Instead, it would concentrate increased fiscal authority in the hands of the unelected City Manager.

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Boerne Charter Amendment Proposition K

"An amendment to the City's home rule charter requiring that tie votes for municipal office be resolved in alignment and compliance with the constitution and state elections law."

The current language of the charter and the change proposed by this proposition can be found at <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14467/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-K>

"Una enmienda a la carta orgánica de gobierno autónomo de la Ciudad para requerir que el empate de votos para un cargo municipal se resuelva en alineación y conformidad con la constitución y la ley electoral estatal."

El texto actual y los cambios propuestos por esta proposición se pueden encontrar en <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14467/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-K> [en inglés]



Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta

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No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta

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Information

If the "Yes" vote wins for Proposition K and the "No" vote wins for Proposition B, future tie votes for City Council or Mayor can be resolved first by the tied candidates drawing lots or by one of the candidates withdrawing, second by recount, and third by a new election.

If the "No" vote wins for Proposition K, or the "Yes" vote wins for both Propositions B and K, future tie votes for City Council or Mayor will be resolved by a special runoff election, continuing the current policy.

Why should voters consider voting this way on this proposition?

Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta:

If Proposition K wins and Proposition B fails, it may be possible to resolve some tied elections without a special runoff election, thus saving the city the cost of the runoff election.

No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta:

If Proposition K fails it will have the same effect as if both Proposition B and Proposition K pass, which is that tie votes for City Council or Mayor will require a special runoff election, instead of the alternative tiebreak options provided by state law.

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Boerne Charter Amendment Proposition L

"An amendment to the City's home rule charter deleting transitional provisions which are no longer necessary to the City Charter and renumbering remaining provisions."

The current language of the charter and the change proposed by this proposition can be found at <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14468/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-L>

"Una enmienda a la carta orgánica de gobierno autónomo de la Ciudad para eliminar disposiciones transitorias que ya no son necesarias de la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad y volver a numerar las disposiciones restantes."

El texto actual y los cambios propuestos por esta proposición se pueden encontrar en <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14468/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-L> [en inglés]



Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta

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No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta

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Information

If the "Yes" vote wins, the city will remove from the charter several rules that were needed when the charter was first approved, but are no longer needed.

If the "No" vote wins, the city will leave in place several rules that were needed when the charter was first approved, even though they are no longer needed.

Why should voters consider voting this way on this proposition?

Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta:

It is important to strip provisions that are extraneous or no longer relevant out of our city charter, to reduce confusion and potential misunderstandings.

No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta:

Even if the extra provisions no longer apply, there is no need to amend the city charter just to remove them.

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Boerne Charter Amendment Proposition M

"An amendment to the City's home rule charter requiring only those personnel policies that have financial implications for the City to be approved by City Council and requiring notice of all other changes to the personnel policies be provided to City Council."

The current language of the charter and the change proposed by this proposition can be found at <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14469/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-M>

"Una enmienda a la carta orgánica de gobierno autónomo de la Ciudad para requerir que únicamente aquellas políticas de personal que tienen repercusiones financieras para la Ciudad sean aprobadas por el Consejo Municipal y requerir que se informen al Consejo Municipal todos los demás cambios a las políticas de personal."

El texto actual y los cambios propuestos por esta proposición se pueden encontrar en <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/14469/Boerne-Charter-Election-MEASURE-M> [en inglés]



Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta

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No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta

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Information

If the "Yes" vote wins, the City Manager will notify City Council of all changes to city personnel rules, but City Council will only need to approve those rule changes if they have a financial impact.

If the "No" vote wins, the current rules will stay in place, which say that the City Manager must seek approval from City Council for all changes to city personnel rules.

Why should voters consider voting this way on this proposition?

Yes/Sí - For the Measure/A Favor de la Propuesta:

The City Manager functions as the Chief Executive for the city, and therefore should have authority over personnel policy without the need for oversight and direct approval from City Council.

No - Against the Measure/En Contra de la Propuesta:

If the proposed amendment is adopted, changes to personnel policy could occur more frequently and with less careful deliberation. City Council should have responsibility not only for the way city employees are treated financially, but also the way they are valued and treated as public servants. Finally, the amendment does not define the term "financial implications," so it is unclear whether policies involving potential legal liability or exposure, such as those governing employment discrimination, sexual harassment, or disability accommodations, would require approval by City Council or not.

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