

Ballot Title

CAPTION

Amends Charter: Portland residents decide 1% of city's annual budget spending.

QUESTION

Should Portland create participatory budgeting program for residents to make binding decisions to spend 1% of city's discretionary budget?

SUMMARY

Currently, the Mayor works with City Council, all bureaus and the community to develop a proposed budget. The budget is then considered, amended as needed, and adopted by Council following public hearings and testimony. Starting January 1, 2025, a City Administrator will help develop the proposed budget under the direction of the Mayor.

If the measure is approved, the City Charter will be amended to require Council to create a participatory budgeting program that is:

- Dedicated to increasing public engagement in city spending
- Open to all Portland residents, whose decisions to allocate funds to City bureaus and programs are binding
- Operational by July 2026
- Funded annually by at least 1% of General Fund discretionary ongoing resources:
 - Approximately \$7.83 million in FY 2026-27
 - Approximately \$8.11 million in FY 2027-28
- Compliant with Oregon Local Budget Law