June 21, 2021

# SURVEY REPORT FOR 06/23/2021 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING

This survey was drafted by the Clark County Charter Review Commission's Communications committee to survey the public on the Commission's proposed amendments to the Clark County Charter.

There were 435 responses to the English version of the survey and 3 responses to the Spanish version. Spanish version is reported separately and listed below the English version data.

Report data was pulled directly from screenshot results on SurveyMonkey.com to be deposited in this report and has not been otherwise downloaded or altered in any manner.

What's in this report?

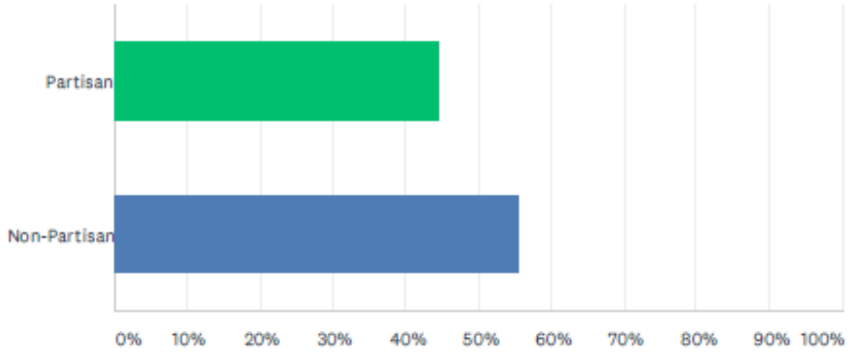
- Data is presented in visual chart form for English version of the survey for each question,
- followed by the supporting data for both the English and Spanish responses,
- followed by a word cloud of the most frequently used words in the response fields in the English version of the survey.
- An Excel spread sheet is attached with the many comments received in the open comment fields. For the six questions with open comment fields, there were 1374 comments submitted in the English version and 10 comments submitted in the Spanish version.

On record, but not attached to this report, 143 residents also submitted their email addresses asking to be added to the Charter Review Commission's email notification list.

Report results compiled and presented by Marilee McCall, Neighborhood Program Coordinator.

## Q1 PARTISAN/NON-PARTISAN COUNCILORSDo you think the County Councilor positions should continue to be partisan (Republican, Democrat, etc.), or should they be non-partisan (no political party displayed on the ballot)?

Answered: 434 Skipped: 1



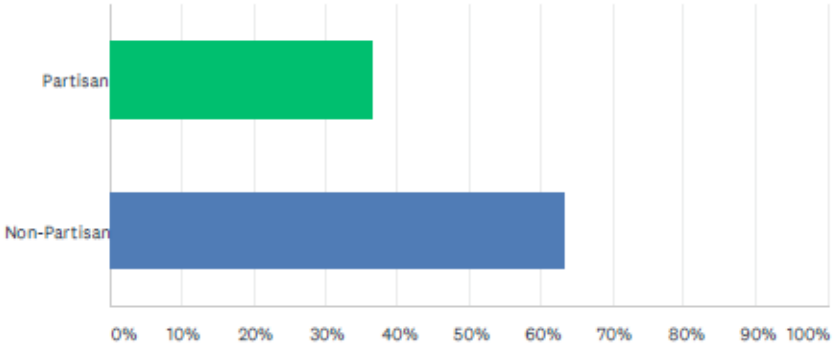

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Partisan | 44.47% | 193 |
| Non-Partisan | 55.53% | 241 |
| TOTAL | | 434 |

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Partidista | 33.33% | 1 |
| No partidista | 66.67% | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 3 |

bias displayed serving based person less without running nonpartisan give things people vote offices voters will take research candidate see non partisan matter decisions made tell look one keep likely list believe say rather vote based Clark County actually want work make support positions electeds party affiliation d political party lot voters least best citizens people community party views candidates allows vote partisanship partisan deal know interests will right issues Even political us county different non-partisan divided think party line want know platforms need ideology councilors goals may ideas lean doesn t way good know politics information candidates policy political affiliation S Clark County Council values care someone Republican agenda Councilor information members decisions coming represent many

## Q2 PARTISAN/NON-PARTISAN OTHER ELECTEDSDo you think the positions of County Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, and Treasurer should continue to be partisan (Republican, Democrat, etc.), or should they be non-partisan (no political party displayed on the ballot)?

