

Question No. CC 1

Shall the Nevada Legislature amend the Carson City Charter to provide for nomination by ward only voting in ward-supervisor primary elections with an at-large general election run off - between the two highest primary vote receivers in each ward?

Yes

No

Explanation:

A “YES” vote could encourage the Board of Supervisors to ask the Legislature to make a change to the Charter’s primary voting process to ensure that the two candidates for a ward’s supervisor office (but not for mayor) receiving in the primary the highest number of votes solely from their ward will have their names placed on the general election ballot for all city voters to decide in an at-large run off between the two finalists.

District Attorney’s Digest:

Currently, under Section 2.010 of the Carson City Charter, candidates for ward supervisor run at-large in both the primary and general elections. Currently, under Section 5.010 of the Charter, if a candidate in the primary receives more than a majority of at-large votes cast in that election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, his or her name alone must be placed on the ballot for the general election. Currently, under Section 5.010 of the Charter, if in the primary election no candidate receives a majority of the at-large votes cast in that election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest numbers of votes must be placed on the ballot for the general election. This ballot question seeks *advisory* approval to seek legislative changes to the relevant articles and sections of the Carson City Charter to establish a ward-only primary election for a ward’s Board of Supervisor office to establish two candidates of that ward from which all the voters of the City can choose from by at-large voting in a general election run off. The primary’s two candidates receiving the highest number of votes solely from their ward would be placed on the general election ballot for their ward. Because the Office of Mayor represents the entire City, but is also deemed a supervisor under the Charter, an election for the Office of Mayor would *not* be subject to this ward-only primary change.

Description of Anticipated Financial Effect:

The financial effect of this change to the primary and general election process for the office of ward supervisor will be nominal. There will need to be some program changes by the Carson City Clerk-Recorder to the creation of the ballot and the vote counting process. The estimated fiscal impact is \$5,000.