



COMMISSIONERS
Jimmy Dimora
Timothy F. Hagan
Peter Lawson Jones

July 16, 2009

Jane Platten, Director
Cuyahoga County Board of Elections
2925 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Ms. Platten:

Attached is a certified copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on July 16, 2009 entitled as follows:

093001 - SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY THE QUESTION OF "SHALL A COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION BE CHOSEN?" IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND CHAPTERS 302 AND 307 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2009 BALLOT.

May I please have your official receipt and/or acknowledgement that this issue will be placed on the November 3, 2009 ballot? Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Jeanne M. Schmotzer
Clerk of the Board/Director

Attachment

RESOLUTION

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CODE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believes that county government reform is desirable and that public input, including broad community inclusion and conversation about the details of any reform structure is essential to the exercise of a truly democratic process; and

WHEREAS, an alternative form of Cuyahoga County government structure may be placed on the ballot in November; and

WHEREAS, that alternative form was developed without public input, inclusion and discussion, and without sufficient consultation with interested county and municipal leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Constitution and the Ohio Revised Code authorize a Board of County Commissioners to adopt a resolution requiring that the question of choosing a commission to frame a county charter be submitted to the electors; and

WHEREAS, should such a question be submitted to the electors and should a majority of the electors vote on the question in the affirmative, a county charter commission, consisting of 15 members shall be elected by the county's electors at the same election; and

WHEREAS, to have a name or names placed on the ballot as a candidate for member(s) of the charter commission, candidates must file petitions with the board of elections within seventy-five (75) days of the general election, containing the signatures of at least one per cent of the electors in the county; and

WHEREAS, no more than seven (7) charter commission members may reside in the same city or village; and, not more than four (4) public officials may be charter commission members; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution of the State of Ohio, an elected charter commission, shall frame a charter for the county and shall, by a majority vote, submit a charter to the electors to be voted upon at the next general election; and

AND WHEREAS, this Board believes that such a county charter commission, selected by the county's electors, would allow the time for open, broad, inclusive public discussion so as to present to the electors the most efficient and accountable alternative form of county government; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, that:

1. The question of "Shall a county charter commission be chosen?" shall be submitted to the electors of Cuyahoga County for the November 2009 general election in substantially the form attached.
2. At that same election, provision shall be made for the election of a 15 member charter commission in accord with the Ohio Constitution and relevant statutes should the question above be answered in the affirmative by a vote of a majority of the electors.
3. The Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of the election as provided by law.
4. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution, Resolution No. 093001, to the Board of Elections not later than July 17, 2009.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

On Motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Hagan, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Jones, Hagan.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Jeanne M. Schmotzer,
Clerk of the Board

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I, JEANNE M. SCHMOTZER, CLERK OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE, CORRECT AND EXACT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL OF A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY SAID

BOARD ON THE 16 DAY OF July,

2009.

By: Jeanne M. Schmotzer

COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION
 (OHIO CONSTITUTION ART. X §4)
TEMPLATE #118

PROPOSED CHARTER COMMISSION		
_____ (name of county)		
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage		
	YES	SHALL A COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION BE CHOSEN?
	NO	
FOR MEMBERS OF CHARTER COMMISSION		
(Vote for not more than 15)		
	CANDIDATE A	
	CANDIDATE B	
	CANDIDATE C	
	CANDIDATE D	
	CANDIDATE E	
	CANDIDATE F	
	CANDIDATE G	
	CANDIDATE H	
	CANDIDATE I	
	CANDIDATE J	
	CANDIDATE K	
	CANDIDATE L	
	CANDIDATE M	
	CANDIDATE N	
	CANDIDATE O	