

Charter Freeholder				Reason you are running	Election vs Appt of Co Admin	How many commissioners	No. of Comm vs budget	Initiative & Referendum	
Dis	Pos	Notes	First	Last					
1	1		Garry	Lucas	I really saw two choices: Step forward and take responsibility for developing a charter that will serve the citizens of Clark County for the foreseeable future or sit back and complain about the results. I further saw the need for many other responsible, middle of the road citizens to do the same.	While I am open for discussion on the subject, I lean strongly toward an elected county executive who owes political allegiance to the people rather than the folks that made the appointment.	I think five is the right number: large enough to make it more difficult to form blocs and small enough to be manageable.	Yes	I am not a fan of government by initiative. In this republic we elect representatives. That being said, I am open to discussion.
1	1		Dale	Smith					
1	1		Scott	McElhane					
1	1		Marlene	Adams	I want to be a real participant in a process aimed at developing a meaningful Home Rule Charter, acceptable to a healthy majority of the voters, and that would provide better government for us all.	I favor Appointment. While switching to the Election of one Chief Executive or County Administrator has its merits, I believe that the proponents of such a radical change have a rather heavy burden of proof to meet, and I don't think they have met it. Plus, I think that choosing the Election route will KILL the charter, and I am Pro-Home Rule, in general.	<b>Five (5).</b> I favor a <b>3 + 2 Model.</b> [At least until 2022, when new census figures and new lines for 5 Districts could be drawn, if we so elect to switch to the typical 5 district-system. This means we keep our 3 Commissioner Districts & System, and add 2 At-Large Commissioners.] I think our population simply has outgrown the 3-Commissioner system, even absent the recent political problems. There's just too much work and stress for 3 Commissioners. Note: The Columbian has my earlier musings re 7, but I've settled down to this 3+2 model.	<b>Yes.</b> I'd hope for some economies elsewhere, but ultimately, if you need 5, for the larger population, etc., you need to do what you need to do. [I think that's rather what the state legislature envisioned when they provided for the 5 Commissioner Route for Non-Charter counties, once they reached the 300,00 population mark.] If this Charter doesn't provide for 5 Commissioners, then it will probably fail at the polls this time around, and then we will soon thereafter probably satisfy the need and desire for 5 commissioners, via this statutory route, which will delay to the indefinite future the flexibility for future change and other advantages a Home Rule Charter will provide.	<b>YES.</b> I definitely support Initiative & Referendum at the county level. All six County Home Rule Charters in WA State, provide for I&R. The details vary, but they provide for it. If you design a County Charter in Washington State, it had better have I&R, and meaningful I&R. To do otherwise, would be a great insult to the people. If you cannot or will not accept this fact of political reality and near-religious belief & expectation, in this state, then you simply cannot, in good honor, ever offer your own good name for freeholder and get involved in the charter process at all. And I would never so dishonor my own good name, which reflects upon both my birth family and my adopted-via-marriage family.
1	1		Morris	Foutch	We have a "horse and buggy" governance model, evolved from the post Civil War era when somehow due to the turmoil remaining in the former secessionist states a respect for constitutional governance seemed to fall by the wayside. I want to see our county model brought up to date with something closely approximating our national government model with conformance to our constitutionally legal system.	I will stick with Appointment of the County Administrator, and hope that an expanded Board of Commissioners, a Code of Ethics, and a strengthened Employment Policy will be a better approach to our future political problems and county governance in general.	I recommend we have 5 commissioners in our future board. We do not have sufficient numbers currently, resulting in ideological decisions being made all too frequently. I favor a vote of the 5 on all issues possible with the record showing the breakdown of who voted and his/her vote rendered. I also favor a vote of 3 out of 5 as a minimum to carry the issue.	I would support 5 commissioners with an increase in the budget; however, we should try to reduce our overall costs for administration if at all possible. The 5 commissioners do not need to be full time 2080 hrs annually employees.	Initiative and referendum must be included in this change of governance. The people must have the right to challenge a policy, procedure or person.