Answered: 427 Skipped: 8



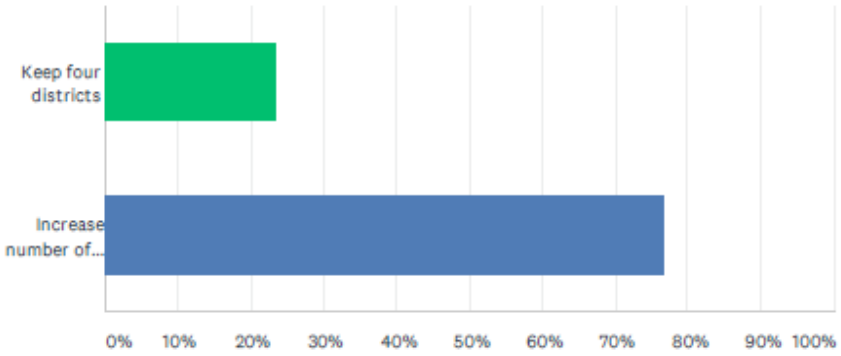

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Partisan | 36.53% | 156 |
| Non-Partisan | 63.47% | 271 |
| TOTAL | | 427 |

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Partidista | 33.33% | 1 |
| No partidista | 66.67% | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 3 |

nothing county councilors running administrative positions community give voters less little know party ideologies really executive policy views represent comments political affiliation focus role care one time way government elected officials Take non-partisan Clark County elected laws want know question don t make someone will affect party affiliation even think Republican political helps vote believe reason affiliation candidates types party say positions information partisan things people agenda office values See lines want issues best stand political party elect people need previous answer voters Elect Clark County elected concern county anything know part jobs public answer rights person qualifications state instead serve Partisanship sheriff choose important play partisan politics charged matters Decisions made choice need know place rather party beliefs Clark County Council

## Q3 REDISTRICTING/NUMBER OF DISTRICTSDo you think the commission should keep four county districts? Or increase the number of county districts to five?The Commission is considering a proposal to increase the number of voting districts to five districts. The role of council chair would then be appointed from among the five elected County Councilors.

Answered: 408 Skipped: 27



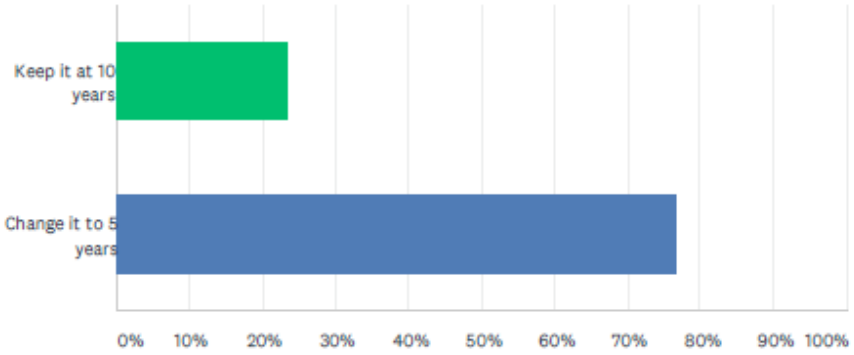

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Keep four districts | 23.53% | 96 |
| Increase number of districts to five | 76.47% | 312 |
| TOTAL | | 408 |

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Mantener cuatro distritos | 66.67% | 2 |
| Aumentar el número de distritos a cinco | 33.33% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 3 |

odd number less smaller districts Yacolt provide population growth means chair position think majority Increasing number districts within also always may now know work large group feel seat Council Chair process residents seems voice ties better representation might elected number increase future council chair elected growing increasing representation people much will citizens represented reflect better well vote allow representation enough districts representative county help population different need fair area continues grow councilors elected chair Clark County growing one Vancouver Clark County someone position person makes two five see voters councilor county growing equal give based choose currently idea power believe parts change support Five districts appointing chair serve Increasing number diverse year drawn many prevent party districts will makes sense

## Q4 LENGTH OF TIME BETWEEN CHARTER REVIEWSShould the length of time until the next review of Clark County's charter be shortened from 10 to 5 years?The next Charter Review is currently scheduled to happen after 10 years. To accommodate for the current and expected growth and changes happening in Clark County, the Charter Review Commission is considering changing this to 5 years.

