

Charter Review Commission

June 14, 2017

Official Submission for Inclusion on city-wide ballot election to amend City Charter of San Antonio

I.) Revise Initiative, Referendum, and Recall Petition Signature Requirements

ARTICLE IV. RECALL, INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Sec. 26. Recall provisions.

Any member of the council may be removed from office by recall. A petition stating the general grounds on which removal of a district or ward council member is sought shall be signed by qualified electors equal in number to ten (10) per cent of those electors who ~~were qualified to vote~~ **voted** in such ward or district at the time of the last regular municipal election, and shall be filed by any qualified elector of the district or ward with the city clerk. A petition stating the general grounds on which removal of the council member serving as mayor is sought shall be signed by qualified electors equal in number to ten (10) per cent of those electors who ~~were qualified to vote~~ **voted** at the time of the last regular municipal election, and shall be filed by any qualified elector of the city with the city clerk. A separate petition shall be circulated with respect to each member of council whose removal is sought. (Ord. No. 47586, § 1 (Prop. 1), 1-17-77)

Sec. 34. Power of initiative.

The electors shall have power to initiate any ordinance, except ordinances appropriating money, levying a tax, granting a franchise, or fixing public utility rates, and to adopt or reject the same at the polls; provided, however, that the foregoing limitations on initiated ordinances shall not apply to any ordinance initiated pursuant to the provisions of Article I, Section 3, Paragraph 12 of this Charter. Any initiated ordinance may be submitted to the council by a petition signed by qualified electors of the city equal in number to ten per cent of the electors ~~qualified to vote~~ who voted at the time of the last regular municipal election. In addition to the ordinances excepted above, ordinances zoning or rezoning property shall not be subject to this power. (Ord. No. 85965, § 1 (Prop. 1), 5-5-97)

Sec. 35. Power of referendum.

The electors shall have power to approve or reject at the polls any ordinance passed by the council save one appropriating money, levying taxes, or fixing public utility rates, or any ordinance submitted by the council of its own initiative to a vote of the electors; provided, however, that the foregoing limitation on ordinances subject to a referendum shall not apply to any ordinances enacted pursuant to the provisions of Article I, Section 3, Paragraph 12 of this Charter. Ordinances submitted to the council by initiative petition and passed by the council shall be subject to the referendum in the same manner as other ordinances. Within forty days after the enactment by the council of any ordinance which is subject to a referendum, a petition signed by qualified electors of the city equal in number to at least ten per cent of the electors ~~qualified to vote who voted~~ at the last preceding regular municipal election may be filed with the city clerk requesting that any such ordinance be either repealed or submitted to a vote of CHARTER § 35 25 the electors. In addition to the ordinances excepted above, ordinances zoning or rezoning property shall not be subject to this power. (Ord. No. 85965, § 1 (Prop. 1), 5-5-97)

Respectfully submitted: June 14, 2017

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