1	1		Ron	Onslow	to listen, collaborate, and help change county government for the better	AT this time I feel the Admisistrator is best hired after a thorough search by the county Commissioners similar to a City Manager hired by a City Council. My thinking is that an administrator (esp partisan) elected may be a terrible choice (one who has no experience).	I think it should be 5	yes even if it meant an increase	I want to hear more
1	1		Darren	Wertz					

1	2		Tom	Lawrence					
1	2		Dan	Sockle					
1	2		Doug	Ballou	As a long-time Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek area neighborhood activist and leader, I listen and understand citizen concerns. Citizens want more voice and involvement in local government. As a freeholder I will work toward establishing a charter that: provides a balance of power within county government, enables the powers of initiative and referendum, better serve community-wide interests and does not create an undue tax burden on citizens. The complexity in governing the county has changed dramatically over the past 20 years. It is time for a change in county government and as a freeholder I will work to get a charter that better serves citizens well beyond this century.	I support creation of the county executive form of government. Clark County currently has an elected three commissioner board and an appointed county administrator. A county administrator is needed only if the county commissioners delegate the day-to-day oversight and management of county operations to that appointed individual. A county executive form of government is a more centralized type of county government. The county executive serves as the chief executive officer of the county while the commissioners would serve as the county's legislative body. The main advantage of this form of government is that it centralizes power into one elected position which would simplify decision making process and streamline services. Citizens benefit by getting a bigger benefit for their tax dollars.	I believe that the Board of Clark County Commissioners should be expanded from three to five commissioners. Clark County has a population well over 400,000 and is continuing to grow. Over half of that population resides in unincorporated Clark County (outside of municipal city boundaries). With growth comes increasing complexity in providing a variety of mandated public services with constrained resources to very diverse communities (rural, suburban, etc.). Each commissioner is effectively representing almost 150,000 citizens in their respective districts. Increasing to 5 commissioners would lower this to less than 100,000 citizens per commissioner. The Board currently serves in both legislative and executive capacities. Executive capacities are shared with other elected officials, but the County Commissioners hold the purse strings and many of these functions such as Assessor, Treasurer, Clerk, Auditor, Sheriff and funded through the county's general fund. This form of government works well for counties with populations below a hundred thousand people. County Commissioners have very broad powers. I believe that it is time for the power of the County Commissioners to be divided to better serve our community. I not only support increasing the number of commissioners, but also reducing their area of influence to only policy and legislative matters thus making them more effective in serving the public.	I would not support a charter that resulted in an increased tax burden for citizens. The charter should be designed to help Clark County Government be more effective and efficient in providing mandated public services, thus reducing the overall cost in delivering these services.	Yes, I support including powers of initiative and referendum in the proposed charter. The power of initiative enables voters to propose and adopt new legislation and the power of referendum gives voters the right to approve or reject an ordinance enacted by county government. These powers would give Clark County voters more influence and control in their county government than they do today under the current structure. People want more voice in local government than they have had in the past.
1	2		Donald	Leonard					
1	2		Ann	Rivers					
1	3		David	Darby					

1	3		Richard	Rylander	To improve county government and make it more responsive to the people	Positions that have a notable impact on the public should be elected. Election is the only way to assure the people have direct input. It also reduces cronyism. In the specific case of the County Administrator appointment may make sense. However, researching the experiences of other counties may influence my opinion.	Five (5) is optimal. Reasoning - Currently no two commissioners can meet to discuss an issue because it constitutes a quorum. With five two couple meet. Given the current and projected population growth and diversity within the county five would allow more input and diversity in opinions.	Yes	Yes. The people need an alternate path should their elected officials not be responsive or listen to constituents.