Answered: 426 Skipped: 9



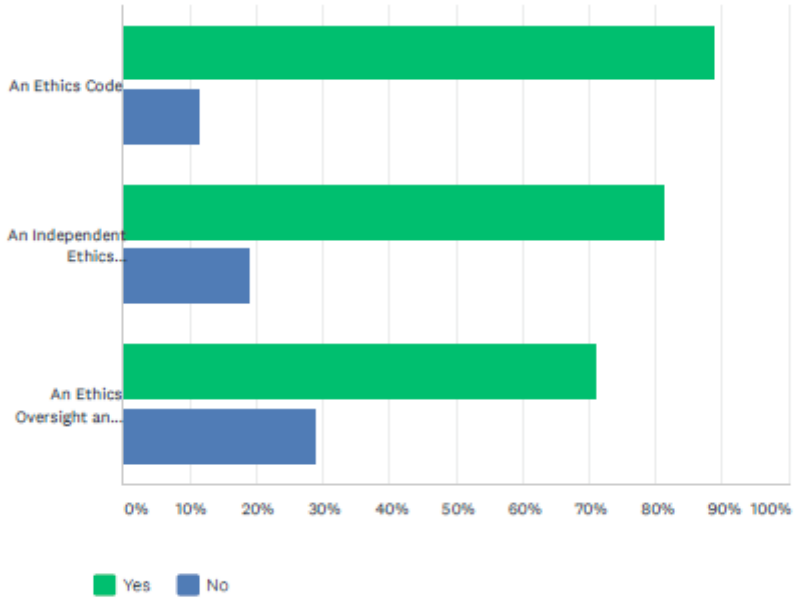

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Keep it at 10 years | 23.47% | 100 |
| Change it to 5 years | 76.53% | 326 |
| TOTAL | | 426 |

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Mantenerlo en 10 años | 33.33% | 1 |
| Cambiarlo a 5 años | 66.67% | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 3 |

growth county living sooner development see voting way course many seems charter review happen population every current way long lot happen shorter time area time see often growing fast much change right things opportunities change happening next community take will within fast shorter long people much future rapidly voters good propose make considering time Ten years long charter enough time years makes sense changes much growth need every five years review go county quickly growth date five years coming work world every years wants keep Increasing allow important think feel years long able Clark County correct give years seems Charter Review Commission world changing commission frequent review decade Things change quickly council grow issues one wait lot lot change different look period move frequently now amount districts things change

## Q5 ETHICS OVERSIGHTDo you support the drafting of an Ethics Code with an independent Ethics Commission and Ethics Oversight and Compliance Office as elements to promote trust in local governance?

Answered: 432 Skipped: 3



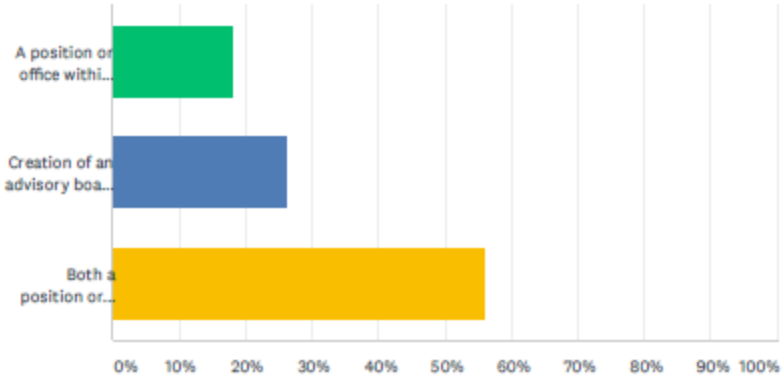

| | YES | NO | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| An Ethics Code | 88.68%<br>376 | 11.32%<br>48 | 424 |
| An Independent Ethics Commission | 81.24%<br>342 | 18.76%<br>79 | 421 |
| An Ethics Oversight and Compliance Office | 71.05%<br>297 | 28.95%<br>121 | 418 |

| | SI | NO | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| Un Código Ético | 33.33%<br>1 | 66.67%<br>2 | 3 |
| Una Comisión de Ética independiente | 33.33%<br>1 | 66.67%<br>2 | 3 |
| Una Oficina de Supervisión y Cumplimiento de la Ética | 33.33%<br>1 | 66.67%<br>2 | 3 |

seems check group tax payer money oversee held accountable citizens council members time use hold clear ethics oversight monitored want Every less possible oversight compliance office However Clark County much accountability public independent commission may see support believe commission compliance office review independent oversight will happening important body make politics elected officials keep oversight take ethics code great code especially government ethics oversight compliance ethics ethics commission need one county issues better officials ethical standard people go office work think past independent position sure make sure Commission written elected already corruption things don t trust trust government voters must enforce independent ethics commission enough help place Yes base bureaucracy investigate also level complaints set ethics many truly independent s members rules provide leaders transparency

## Q6 DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSIONWith the intended outcome of increasing accountability and public trust in Clark County's operations and services, the Commission is considering a proposal for creation of an office and/or commission of diversity, equity and inclusion. Which option would you prefer?

