

AN ORDINANCE **9 9252**

CANVASSING THE RESULTS OF THE JOINT SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 15, 2004; AND ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CITY CHARTER.

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WHEREAS, the Special Election was held on the 15th day of May, 2004, to determine whether the City of San Antonio City Charter should be amended; and

WHEREAS, the propositions were submitted to the voters, the election was held and conducted and the returns thereof were made, all as required by the City Charter, the Texas Election Code, and the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed and investigated all matters pertaining to the election, including the ordering, notices, election officers, holding, and returns thereof, and it is now necessary to declare the official results of the canvass; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council having convened on this the 27th day of May, 2004, to canvass the returns of the Charter Amendment Election held on Saturday, May 15, 2004 and after canvassing the returns of said election, does hereby find and declare the results of the election to be as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the City Charter be amended effective June 1, 2005, to lengthen the term of office for all members of the city council from two years to three years and to revise term limits to allow a mayor or a member of the city council to serve three consecutive full terms of office, but prohibit the current mayor or any current member of the city council from being elected to a third consecutive term in 2005 or 2008?

FOR	19,451 VOTES	33.88%
AGAINST	37,629 VOTES	65.55%

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the City Charter be amended to increase compensation for members of the City Council to an annual salary equal to 75% of the San Antonio median family income determined and published by the U.S. Census Bureau for the most recent decennial census (\$30,998.25 per year, based on the 2000 census), and to an annual salary for the Mayor equal to 100% of the San Antonio median family income as determined above (\$41,331.00 per year, based on the 2000 census), and authorize members of the City Council to participate in health insurance programs available to city employees?

FOR	19,158 VOTES	33.38%
AGAINST	37,393 VOTES	65.15%

PROPOSITION NO. 3

Shall the City Charter be amended to establish an Ethics Review Board with independent jurisdiction to enforce and sanction violations of ordinances relating to ethics, lobbying, and campaign finance?

FOR	31,855 VOTES	55.52%
AGAINST	23,200 VOTES	40.43%

PROPOSITION NO. 4

Shall the City Charter be amended to permit an individual member of the City Council to hire staff who serve at the will of the council member, subject to provisions established by City Council ordinance?

FOR	16,251 VOTES	28.34%
AGAINST	40,478 VOTES	70.60%

SECTION 2. The City Council officially finds, determines, and declares that the election was duly and properly ordered, that proper legal notice of such election was duly given in the English language and the Spanish language, that proper election officers were duly appointed prior to the election, that the election was duly and legally held, that all resident, qualified electors of the City were permitted to vote at the election, that due returns of the results of the election had been made and delivered, and that the City Council has duly canvassed such returns, all in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and of the United States of America and the ordinance calling the election.

SECTION 3. It is therefore found and declared that the majority of the qualified voters of the City of San Antonio, who voted at said Special Election voted in favor of the proposed Charter Amendment, Proposition No. 3, establishing an independent Ethics Review Board. The City Council declares that this Charter Amendment is adopted.

SECTION 4. As soon as practical, the Mayor shall certify to the Secretary of State an authenticated copy of the Charter amendment, under the City's seal, showing the approval by the voters of the municipality.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 27th day of May, 2004.

Ron Hefner
for M A Y O R
EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST: *Jolanda L. Ledezma*
Acting City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: *M. Demudetti*
for City Attorney