

**PROPOSITION 415**

**PROPOSAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND CITY CHARTER ARTICLE XI, SECTION 4 ENTITLED “PRESIDING OFFICER; APPOINTMENT; TERM; JUSTICE OF PEACE AS CITY JUDGE”**

**SHALL ARTICLE XI, SECTION 4 OF THE CITY CHARTER ENTITLED “PRESIDING OFFICER; APPOINTMENT; TERM; JUSTICE OF PEACE AS CITY JUDGE” BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS?**

~~Section 4 – The presiding officer of the city court shall be a city judge, who shall be appointed by the council in December of each even numbered year. The term of office of the city judge shall commence on the first business day of the month following his or her appointment, and shall be for two (2) years, or until his or her successor is appointed and qualified~~

~~The city court department employees shall be appointed by and accountable to the city judge. The city judge will report to and be responsible for the operation of the city court department to the city council. The city judge shall prepare the budget for the city court department for submission to the city council, and the city court budget shall be established by the city council.~~

~~SECTION 4 – PRESIDING OFFICER; APPOINTMENT; TERM; JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AS CITY JUDGE~~

"THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE CITY COURT WILL BE THE CITY JUDGE, WHO MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. THE CITY JUDGE MUST BE AN ATTORNEY LICENSED AND IN GOOD STANDING IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND WILL SERVE AS A DIRECT REPORT TO COUNCIL FOR A DEFINED TERM. THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE CITY JUDGE WILL BE FOR TWO YEARS, BEGINNING ON THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY OF EACH ODD NUMBERED YEAR. THE CITY JUDGE’S CONTRACT WILL BE REVIEWED IN DECEMBER OF EACH EVEN NUMBERED YEAR, AND MAY BE RENEWED OR TERMINATED AT THAT TIME BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN THEIR SOLE DISCRETION. THE CITY JUDGE MUST ALSO PROVIDE A WRITTEN AND VERBAL REPORT TO COUNCIL ON AT LEAST AN ANNUAL BASIS. DURING THE TERM OF HIS/HER CONTRACT, THE JUDGE MAY BE REMOVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ONLY FOR CAUSE, AFTER NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. REMOVAL FOR CAUSE SHALL BE JUSTIFIED BY ANY CRIMINAL CONDUCT AND/OR A VIOLATION OF THE ARIZONA CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT."

**FULL BALLOT TEXT:**

OFFICIAL TITLE: PROPOSAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND CITY CHARTER ARTICLE XI, SECTION 4 ENTITLED “PRESIDING OFFICER; APPOINTMENT; TERM; JUSTICE OF PEACE AS CITY JUDGE”

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE: AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER SHALL REVISE ARTICLE XI, SECTION 4 ENTITLED “PRESIDING OFFICER; APPOINTMENT; TERM; JUSTICE OF PEACE AS CITY JUDGE” WITH UPDATED APPOINTMENT AND TERM LANGUAGE IN ALIGNMENT WITH CURRENT PROCESS

A “YES” vote shall have the effect of updating Section 4 of Article XI as noted.

A “NO” vote shall have the effect of maintaining the current wording