

**NOTICE  
REFERENDUM ELECTION  
ON PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS  
JANUARY 22, 2009**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a referendum election for Metropolitan Charter Amendments will be open and held on **Thursday, January 22, 2009.**

**SAMPLE BALLOT**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT  
OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**METROPOLITAN CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**SUMMARY**

This amendment provides that:

- English is the official language of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee.
- Official actions which bind or commit the government are required to be taken only in the English language.
- All official government communications and publications are required to be made only in English.
- No person shall have a right to government services in any other language.
- All meetings of the Metro Council, Boards, and Commissions of the Metropolitan Government are required to be conducted only in English.
- The Metro Council may make specific exceptions to protect public health and safety.
- Nothing in the amendment shall be interpreted to conflict with federal or state law.

**FULL LANGUAGE**

A new section numbered 1.08 will be added to Article 1 of the Metropolitan Charter.

The new section shall state the following:

"English is the official language of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee. Official actions which bind or commit the government shall be taken only in the English language, and all official government communications and publications shall be in English. No person shall have a right to government services in any other language. All meetings of the Metro Council, Boards, and Commissions of the Metropolitan Government shall be conducted in English. The Metro Council may make specific exceptions to protect public health and safety. Nothing in this measure shall be interpreted to conflict with federal or state law."

For Ratification

Against Ratification

**METROPOLITAN CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2**

**SUMMARY**

"This amendment would allow Charter amendments to be proposed upon petition filed with the Metropolitan Clerk, signed by one (1) percent of the total registered voters in Nashville-Davidson County. The people may submit amendments to the voters at any regularly scheduled general election, and by special election once per calendar year ending December 31st. Any amendment(s) approved in a referendum, whether they were initiated as the result of a Council Resolution or a petition, may not be amended by a Metropolitan Council resolution proposing an amendment within four (4) years of the amendment(s) approval by the voters."

**FULL LANGUAGE**

Article 19.01 shall be amended as follows:

Paragraph 1 shall be amended by replacing "ten (10) percent of the registered voters of Nashville-Davidson County voting in the preceding general election" with "1% of the total registered voters in Nashville-Davidson County."

Paragraph 4 shall be amended by replacing "nor shall any such amendment or amendments be submitted by petition more often than once in each two (2) years" with "The people may submit amendments to the voters at any regularly scheduled general election, and by special election once per calendar year ending December 31st."

A New Paragraph shall be added to the end of Section 19.01 stating: "An amendment approved by the people may not be amended by a Metropolitan Council-proposed resolution within four (4) years of its approval by the voters."

For Ratification

Against Ratification

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**EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE  
JANUARY 2, 2009 THROUGH JANUARY 17, 2009  
DAVIDSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE ONLY  
800 2ND AVENUE SOUTH, METRO OFFICE BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR  
(Next to the Howard Office Building)**

<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2009</b>	<b>8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2009</b>	<b>9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.</b>
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009</b>	<b>8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009</b>	<b>8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2009</b>	<b>8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009</b>	<b>8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009</b>	<b>8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2009</b>	<b>9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.</b>
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009</b>	<b>8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009</b>	<b>8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009</b>	<b>8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009</b>	<b>8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009</b>	<b>8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2009</b>	<b>9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.</b>

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**FAX (615) 880-1729**

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EDDIE BRYAN, CHAIR  
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LYNN GREER, A. J. STARLING, ANA ESCOBAR**

**(ATTEST: RAY BARRETT, ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTIONS)**

 **FOR ADA QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT JOAN A. NIXON, 615-862-8800.**