

## VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 1

### **Require Majority Vote to Increase Council Compensation**

**BALLOT SUMMARY:** The original 1995 Charter sets Council compensation at the monthly rate of \$300.00. Council may increase its compensation by not less than four (4) affirmative votes. Council's present compensation is set at the monthly rate of \$800.00. The proposed amendment permits Council to increase its compensation by a majority vote. Such increase would not take effect until after the next regular election.

**BALLOT QUESTION:** Shall the Charter be amended to allow Council Compensation to be increased by majority vote?

- Yes
- No

## VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 2

### Filling of Vacancies for Mayor and Councilmembers

**BALLOT SUMMARY:** The Charter currently treats the filling of vacancies in the offices of mayor and councilmembers differently. The proposed amendment would fill all vacancies in the same manner by providing that vacancies will not be filled if the unexpired term is less than 180 days and would require a special election if 180 days or more remain. It also provides that the vice mayor will serve as mayor until a new mayor is elected.

**BALLOT QUESTION:** Shall vacancies in the office of councilmembers be filled the same way as the mayor?

- Yes
- No

## VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 3

### Requirement for Calling Special Meetings

**BALLOT SUMMARY:** The Charter currently allows the Mayor, or in his absence the Vice-Mayor, or a majority of the councilmembers to call a special meeting upon 72-hours' notice. The proposed amendment would revise the Charter by eliminating the 72-hour notice requirement for special meetings and adopting the notice requirements of Florida law, which requires only reasonable notice, while also requiring the Village to provide as much notice as possible for special meetings.

**BALLOT QUESTION:** Shall the Charter be amended to allow notice of special meetings pursuant to state law?

- Yes
- No

## VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 4

### **Inclusion of the Equestrian Preserve Area Within the Charter**

**BALLOT SUMMARY:** The original Charter makes no reference to the Equestrian Preserve Area. The proposed amendment would permit landowners to apply to be voluntarily included in the Preserve Area upon majority vote by Council, but would prohibit removal of properties from the Equestrian Preserve Area unless approved by not less than four affirmative votes.

**BALLOT QUESTION:** Shall the Charter be amended to include a provision protecting the Equestrian Preserve Area?

- Yes
- No

## VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 5

### Determination of Election to Office

**BALLOT SUMMARY:** The Charter currently provides that any candidate receiving thirty-five percent or more of the votes validly cast in any election will be declared the winner and provides for a runoff election in limited circumstances. The proposed amendment would return to the original Charter provision, which required a runoff election where none of the candidates in any election receive more than fifty percent of the votes validly cast.

**BALLOT QUESTION:** Shall the Charter require winning candidates to receive more than fifty percent of the votes?

Yes

No

## VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 6

### Village Canvassing Board

**BALLOT QUESTION:** The Charter provides that the village canvassing board be composed of those members of the village council not running for reelection and the village clerk. The proposed amendment would establish an independent panel to serve as the canvassing board composed of a county commissioner, a Palm Beach County judge and the village clerk.

**BALLOT QUESTION:** Shall the canvassing board be composed of a county commissioner, judge and the village clerk?

- Yes
- No