

**Ballot Simplification Committee
DRAFT for Consideration
Monday, July 28, 2008**

Prohibition on City Employees Serving on Charter Boards and Commissions

THE WAY IT IS NOW:

The Charter does not generally prohibit City employees from serving on City boards and commissions. For some commissions, including the Retirement Board and the Health Service Board, the Charter requires that at least some members be City employees. For other commissions, including the Elections Task Force and the Public Utilities Rate Fairness Board, the Charter requires certain City officials or their representatives to serve in an official capacity.

THE PROPOSAL:

Proposition ___ is a Charter Amendment that would prohibit current City employees from serving on most boards and commissions created by the Charter. This prohibition would not apply to citizen advisory committees, the Law Library Board of Trustees, the Arts Commission, the Asian Art Commission, the Fine Arts Museums Board of Trustees, the governing board of the War Memorial and Performing Arts Center, the Retirement Board or the Health Service Board.

Proposition ____ would permit City officers to serve on boards and commissions when the Charter required their participation as part of their official duties.

A “YES” VOTE MEANS: If you vote "yes," you want to change the Charter to prohibit City employees from serving on most boards and commissions created by the Charter.

A “NO” VOTE MEANS: If you vote “no,” you do not want to make this change to the Charter.

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