



Ballot Title

CAPTION

Amends Charter: Changes authority, membership and budget for community police oversight board.

QUESTION

Should Portland change police oversight board authority to recommend but not impose discipline; amend investigatory authority; revise membership, budget requirements?

SUMMARY

In 2020, voters added new community police oversight board to Charter to:

- Impose discipline, including termination, on police employees
- Investigate certain misconduct complaints, other complaints as they see fit
- Recommend police policies, focused on community concerns
- Include board members from diverse communities, particularly with systemic racism, mental illness, substance abuse experience
- Prohibit board members who are current law enforcement employees and immediate family members, or former law enforcement employees
- Operate with budget proportional to 5% of Police Bureau's operating budget
- Exercise independent judgment in executing assigned duties

If measure approved, amended board will:

- Recommend discipline to Police Chief who makes all discipline decisions, subject only to City Administrator approval
- Investigate certain misconduct complaints, eliminate authority to investigate other complaints as they see fit
- Include board members from diverse communities, eliminate emphasis on certain experiences, remove prohibition on law enforcement employees, family members
- Eliminate 5% budget requirement, Council sets budget
- Eliminate language regarding independent judgment, noninterference
- Issue annual report:
 - Recommending recruiting, retention, training program improvements
 - Summarizing complaints, with anonymous complainants, subjects, witnesses

Other provisions.