

## Ballot Proposal Text for Wayne County and the City of Detroit November 6<sup>th</sup> Ballot

### Wayne County Proposals

#### **Form of the Wayne County Budget and Appropriation Ordinance**

Shall the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended to add a new Section 5.120 and to amend existing Section 5.134 to authorize the Wayne County Commission rather than the Wayne County Executive to establish the form (including but not limited to lump-sum and line-item) of the county budget and appropriation ordinance; and to require the County Commission to establish the form of the budget and appropriation ordinance by December 7, 2012 and to adopt changes to the form at least ten months before the beginning of a fiscal year to be effective for that fiscal year; and to also amend Section 5.121 to require the County Executive to prepare and submit the budget and appropriation ordinance in the form established by the County Commission? Yes or No

#### **Independent External Auditor**

Shall Section 3.119(E) of the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended to remove the restriction that prohibits an independent external auditor from providing audit services to the County for more than eight (8) consecutive years; and further to require independent external auditors be selected based on a competitive process in accordance with the County's procurement ordinance? Yes or No

#### **Membership on the Wayne County Retirement Commission**

Shall Section 6.112 of the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended to expand the Wayne County Retirement Commission's membership from 8 to 9, adding as a member the Wayne County Treasurer or his or her designee; and also to authorize the chairperson of the Wayne County Commission, who is also a member of the Wayne County Retirement Commission, to appoint a person to serve as his or her designee on the Retirement Commission; and to further allow employees and retirees of the Wayne County Airport Authority to vote for and serve as members of the Wayne County Retirement Commission (with no more than one member being an airport employee or retiree) until such time as the Airport Authority establishes its own retirement system or pension plan? YES or NO

#### **Removal of the Wayne County Executive From Office by the Governor**

Shall the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended to add Section 4.124 to authorize the Governor to remove the Wayne County Executive from office for the same reasons and with the same due process as provided by law for the Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and County Treasurer? YES or NO

#### **The Wayne County Commission's Power to Approve Compensation**

Shall Section 3.115 of the Wayne County Home Rule Charter, which sets forth the powers and duties of the Wayne County Commission, be amended to include the power and duty to approve all compensation of every employment position in the County, unless the compensation is established by State or Federal law? YES or NO

### City Proposals

#### **Proposal C: Amendment of Section 7.5-203 of 2012 Detroit City Charter**

Shall the Section 7.5-203, which provides that the Corporation Counsel shall prosecute all actions or proceedings to which the City is a party or in which the City has a legal interest when directed to do so by the Mayor, be amended to add the phrase "except pursuant to Section 7.5-209, which permits the Corporation Counsel to take judicial action on his or her own initiative" to require City officials and City employees to comply with the requirements of the Charter? YES or NO

#### **Proposal E: Amendment of Section 3-109 of 2012 Detroit City Charter**

Shall Section 3-109 be amended to provide for fixed minimum and maximum number of signatures required for nominating petitions for City elective officers (500 to 1000 signatures for candidates for mayor, clerk and at-

large city council members, and 300 to 650 for non at-large city council members and district elected members of the Board of Police Commissioners) in lieu of the current percentage-based minimums and maximums set forth in this section? YES or NO

**Proposal G: Amendment of Section 2-106.4 of 2012 Detroit City Charter**

Shall Section 2-106.4, which currently prohibits City officials and City employees from accepting gifts, gratuities, honoraria, and other things of value in connection with their work for the City, be amended to provide that the City Council shall determine by ordinance which gifts, gratuities, honoraria, and other things of value City officials and City employees are prohibited from receiving in connection with their work for the City? YES or NO

**Proposal M: Ordinance to Amend the 1984 Detroit City Code**

Shall Chapter 38, Offenses, Miscellaneous Provisions, Article XL, Controlled Substances and Drug Paraphernalia, of the 1984 Detroit City Code be amended to exempt adults, 21 years of age or older, from criminal prosecution under the article for use or possession of less than one (1) ounce of marijuana on private property in the City of Detroit by adding the following section:

Sec. 38-11-50. Applicability

None of the provisions of this article shall apply to the use or possession of less than one (1) ounce of marijuana, on private property, by a person who has attained the age of 21 years. YES or NO

**Proposal P: Amendment of Section 2-106.5 of 2012 Detroit City Charter**

Shall Section 2-106.5, which currently prohibits City officials and City employees for one year after leaving a City position or City employment from: 1) lobbying or appearing before the City Council or other part of City government and 2) receiving compensation for any matter in which he or she was involved with while working for the City, be amended to permit such activity to be carried out by former City officials or City employees who have a personal services contract with the City during that first year after leaving a City position or City employment? YES or NO

School District Proposal

**Detroit Public School District Proposal S: Renewal and Restoration of School Operating Millage**

This proposal would restore the prior authorization and allow the School District of the City of Detroit to continue to levy mills previously levied for general operating purposes on non-homestead property (mainly industrial and commercial real property and rental property) which expired with the 2012 tax levy. Owner occupied homes are exempt from the levy under existing law.

Shall the School District of the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, Michigan be authorized to levy 18.00 mills (\$18.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by increasing the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the school district which is not otherwise exempt, of which 17.8308 mills constitute a renewal of authorization which expired with the 2012 levy and 0.1692 mill constitutes that portion reduced by the operation of the Headlee amendment, for ten (10) years, the years 2013 to 2022, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses of School District? It is estimated that 18.00 mills would raise approximately \$80,900,000.00 for the School District in the first year that it is levied. YES or NO

Community College

**Wayne County Community College District Millage Proposal**

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District be increased by one dollar per thousand dollars (1 mill) of the taxable value of all taxable property in the College District for a period of ten (10) years, the tax years commencing July 1, 2013, to July 1, 2022, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide funds for community college purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 1 mill would raise approximately \$21,746,964 when first levied in 2013. YES or NO