

**PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO SECTION
3.23 OF THE ALBANY CITY CHARTER
MEASURE Z**

Z MEASURE Z: Do you approve the modification of Section 3.23 of the City Charter, as is fully set forth in the voter pamphlet, to provide that members of commissions, boards, committees, task forces, or other similar bodies, appointed by the City Council, shall serve for an interim term of up to 45 days after certification of an election, or until they are reappointed or replaced?	YES
	NO

CITY ATTORNEY IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO SECTION 3.23

A “Yes” vote approves of the proposed Charter modification to allow commission and committee members to serve for an interim term of up to 45 days at the expiration of their term, until a replacement is selected or they are reappointed.

A “No” vote rejects the proposed amendment. Committee or commission members’ terms would expire upon certification of the results of the next general election after their appointment.

Background/Reason

This modification is being proposed to provide for the orderly transition after the expiration of a member’s term on a commission or committee. For example, if the member’s term expires and a new council person is selected, the new council person would have 45 days from certification of the election to fill the departing committee or commission member’s position. The sitting member of a commission or committee would thus be able to serve for an interim period of up to forty-five days until new appointments are made. This would help to avoid vacancies on committees or commissions after elections and until new appointments are made.

Fiscal Impact

None.

s/ROBERT ZWEBEN

Albany City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Z

The present charter provides for commissions to serve “for a term lasting until the next general election, unless reappointed.” There is no provision for an orderly transition after their terms expire following the Municipal election.

This resolution provides for an orderly transition, extending the interim period of these appointments for up to 45 days after certification of an election. This allows for the ongoing progress of city business and work to be performed by the Boards, Committees, and Commissions of the government.

s/Joanne R. Wile

Albany City Council Member

s/Marjorie A. Atkinson

Albany City Councilmember

s/Brian Parker

Chair, Waterfront Committee

s/Mara Duncan

Member Social & Economic Justice Commission

s/William B. Dann

Waterfront Committee

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Z WAS
SUBMITTED**