1	3		Rob	Lutz	My family has lived in Clark County for three generations and I'm a lifelong resident. I teach high school history and serve as the chief bargainer for the Evergreen Education Association. Between my deep connection to the county, my civics background, and my abilities to negotiate civilly, I see this as the perfect fit for me to do my part in our community	I support a county government that balances power. One way to do this might be by having an elected executive. In theory the Sheriff is an elected person who has the job of carrying out the law. However, the Sheriff has no veto authority or other ways to check the power of the commissioners. This is a decision that cannot be made in a vacuum and is dependent on other parts of the charter. That being said, as a general rule, I like the idea of an elected county executive.	Five or seven would be the best size. Many governing bodies, with much smaller budgets and responsibilities, including most school districts, operate with boards of 5 or 7. Governing bodies made up of only three people have a better chance of not being truly representative of the people they are governing. They often times have no reason to compromise either. There is a legitimate concern with respect to increased cost by increasing the board. That being said, leaving the board at only 3 members is not an option.	Yes I would. With that being said, extra cost is important to keep in mind. Increase in costs should be kept to a minimum.	As a general rule, I favor the concept of initiative and referendum. However, when unchecked, these tools can be damaging. At the state level, we have a habit of passaging initiatives that demand services that cost money and at the same time pass initiatives curbing or lowering taxes. A way for the voice of the general public to be heard by elected officials should be part of the new charter, what form that should take should be debated heavily by the elected freeholders. This is another decision that cannot be made in a vacuum and is dependent on other aspects of the new charter.
1	3		Joe	Zarelli					
1	3		Tim	Podhora					
1	3		Scott	Edwards					
1	3		Bridget	Schwarz					

1	3		Jackie	Lane	It is a way that I can serve Clark County. I believe that this is very important work, and it requires folks who will do the hard work, research, listening and understanding. What has been tried in other counties, what works for them, and does that relate to Clark County? What will help County government to be effective, accountable, efficient and best help us to move forward. I have worked in large organizations for 30+ years and have a lot of experience working with diverse groups solving problems and coming to consensus. I am honestly concerned that there are people looking at this as a partisan position. That is not how I would view it. It is my intention to keep an open mind, rather than go into this "knowing all the answers".	I am leaning toward election. That said, I am not sure I can see how this being a partisan position is necessarily appropriate. It is very important that the duties and responsibilities of the County Administrator vs. those of the Commissioners are clearly defined.	Clark County is a large and diverse county, and it does not feel that 3 commissioners appropriately represent that diversity. A larger number might lead to more compromise and reasonable discussion.	This is where listening and discussion options comes in as a Freeholder. I'd prefer not to increase the budget, but the position needs to pay commensurate to the work and dedication we expect and the quality of talent we need to be interested in running. If we can do that on the current budget, I am all for it.	This is a tough one. It is tempting to think we can just do an initiative when the people we elect are not being responsive. However, so many of our state initiatives seem to come from monied interests, not the people. I am sure there will be a lot of lively discussion on this topic. Today, I have to be honest and say I'm not a fan of the idea. This will be an area where we need discussion, listening, and understanding what options we'd have for implementation to determine if this is a good thing for Clark County.
1	4		Peter	Silliman					
1	4		Ben	Meyer					
1	4		Sharon	Ferguson					
1	4		Fiona	Humphrey	I wanted to do something to help our community. I have been concerned about the recent events with the Commissioners and that helped spark my interest as well.	I generally do not favor anything that consolidates power in one or a few. It is difficult to remove elected officials from office, That is one reason to have appointed officials based on merit - skills and qualifications process.	As I mentioned above, recent events seem to indicate we need more commissioners, however, that might not solve the problem, plus it will add costs.	I think fiscal concerns are important, and the freeholders would have to weigh the pros and cons. I would think twice about adding a big expense to the County budget.	I do support initiative and referendum at the county level.
