

Charter Review Commission

How they voted

Y = Yes
 N = No
 *A = Absent
 *O = Abstained

Proposal	District 1					District 2					District 3				
	Donovan	Mackiewicz	Ryan	Stuen	Walker	Bell	Dow	B. Elenbaas	J. Elenbaas	Langley	Goldsmith	Kentch	May	Mutchler	Sobjack
1. Shall the Charter be amended to provide for election of council members within the council district from which the candidate was nominated? If passed, general elections will change from county-wide to district-only, except for the at-large position. Submitted by Joe Elenbaas.	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	A*	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Passed 8-6-1															
2. Shall the Charter be amended to facilitate voting on initiatives and referendums? If passed, the number of signatures required to place an initiative or referendum on the ballot will be 15 percent at the last general election or eight percent at the last gubernatorial election, whichever is lower. Submitted by Todd Donovan.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	A*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Passed 12-2-1															
3. Shall the Charter be amended to prohibit the County Council from proposing Charter amendments on matters that have been approved by a 2/3 majority of voters? Submitted by Ben Elenbaas.	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Passed 8-7															
4. Shall the Charter be amended to increase the "concise statement" limit? If passed, the ballot statement for county initiatives and referendums would be increased from a maximum of 20 words to a maximum of 30 words. Submitted by Joe Elenbaas and amended.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Passed 15-0															
5. Shall the Charter be amended to apply term limits to the Whatcom County Council? If passed, consecutive terms would be limited to 12 years. Submitted by Ken Bell and amended.	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	O*	Y
Passed 9-5-1															
6. Shall the Charter be amended to prohibit the County Council from proposing any Charter amendment to Charter Sections 2.12 or 2.13? If passed, the County Council could not place a Charter amendment on the ballot that deal with nominations and elections to the County Council. Submitted by Chet Dow.	O*	Y	A*	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	O*	Y	O*	Y	Y
Passed 9-2-3															
Shall the Charter be amended to apply term limits to the Whatcom County Council and Whatcom Council Executive? If passed, the Whatcom County Council and the Whatcom County Executive will be limited to three terms. Submitted by Ken Bell.	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	A*	Y	Y	O*	Y	Y
Approved 10-3-1															
Shall the Charter be amended to facilitate voting on initiative and referendum? This amendment would change the number of signatures to 8 percent of the votes cast at the last gubernatorial election. Submitted by Todd Donovan.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	A*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Approved 12-2															

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