

# NOVEMBER 2018 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS SUMMARY

## 1. Increase Homestead Tax Exemption up to \$75,000 on homes with taxable values over \$100,000 \*\*

- Yes:** Tax reduction for homes with taxable value over \$100,000; no tax relief for homes with taxable value less than \$100,000
- No:** No additional exemption

## 2. Permanent 10% cap on yearly increases for Non-Homestead Assessments \*\*

- Yes:** Keep the current 10% cap on yearly increases to assessed value
- No:** Remove the 10% cap

## 3. Voter Approval of Casino Gambling \*

- Yes:** Voters have exclusive right to authorize new casino gambling venues
- No:** Legislature may authorize casino gambling venues

## 4. Voting Rights Restoration for Felons \*

- Yes:** Restore voting rights to former felons who have completed all parts of their sentences
- No:** Maintain life-time voting ban; require that former felons wait 5 years before applying to Clemency Board to regain rights

## 5. Two-Thirds of Legislature required to increase state taxes or fees \*\*

- Yes:** Require 2/3 vote of Senate and House to increase or reduce state taxes or fees
- No:** Maintain simple majority vote

## 6. Expands victim rights; limits accused rights; raises judges retirement age; requires that judges interpret state agency rules. \*\*\*

- Yes:** Expand victim's rights; limit accused rights; raise judge retirement age to 75; require that judges interpret state rules
- No:** Retain existing victim and accused rights; keep retirement age at 70; allow state agencies to interpret rules

## 7. First Responder/Military Member survivor benefits; public college/university fees \*\*\*

- Yes:** Require that state pay tuition benefits to designated survivors; require 2/3 vote of trustees to raise college/university fees
- No:** No additional survivor benefits; simple majority to raise fees

## 8. School Board term limits; add civics education to constitution; allow charter schools to be approved and supervised by state instead of local school boards \*\*\*

### AMENDMENT 8 REMOVED FROM THE BALLOT BY FLORIDA SUPREME COURT

## 9. Ban offshore oil and gas drilling; ban vaping in enclosed workplaces \*\*\*

- Yes:** Ban off-shore drilling in state waters; add vaping restrictions to constitution
- No:** Keep offshore drilling and vaping bans out of the constitution

## 10. Florida state and local government structure \*\*\*

- Yes:** Mandate state office of *Domestic Security and Counterterrorism* and state *Department of Veterans Affairs*; require all counties to elect rather than appoint constitutional officers
- No:** Reject constitutionally mandating the offices; allow counties to determine how constitutional officers are selected

## 11. Remove obsolete language in Constitution \*\*\*

- Yes:** Remove restriction on aliens owning property; delete high speed rail language; delete requirement to prosecute under repealed laws
- No:** Leave obsolete language in constitution

## 12. Lobbying Restrictions \*\*\*

- Yes:** Expand ban on lobbying from 2 to 6 years after leaving office; add lobbying restrictions
- No:** Keep in place the 2-year ban on lobbying

## 13. Ban on Wagering on Dog Races \*\*\*

- Yes:** Ban all wagering on dog racing by 2020
- No:** Continue to allow wagering on dog racing

\* Citizen Initiative

\*\* Florida Legislature

\*\*\* Constitution

Revision Commission



# NOVEMBER 2018 PROPOSED BROWARD CHARTER AMENDMENTS SUMMARY

## 1. Standards for Establishing County Commission Districts

- Yes:** Would give commission new guidelines for drawing fair districts to avoid favoritism and provide equal access to all county residents
- No:** Commission follows current guidelines

## 2. Redistricting Procedures for County Commission Districts

- Yes:** Would require the county to hire a college/university to develop a process to create districts
- No:** Commission continues drawing districts

## 3. Broward County Affordable Housing Trust Fund

- Yes:** Would allow the county to create a trust fund to receive money from various sources for the purpose of supporting affordable housing
- No:** Would not create a trust fund

## 4. Broward County Office of Inspector General's Discretion to Commence Investigation

- Yes:** Would give more discretion and flexibility to the OIG to pursue investigations
- No:** Would continue the requirement that OIG must commence an investigation

## 5. Broward County Planning Council Revision to Zoning Glossary and Public Hearings

- Yes:** Would place Glossary in the Land Use section of charter; require fewer public hearings
- No:** Would continue the requirement of at least two public hearings on land use changes

## 6. Central Examining Boards Appointment of Alternate Members

- Yes:** Would allow the appointment of alternate members so that meetings have a quorum
- No:** Would not allow for the appointment of alternates

## 7. Board of Rules and Appeals Quorum Shall be the Majority of the Board Membership

- Yes:** Would reduce the quorum from 11 members to 7
- No:** Would maintain the 11-member requirement

## 8. Posting of Notices, Agenda, and Backup Materials No Later than 48 hours Prior to Meeting

- Yes:** Would bring uniformity to posting requirements
- No:** Would not require 48-hour notification

## 9. Composition of the Independent Board that Appoints the County Auditor

- Yes:** Would require the Board to include members with auditing knowledge
- No:** Would not change Board composition

## 10. Composition of the Broward County Inspector General Selection – Oversight Committee

- Yes:** Would replace the US Attorney with a person appointed by Broward County Bar Association
- No:** Would not change the committee composition

## 11. Housekeeping Amendment to Delete Ineffective or Unnecessary Language

- Yes:** Would remove unnecessary language from the charter
- No:** Would leave the language in the charter

## Penny for Transportation Question

- Yes:** Would add one penny to Broward Sales Tax to pay for Broward transportation improvement (raises sales tax from 6 % to 7%)
- No:** No additional transportation funds; keeps tax at 6%



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