

Measure B 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 oversee certain Council recruiting, retention, and training efforts for Police Bureau. Council shall incentivize Portland youth to obtain undergraduate degrees and become sworn police officers, incentivize police officers to reside in City, and prioritize best practices police training.

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.

