

Charter Freeholder				Reason you are running	Election vs Appt of Co Admin	How many commissioners	No. of Comm vs budget	Initiative & Referendum	
Dist	Pos	Notes	First	Last					
3	1		Craig	Riley					
3	1		Ryan	Palmer	To make sure that there is someone in the position that represents the people and their ideals. Someone who doesn't impose solely their own, or some groups ideals.	That decision would be directly affected by how many commissioners their are, if it remains 3, then I would say elected.	5, currently if two commissioners meet, it makes a quorum, and that is an unacceptable situation. We need to spread the responsibility over a few more people.	I don't know, it really depend on the amount, and it also depends on how many commissioners we are adding. My strong preference is to divide the total pay we are spending now amongst 5 commissioners.	Yes and no, I currently see it being used to undermine peoples interests, and to push the county's will onto the cities. It can easily be misused, but if done responsibly, it can be used to reflect the needs of the people in the county.
3	1		Pat	Jollota					
3	2		Rob	Figley	Deceased				
3	2		Carolyn	Crain					
3	2		Val	Ogden	I believe that we need to increase the number of county commissioners to at least five.	I believe that the position of County Administrator should be elected.	We need to increase to at least five.	Yes I would, but I do not believe that is necessary. The current budget can be shared five ways.	Yes
3	2		John	Gilbert					
3	2		Jeanne	Schaefer-Ringo					
3	3		Keith	Bellisle					
3	3		Mike	Woodward	I would like to see more liberty at the county government level and I believe home rule charter will facilitate this goal.	At this time I support election of a county admin but I am open to discussion.	We need to increase the number of commissioners.	Yes	Yes
3	3		David	Gray					

3	3		Alice	Williams	Have you seen the candidate list? Its a DREAM TEAM of Clark County citizens! My number one reason for running for district 3 position 3 freeholder is selfish. Its to learn from these amazing people and to provide a fresh voice, so that I may effectively give back to my community.	In most cases, although some times I wonder what they were thinking, it is better to have the citizen's input.	Our population has multiplied over 40 times from when the commissioner districts were established.	Yes	In most cases, although some times I wonder what they were thinking, it is better to have the citizen's input.
3	3		Bruce	Samuelson	To assist in bringing Clark County out of the 19 th Century and into the 21 st Century with a well written Charter or in a more simple term, a business plan, as well as providing a road map for the future generations. I believe my neutrality, desire to achieve fairness and balance, my willingness to include all citizens of Clark County along with my desire to seek out things we can agree on make me a valuable asset to this monumental process. I picked the 3rd position in District 3 as it represents the middle position of the 5. My tile drawn randomly for placement in the voter's pamphlet was #5, out of 9, another example of my being the middle person.	I believe that both options have pros and cons. As a delegate to the Home Rule Charter drafting process, I am adamant about seeking the opinions and views of the people of Clark County, in order to present them for discussion and research to the rest of the freeholders. Examples: Election would mean that the Administrator or Executive is beholden to the voters as opposed to the Commissioners, however, this also means that if the voters aren't happy with the job performance they can try for a recall or wait 4 years until the next election. Appointment would make it easier to replace someone who was not doing an effective job, however, it could also lead to potential retaliation or special interest issues. In addition, many times I have seen that termination of an appointed official leads to a big compensation package. There would need to be safeguards put in place to protect against the above issues and several others for either choice.	This is not a one size fits all question. With an Administrator/Executive, there could be justification to leave the Commissioners as they currently are. I have done research on this subject and there is data supporting the present number as well as data supporting the increasing of the number of commissioners. My opinion is but one out of approximately 438,000 people living in Clark County. Again, I will defer that decision to the people I want to represent, as we all will be paying the salaries of these elected officials. I have been a proponent of following the RCW which allows for a county to increase the number of commissioners when the population of the county reaches 250,000. That was many years ago but this would be up to the people of Clark County, not just about my thoughts.	Absolutely not. If we appoint/elect an Administrator or Executive, this would reduce the workload of the Commissioners, tremendously. Accordingly, the compensation packages would need to be reduced. We would all love to have a job where we work less but are paid the same as if we still carried the heavier workload. By reducing the workload and ultimately the financial burden to the taxpayers for the compensation of the Commissioners, we would be better able to afford an Administrator/Executive.	Yes, but with controls against abuse put in place. We cannot afford frivolity. If the people of Clark County want to have a hand in important issues, so be it. We do not want to engage in micro-managing though.
3	3		Debbie	Peterson					
3	3		Lowell	Miller					
3	3		Jim	Moeller	To be a part of the group that debates and eventually proposes a change in the fabric of our county government - my home.	At the moment, I'm in favor of an elected County Administrator.	I believe the board should have 5 - 7 elected county commissioners.	Yes. Honestly, I don't know how you can look people in the eye and say it will not cost them more.	Most of my objection is philosophical. I don't support the Initiative/ Referendum process at ANY level! We are a constitutional republic with a <i>representative</i> form of government, a ballot box and a right to vote. With that said, it has been the "Law of the Land" here on the West Coast for almost 100 years. Regardless of my objections, I will not let this issue stand in my way of a charter that is a step forward.