Answered: 378 Skipped: 57



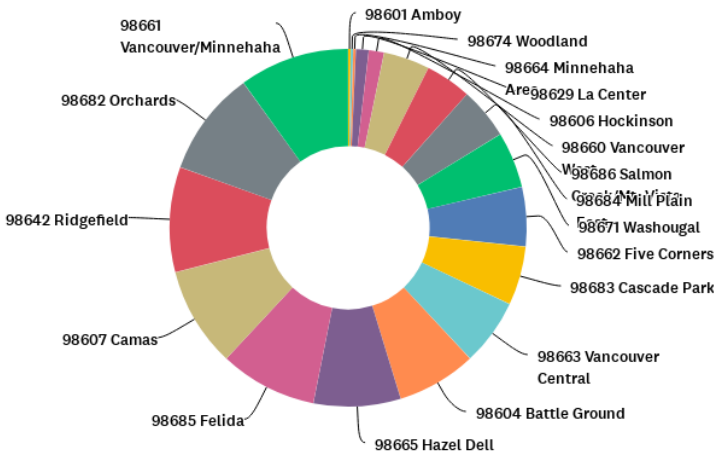

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| A position or office within Clark County government that drives, advises and coordinates Department of Equity & Inclusion efforts. | 17.99% | 68 |
| Creation of an advisory board or commission. | 26.19% | 99 |
| Both a position or office and an advisory board or commission. | 55.82% | 211 |
| TOTAL | | 378 |

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Un puesto u oficina dentro del gobierno del condado de Clark que impulse, asesore y coordine los esfuerzos del Departamento de Equidad e Inclusión. | 100.00% | 3 |
| La creación de una junta o comisión asesora. | 0.00% | 0 |
| Tanto un puesto o una oficina como una junta o comisión asesora. | 0.00% | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 3 |

start real necessary recommendations now area county government accountability option hire keep advisory board commission given systemic racism time independent staff great may without government everyone important population inclusion citizens department well support advisory board committee DEI ensure think take one either None seen diversity way Clark County help better many advisory board enough position current need feel county dedicated office diverse people want work much community elected will advise make county manager diversity equity inclusion effort create trust issues Equity oversight sure board commission provide already right Neither include commission trying changes absolutely position office diversity inclusion someone something cost person place concerned believe bring problems forward within clear also equity inclusion

Responses came in county-wide, and here's the breakdown by ZIP code:

Q7 What is the ZIP code of your residence?




| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| 98675 Yacolt | 0.00% | 0 |
| 98666 Central Vancouver | 0.00% | 0 |
| 98601 Amboy | 0.23% | 1 |
| 98674 Woodland | 0.23% | 1 |
| 98664 Minnehaha Area | 0.23% | 1 |
| 98629 La Center | 1.16% | 5 |
| 98606 Hockinson | 1.39% | 6 |
| 98660 Vancouver West | 4.18% | 18 |
| 98686 Salmon Creek/Mt. Vista | 4.18% | 18 |
| 98684 Mill Plain East | 4.64% | 20 |
| 98671 Washougal | 5.10% | 22 |
| 98662 Five Corners | 5.34% | 23 |
| 98683 Cascade Park | 5.34% | 23 |
| 98663 Vancouver Central | 6.03% | 26 |
| 98604 Battle Ground | 7.19% | 31 |
| 98665 Hazel Dell | 7.89% | 34 |
| 98685 Felida | 8.82% | 38 |
| 98607 Camas | 9.05% | 39 |
| 98642 Ridgefield | 9.51% | 41 |
| 98682 Orchards | 9.51% | 41 |
| 98661 Vancouver/Minnehaha | 9.98% | 43 |
| TOTAL | | 431 |

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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| 98642 Ridgefield | 66.67% | 2 |
| 98684 Mill Plain East | 33.33% | 1 |