

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

SARA INNAMORATO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 17, 2025

Kimberly Clark-Baskin, City Clerk
City of Pittsburgh
510 City-County Bldg.
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

**Re: Proposed Amendments to the City of Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter – May 20, 2025
Municipal Primary**

Dear: Ms. Clark-Baskin

Please be advised that the Allegheny County Law Department has approved the following questions for placement upon the May 20, 2025, Municipal Primary Election ballot. Following past practice, the Law Department finds that the form of the petition and its timely filing make the petition presumptively proper for placement on the ballot.

**CITY OF PITTSBURGH
PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT
SPECIAL ELECTION QUESTION #1**

“Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter, Article One, Home Rule Powers – Definitions, be supplemented by adding a new section, “105. Local Governance”, by prohibiting the discrimination on the basis of **race, religion, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity or expression, disability, place of birth, national origin** or association or affiliation with any nation or foreign state in conducting business of the city”?

**CITY OF PITTSBURGH
PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT
SPECIAL ELECTION QUESTION #2**

“Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter be amended and supplemented by adding a new Article 11: RIGHT TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF POTABLE WATER SYSTEMS, WASTEWATER SYSTEM, AND STORM SEWER SYSTEMS, which restricts the lease and/or sale of the City’s water and sewer system to private entities?”

**CITY OF PITTSBURGH
PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT
SPECIAL ELECTION QUESTION #3**

“Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter Article One, Home Rule Powers – Definitions, be supplemented by adding a new section, “104. Amendments to Charter”, by prohibiting the use of the Home Rule Charter Amendment process to add duties or obligations beyond the lawful scope of the city’s authority.”

Note that the “Plain English Statement” as required by the Pennsylvania Election Code will be developed by this Division and will be forthcoming.

Please contact me at (412) 350-4509 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



David R. Voye, Division Manager
Department of Administrative Services
Elections Division

cc: James Davis, Deputy Director, Department of Administrative Services
Lisa Michel, Assistant County Solicitor