1	4		Chris	Lockwood					
1	4		Steve	Foster	My professional career was spent mostly in county governments, at management or executive levels, in positions where I could "see" what was going on across the whole organization. Or failing to go on. I believe I could help the freeholder group base its decisions on realistic assessments of the options on the table. I also have skills in organizing groups and helping them stay focused on the task at hand.	That's a tough one since I generally prefer appointment over election as a better means of getting experienced, skilled leadership. However, for Clark County, right now, I believe the elected model is the better option.	Five. Absolutely.	Reluctantly but I strongly believe that a budget increase should not be necessary. As a policy-setting, legislative body, the commissioners do not need to be full time and frankly that creates its own set of troublesome internal dynamics. We should be able to create a 5 member BOCC and part time compensation for its members could still be competitive with "like" bodies, without a budget increase.	That may be necessary for the voters to approve a home rule charter and I support it on that basis.
1	4		John	Main					

1	4		Troy	VanDinter	I am a lifelong Clark County resident and want to ensure that we have reasonable people at the table.	In the beginning I wasn't convinced, but have since changed my mind and feel the separation of powers that an Elected Administrator would ensure this.	I believe we should increase the number of commissioners to at least 5, but I would support 7 as well.	would support 5 commissioners as long as the pay was in line with the duties/responsibilities being asked of them, if the number is increased and the responsibility is spread over more commissioners then the pay should decrease also. As well as if a Elected Administrator is in place they will take a large amount of responsibility	Yes, I believe with the county of our size the citizens should have the Initiative/Referendum option.
1	4		Mark	Gawecki					
1	5		Ralph	Akin	A more representative and responsive structure is needed for Clark County to prosper in coming years. Leadership with vision, checks and balances, and more individual representation are all part of what can be a better future for us and future generations.	I am leaning towards favoring an elected County Executive who would be directly accountable to the people.	Five is more reasonable to allow interaction, shared research and collaboration as well as more contact with constituents.	I would strive to maintain the current budget level as much as possible, making adjustments as necessary within the structure of any adopted charter.	Yes, with reasonable safeguards to prevent abuse of this privilege.
1	5		Patricia	Reyes	I want the people to have more input in the governance of the county.	It has worked other places, and I am interested in exploring this option for Clark County.	We should increase it to 5. The population in the county has grown and so too should the representatives.	Yes	Yes
1	5		Dick	Deleissegues	I have worked on the rural center task force and have spent 15 years on the county planning commission, the last years as chair. I am in my third term as a fire commissioner for FD-3. I have developed a love for this county and want to see it prosper while retaining the rural character and amenities of our district. I feel I have the background and experience to be a strong Freeholder who will advocate for the citizens of both District 1 and the entire county.	I support an appointed County Administrator. Politicians rarely have training in business administration, human resource management, leadership skills to supervise and direct a large staff and the common sense necessary to keep politics out of their recommendations to the County Commissioners.	Q-3, 4 and 5. I am open minded on these issues. I have learned to listen to the people who testify at public hearings or otherwise make their wishes known, and then to fully deliberate with the other members of the commission (in this case the other Freeholders) before making a decision. There will be several public hearings to facilitate this. Yes I have some preferences and I would hope these would be supported by the people who become involved in the home rule charter development process... we will see. I will fully support the majority of the people in District 1 in this process.		
1	5		Randy	Mueller	To improve Clark County's system of governance. The events of the last year have shown the weakness of our current system, where it only takes two people with a crazy idea (or multiple crazy ideas) to hijack the process and cause widespread damage.	I prefer the option of an elected county administrator.	We do not have the right number now, and I believe the number of commissioners should be increased to at least 5.	Yes. I support lowering the commissioner salaries for no overall net increase in taxpayer expense, but understand that there may be additional administrative costs in supporting more elected officials.	Yes.
1	5		Wendy	Smith					
1	5		Bob	Freund					
1	5		Patrick	O'Rourke					
1	5		Troy	Maxcy					
1	5		Patrick	Bourcier					

1	5		David	Standal	To make sure the process is open and not overtaken by special interests wishing to grow county government to further their own financial gain.	I prefer an appointed county executive that answers to the commissioners.	I think we should go to five commissioners elected by district.	Yes, but I'm not sure it would be necessary.	Yes, with some limitations.
1	5		Sherry	Erickson					