

FACTS ABOUT THE CITY OF MADISON ADVISORY REFERENDUM RELATED TO THE MADISON COMMON COUNCIL

- ❖ When you vote in the [April 6, 2021 Spring Election](#) you will find [four advisory referendum questions](#) on the ballot asking about the structure of Madison’s Common Council.
- ❖ The questions ask about alderperson pay, the size of the Common Council, the length of alderperson terms, and whether alderpersons should be subject to term limits.
- ❖ These questions are part of a multi-year City initiative to investigate whether changes to the structure of Madison’s government could improve representation and engagement for all of Madison residents.
- ❖ So far, City efforts to consider answers to these questions have included a comprehensive review of the history of Madison’s government by an eleven-member Task Force on the Structure of City Government, culminating in a Final Report with recommendations to the Mayor and Common Council.
- ❖ To learn more about these issues and the recommendations made by the Task Force, you may access the Task Force [FINAL REPORT](#). Please allow a moment to download.
- ❖ This referendum is advisory only. It will not bind the City or make any immediate change. Instead, the City will use this information to gauge the voter’s interest in pursuing these possible changes, which would take further action by the Common Council or the voters to implement.
- ❖ The questions will appear on the ballot as follows:
 1. Madison currently has a part-time Common Council with members who are paid approximately thirteen-thousand seven hundred dollars (\$13,700) per year. Beginning with the 2023 Spring Election, SHOULD the City of Madison transition to a full-time Common Council with each Common Council member earning between fifty percent (50%) to eighty percent (80%) of the Adjusted Median Income for Dane County for a single parent with two children (approximately \$45,000 to \$71,000 per year)?

Yes ___
No ___
 2. Madison currently has a part-time Common Council comprised of twenty (20) alderpersons, one from each alderperson district. Beginning with the 2023 Spring Election, SHOULD the size of the City of Madison Common Council:

Be reduced ___
Be increased ___
Remain the same ____
 3. Madison alderpersons are currently elected to two (2) year terms. The Madison Mayor is currently elected to four (4) year terms. Beginning with the 2023 Spring Election, SHOULD City of Madison alderpersons be elected to four (4) year terms?

Yes ___
No ___
 4. Madison alderpersons are currently not subject to term limits. Beginning with the 2023 Spring Election, if the

City transitions to a full-time Common Council SHOULD the City of Madison alderpersons be subject to term limits of twelve (12) consecutive years?

Yes ___

No ___

❖ **To register to vote in the April 6, 2021 election and to learn more about the City's efforts to explore these and other important questions related to the structure of Madison's government, please find the following resources:**

- ✓ **Register to Vote** by visiting the [Clerk's Office Webpage](#) or contacting the City Clerk's Office, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Room 103, Madison, Wisconsin 53703; (608) 266-4601.
- ✓ Read the Common Council resolutions authorizing the advisory referendum and the Notice of Advisory Referendum by visiting [The Task Force Webpage](#) or contacting the City Clerk's Office at the address above.
- ✓ Review the Task Force on the Structure of City Government Website and Final Report with Recommendations to the Common Council: [FINAL REPORT](#). Please allow a moment to download.

