

**PDX23OL-03**

## Ballot Title

### CAPTION

Amends Charter: Portland residents decide 2% of city's annual discretionary budget.

### QUESTION

Should Portland create participatory budgeting program for residents to make binding decisions to spend 2% of city's discretionary budget?

### SUMMARY

Currently, the Mayor works with Council, bureaus and community to develop proposed budget. Budget is then considered, amended as needed, and adopted by Council following public hearings. Starting January 1, 2025, City Administrator will develop proposed budget under Mayor's direction.

If measure approved, amended City Charter will require Council to allocate portion of adopted budget towards a participatory budgeting program that is:

- Developed with input from a steering committee, selected by process determined by Council, of residents from all City Council districts
- Open to any resident's funding proposals for citywide or district-specific projects:
  - Proposals assessed and refined into limited number of feasible projects by city staff and budget delegates from all districts in a transparent process
  - Feasible projects advance to binding selection process open, accessible to all residents
- Operational by July 2027
- Funded annually by at least 2% of General Fund discretionary ongoing resources. Under recent forecast, preliminary estimate is:
  - 15.6 million in FY 2026-27
  - 15.9 million in FY 2027-28
- Compliant with Oregon Local Budget Law

Other provisions.