

SAMPLE
BALLOT



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OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL CITY ELECTION
ROCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOVEMBER 6, 2012
CITY WIDE

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice like this: ●

"Every voter wishing to vote "YES" will fill in the oval next to the word "YES"; if such voter wishes to vote "NO" such voter will fill in the oval next to the word "NO". If neither oval is filled in, the ballot will not be counted as to such question"

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

AMENDMENT I

POLICE COMMISSION

Shall the City of Rochester approve the charter amendment summarized below?

YES ☐

NO ☐

This amendment would repeal the provisions of the Rochester City Charter dealing with the Police Commission, thereby abolishing the Rochester Police Commission.

AMENDMENT II

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Shall the City of Rochester approve the charter amendment summarized below?

YES ☐

NO ☐

This amendment would increase the number of Deputy Assessors from two (2) to three (3), and would also require that all assessors appointed pursuant to the Charter, prior to their appointment, shall have demonstrated knowledge of property appraisal or assessment and of the laws governing the assessment and collection of property taxes. The amendment would also provide that the Board of Assessors would be comprised of the City Assessor and the three (3) Deputy Assessors, who would elect one of their own to serve as Chairman. The City Assessor would provide advice and assistance to the Board as needed, but would have no vote in the Board's deliberations.

AMENDMENT III

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS OF SCHOOL BOARD

Shall the City of Rochester approve the charter amendment summarized below?

YES ☐

NO ☐

This amendment would eliminate the requirement that the Rochester School Board hold a January meeting immediately following each municipal election "...on the second Thursday of such January", thereby giving the School Board greater flexibility scheduling such meeting.

AMENDMENT IV

MERIT PLAN RULES AND REGULATIONS

Shall the City of Rochester approve the charter amendment summarized below?

YES ☐

NO ☐

This amendment would insert language in the Rochester City Charter making amendment(s) to the "Merit Plan" proposed by the City Manager become effective only upon a majority vote of the City Council taken within sixty (60) days of amendment submittal rather than (30) days after their submission by the City Manager unless vetoed by the City Council.

AMENDMENT V

VOTING TO FILL VACANCIES IN OFFICE OF ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS

Shall the City of Rochester approve the charter amendment summarized below?

YES ☐

NO ☐

This amendment would delete the requirement in the current Rochester City Charter that votes to fill vacancies in the offices of City Council, School Board and Police Commission be "...by secret Ballot" and require that vacancy be filled "...by majority vote."