

OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010

LOCAL QUESTIONS IN AMENDMENT OF THE TOWN CHARTER

Shall the Charter of the Town of North Smithfield be amended in the following ways?

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR VS TOWN MANAGER

#5. To change the form of government from an elected Town Administrator to a Town Manager appointed by the Town Council, with the following changes being made to the Charter: (a) to authorize the Town Personnel Board to review the credentials of applicants for the position of Town Manager and to rank the applicants for consideration by the Town Council; (b) to establish minimum hiring criteria for the position of Town Manager as follows: (i) a bachelor's or advanced degree in finance, business management, public administration and/or in a related field from a four year college or university, (ii) skills in public administration, accounting, project management, tax billing/collections, computer, public assistance, public works and (iii) a minimum of three years of municipal employment in an administrative or finance capacity or equivalent work experience; (c) to recognize the Town Council president as the official head of the Town government for all ceremonial purposes and by the governor for military law; (d) to make the Town Manager the chief administrative officer and make him responsible to the Town Council; (e) to allow the Town Council to suspend and/or remove the Town Manager with just cause and after due process; and (f) to make additional technical changes to reconcile existing language in the Charter with the Change to a Town Manager appointed by the Town Council?

BUDGET REQUESTS AND STAGGERED TERMS FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#6. To replace Sections 2, 3 and 6 of Article III, "Financial Provisions of the Town" with new Sections 2, 3 and 6 that (a) changes the due date for budget requests; (b) requires the School Department to follow the same timeline as all other Town departments; and (c) establishes staggered terms for the Budget Committee members?

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORDS

#7. To allow the Town Council to vote in Executive Session and to seal the records thereof until such time as the need for confidentiality has expired?

CERTIFICATION OF SOLICITORS

#8. To require that the Town Solicitor, Assistant Town Solicitor and the School Department Solicitor be certified to practice law in both the Rhode Island Supreme Court and the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island?

FINANCE DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

#9. To establish minimum hiring criteria for the position of Town Director of Finance as follows: (i) a bachelor's or advanced degree in accounting, finance, or business management from a four year college or university and (ii) that he/she be qualified and required to

prepare and submit financial statements for each quarter (including year-to-date analysis) for the Budget Committee?

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

#10. That Section 4 of Article XV relating to the Council of Defense be deleted and a new Section 4 of Article XV be inserted in place thereof establishing an Emergency Management Agency?

NORTH SMITHFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

#11. That the name of the North Smithfield Industrial Development Commission be changed to the North Smithfield Economic Development Commission?

GRAMMAR AND LANGUAGE CLARIFICATION

#12. To correct spelling, grammar and punctuation as needed; to provide for appropriate technical changes; to render language gender-neutral; and to clarify language with no change in meaning in Articles I through XVIII?

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