


Date: February 6, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor 

Copies: Melissa Autry, Clerk of Council

Subject: **Review of Certified Copy of Petition**

Pursuant to Article II, Section A.4 of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati, I have reviewed the enclosed certified copy of a petition submitted by Margaret Waller to the Clerk of Council on January 22, 2024. The certified copy of the petition addresses a single subject and meets the requirements as to form provided by the Charter.

CERTIFICATION OF PROPOSED PETITION

I, Margaret Waller being duly sworn and cautioned, depose and state as follows:

- 1. I am competent to testify to the matters herein on the basis of my own personal knowledge of the facts.
- 2. I am one of five committee members listed on a *Petition for Submission of Proposed Amendment to Charter* regarding a proposal to amend the City of Cincinnati Charter to prohibit the City from being a member of a Metropolitan Planning Organization that does not allocate voting rights to its members proportionately based on population (the "Petition").
- 3. Attached to this certification is a true and accurate copy of the Petition, which I intend to distribute for signatures once the City Solicitor determines that the Petition addresses a single subject and meets the requirements as to form provided by the City Charter.
- 4. Further, affiant sayeth naught.

Executed this 22 day of January, 2024.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Printed Name: Margaret Waller

Before me, a notary public in and for Hamilton County, State of Ohio, this 22nd day of January, 2024, the above-named Margaret Waller personally appeared and acknowledged his/her signature on the foregoing document.



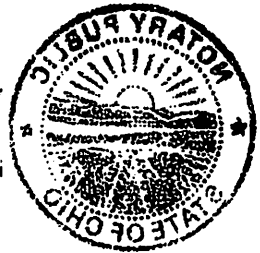
JOHN PAUL BURLEIGH
Attorney at Law
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Has No Expiration
Date. Section 147.03 O.R.C.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

JOHN PAUL BURLEIGH
Attorney at Law
John Paul Burleigh, State of Ohio
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Petition for Submission of Proposed Amendment to Charter

Constitution of Ohio, Art. XVIII, Section 9 and 14; R.C. 731.28 - .41, 3503.06

To be signed by ten percent of the electors, based upon the total vote cast at the last preceding general municipal election.

(NOTE – The below notice must be printed in red.)

NOTICE – Whoever knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his own, or signs when not a legal voter is liable to prosecution.

To the Council, the legislative authority of the City of Cincinnati of
(City or Village)

Hamilton, Ohio.

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the City of Cincinnati of
(City or Village)

Hamilton, Ohio respectfully petition the legislative authority to forthwith provide by

Ordinance, for the submission to the electors of said city or village, the following proposed amendment to the Charter of said city or village to-wit:

Article XVII - Membership in a Metropolitan Planning Organization

(1) The City may commence or maintain membership in a Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") only when both of the following conditions are met: (a) the voting power of the governing board of the MPO is apportioned proportionally based on population, not including those statutorily-required voting members; and (b) members that represent local governments have at least 90% of the total votes on the governing board.

(2) In the event that an MPO does not comply with section (1) of this Article, the City shall withdraw its membership from the body if the voting system is not corrected within 60 days of the effective date of this Article.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

Proposal to Amend Cincinnati Charter to Prohibit Membership in a Metropolitan Planning Organization Without Voting Rights Allocated by Population

We hereby designate the following persons as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to this petition or its circulation:

Name	Residence

Signatures on this petition must be from only one county and must be written in ink.

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Circulator Statement

Must be completed and signed by the circulator.

I, _____, declare under penalty of election falsification that I reside at the address
Printed Name of Circulator
 appearing below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition containing _____ signatures;
Number
 that I witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief
 qualified to sign; and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person
 whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION
 FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A
 FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE**

 Signature of Circulator

 Permanent Residence Address

 City or Village State Zip Code

_____, Ohio

Form 6-B

Petition for the submission of a proposed amendment to charter

Filed _____, _____ (Month, Day), _____ (Year)

 City Auditor or Village Clerk

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