

Ballot Title**Strengthening Recruitment, Retention, Training, and Accountability for the Portland Police Bureau**CAPTION

Amends Charter: Adds powers, amends duties of Police Oversight Board

QUESTION

Shall City Charter be amended to add police recruitment, retention, training, and accountability authority to Community Police Oversight Board?

SUMMARY

Measure broadens existing Charter section to expand the duties of the existing Community Police Oversight Board to include overseeing and reporting on recruitment, retention, training, and accountability for Portland Police Bureau sworn officers.

Board gains power to provide annual reports regarding the effectiveness of, and recommendations to further improve, recruiting, retention, and training efforts for sworn officers.

Consolidates Board’s accountability powers to: investigate excessive force claims and other serious misconduct; issue investigation reports; and issue recommended discipline to Chief of Police, who has final and sole authority to impose discipline subject to City Administrator approval.

Expands Board membership eligibility to people who live or work in the City, from diverse communities, various professional backgrounds, and from different geographic areas of the City.

Ties funding of Council to functional need based on Board’s established goals.

Removes Board responsibility for issues related to day-to-day Police Bureau policymaking.

Other provisions to be established by City Code.