3	3		Jerry	Keen	Besides the urging by friends and acquaintances, my number 1 reason is a duty that I feel to the county that I love. After almost 27 years in the Navy with Duty To God and Country, that same philosophy applies to duty to "God and County." I can't complain about the processes without being willing to work to improve them	I believe that an elected Administrator would be more open to the desires of the people and would increase citizen input to the process. An elected Administrator might be more transparent in his or her administrative counsel to county government.	If the current budget will support the increase, I would love to see 5 Commissioners. It would reduce the frequency of individual agendas being advanced.	A difficult Question. (see #3) It depends on how substantial the increase would be. I believe that the space is available in the existing offices. Salary and support would create the increase in the budget. Existing Commissioners may have to take a substantial pay reduction to support the increase, with more of the administrative work being taken on by the Commissioners.	Yes, I do. Proposals by county constituents in the form of Initiatives and Referendums increases the voice and control for our County Citizens. Of the People, for the People and by the People needs to be revived in our government at all levels.
3	4		Alex	Veliko					
3	4		Kyle	Greenwood					
3	4		Kris	Fay					
3	4		Michael	Barry	I think it is time for Clark County to update the way we do business, and I would like to be a part of that process. I have 30 plus years of service at the local and federal levels. I recently retired, and have the time to commit to my fellow citizens	I would prefer to have the County Administrator be an elected position. This takes out favoritism, and provides a check and balance to the commissioners.	I believe we have outgrown a 3 Commissioner board. I would support an increase to 5 commissioners at the current population levels, and would look at it again in years to come as the county continues to grow.	I personally believe that the 2 additional commissioners could be absorbed within the current budget.	Depends on how it is written, but yes, overall, we the people should be able to set the agenda for how we govern ourselves locally.
3	4		Gene	Ringo					
3	4		Adrian	Gomez					
3	4		Temple	Lentz	I am invested in and committed to this county. I feel that our current form of county government no longer serves the needs of a growing and changing population, and I want to be a part of the solution -- working with other freeholders to build a responsive, contemporary charter that voters can and will approve.	I am interested in exploring the election of a county executive who is accountable to the voters. In our current system, with appointment, executive and legislative powers are not separate and there are few checks and balances on the three elected commissioners. I don't intend to arrive as a freeholder with my mind already made up, but I do want to explore the possibilities, find out the benefits and drawbacks, and work with the other freeholders to recommend the most productive option for the county.	There are many variables with this -- part-time or full-time, elected by district or at-large, is there an elected executive. I don't have a pre-set notion of what we need, but I am very interested in looking at the possibility of increasing the number of commissioners. I feel that in a county of nearly 450,000 people, we deserve representation by more than just three people. However, there are so many variations on how the number and role of commissioners could change, that I feel it needs to be carefully weighed and discussed, to be sure the best possible choice is being made for the county.	As with any questions about finances, I'd have to say that it depends on what exactly the increase would be, and what we as a county would get for making that increase. In general, I do feel that you get what you pay for--and if we can get strong leadership, direction, and structure for the county, then it's a worthwhile investment. That said, there are also discussions about part-time work, slightly lowering commissioner salaries, and finding other savings, that we need to have. I would not advocate increasing the budget without being sure we're making the most cost-effective choices, and investments, possible.	I do believe this is a set of powers the people of the county should have, and would look forward to working with the other freeholders to format it in such a way that it maximizes citizen rights while also minimizing frivolous cases and unnecessary cost to taxpayers.
3	4		Dan	Barnes					
3	4		Winde	Chavez					
3	4		Frank	L'Amie					
3	4		Bill	Hughes					

