

# DENVER CITY COUNCIL



## **Ballot Measure Proposal Submission Form**

**Thank you for ensuring that Denver’s ballot referral process adheres to good governance principles. Please submit this form to legislative staff at least one week before the proposal will be presented at Finance and Governance Committee.**

**Responses to each question are limited to 250 words. Please contact Zach Rothmier with any questions.**

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Your Name: Dan Volkosh

Date: 7/28/2020

1. Is the ballot measure proposal an amendment to the Charter or the Code?

Charter Amendment

Code Amendment

2. Topic or title of ballot measure proposal.

A clarification regarding the Clerk and Recorder’s appointments in the Charter.

3. What problem are you trying to solve?

We would like to group all appointees, except for the Deputy Clerk and Recorder, in one provision of the Charter and permit the Clerk to make additional appointments. We expect this to be budget neutral because we already have the position budgeted, so we just need Charter to reflect the change.

4. How will the proposed amendment address this problem?

The proposed amendment will permit the Clerk and Recorder to structure the office with three Divisions, each with a Director at the top of it. The Clerk believes that all high-ranking

employees should be appointed, so this change will let him appoint those persons instead of having a mix of appointees and CSA employees.

5. Explain the origins and background of your proposal.  
The Clerk took the last year to identify how he wants to structure the office. In order to structure it in the way that he wants, he needs the authority to appoint additional persons than what Charter currently permits.
6. Describe the stakeholders (internal and external) and the stakeholder process.  
The Clerk and Recorder's Office, Budget, and City Council.
7. What city agencies will be impacted? Provide the agency feedback.  
Just the Clerk and Recorder's Office. This request was generated by the Clerk himself.
8. What is the fiscal impact to the city?  
We do not expect a fiscal impact to the City.
9. Provide any appropriate legal analysis. Are there any possible legal problems? Are there any relevant state laws?  
No, we expect this change to provide more clarity than what is currently in the Charter. The 2018 Charter Amendment around these provisions provided conflicting legislative history, so we intend to clear that up with this amendment.
10. Will the proposal have an effect on neighboring cities or the state?  
No
11. Provide examples from other cities if possible.  
N/A

12. Who opposes the proposal and why?

We are not aware of anyone that opposes the proposal.

13. Term/duration (Will this item need a sunset clause? If so, why?)

No, we intend to give elected Clerks the ability to structure the office how they see fit.