3	4		Sally	Fisher	I think there is a general sense of frustration among citizens. Many people feel they don't have a voice and the structure of government needs to be changed to correct this. I want to be part of creating a charter that provides fair and equal representation of all citizens.	I am not bringing an opinion or an agenda to the table. I hope that the elected freeholders will come with an open mind to creating a charter in a collaborative atmosphere.	I do think we should probably increase the number to match our larger population although I have an open mind to that. I look forward to hearing other's thoughts.	I think there are a lot of ways to structure that without jumping right to a budget increase although that might be the final outcome. I believe thoughtful conversation and information from the budget office can help form a common-sense choice for this.	I like the idea of the people having a right to vote on issues they care about but I'm wary of unintended consequences on a number of the charter topics. I look forward to hearing all the information before making a decision about whether I would support this or not.
3	4		Don	Yingling					
3	5		Bill	Cismar					
3	5		Mike	Yancey					
3	5		John	Jenkins	No Answers - Unsubscribed				
3	5		Jackie	Marsden					
3	5		Jim	Mains	I love our community; I've served on nonprofits and boards for over 20 years. I want to represent the citizen's view, not just the loud few. My promise as a Freeholder is to listen; have no hidden agendas, and work together with the other elected freeholders to craft a charter for Clark County, together.	I have no opinion at this time; I believe all options should be considered. If commissioners are elected from districts, I would recommend a County Executive elected countywide. That would balance district views with countywide views. I believe it's important for all Freeholders to come into the meetings without a prior charter already in mind. The Freeholders need to work together to create a county government.	I don't have an exact number and want to hear ideas. I do believe we need a board that is able to have checks and balances. Three commissioners seem too few for a county of our size. We have grown since the creation of the three-commissioner board long ago in the 19 th century. We need to look at a new, practical and transparent way to govern.	Yes –in the big pictures the increase wouldn't be much to keep our county government moving in a healthy direction. I'm not convinced more money will need to be paid. I want to see the budget and understand the complete costs of potential salaries including benefits, hours and responsibilities.	Yes
3	5		Jim	Dunn					
3	5		Jack	Harroun					
3	5		Bob	Carroll					
3	5		John	Caton	There are many reasons that I could expound on. The key reason is I have an appreciation for the importance of what goes into creating a form of government. I have been a member of 7 Vancouver Charter Review Committees and have chaired two of them. A County Charter would be different from a city, but the necessity of creating a system where there is a balance of power while still having some form of efficiency is critical.	The arguments for and against are equally compelling. Turning an administrative position into a political one could reduce the effectiveness of running County business. An appointed City Manager has worked fairly well over the years. On the other hand, making the Executive answerable to the voting public has considerable appeal. It does give the Administrator a certain amount of freedom in dealing with the policy makers. An issue to resolve would be if the Administrator as an elected official, has any veto powers. On this issue, I am willing to listen to all arguments while reviewing the experiences of the six charter counties. I would not want to go into such an important issue closed minded.	Clark County has grown in population and complexity of problems to where an increase in the legislative body should be strongly considered. The larger counties have demonstrated a value to increasing the number, so it may be time to do so here. Vancouver had to face the same question a number of years ago and the answer was 'yes'.	The issue of the County budget is not one to be considered by the Freeholders. It is beyond the scope of the Committee. The consideration should be first and foremost, is it good governance. If it is, then I would support it. I would hope that the Commissioners would look at their budget issues responsibly and simple redistribute the current budgeted amounts for three to five. It would still provide them with a decent wage. There is no way to force that to be done. Even an advisory vote to that effect is only a recommendation.	I supported them in the City Charter, I see no reason not to support them in the County. The discussion looks to be the terms of how they are done.
3	5		Jerry	Oliver	Refused to answer				

3	5		Thomas	Higdon	Questions who we are				
3	5		Mark	Monroe					
3	5		James	Taylor	unsubscribed - no answers				