

Charter Question 3

On the November 2006 ballot: Should one percent of annual property tax revenues be appropriated to funds for land conservation and affordable housing?

Vote YES or NO

Digest of the proposed amendment:

Present: There are no specially dedicated funds for acquisition of public lands for land conservation or for providing and maintaining affordable housing.

If proposal passes:

- A minimum of one percent of real property tax revenues would be placed in two special funds; one fund would be known as the "Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund" and the other would be known as the "Affordable Housing Fund."
- Moneys in the "Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund" would be used to purchase or acquire real estate for land conservation.
- Moneys in the "Affordable Housing Fund" would be used to provide and maintain affordable housing for persons earning less than fifty percent of the median household income in the city.
- Moneys in the funds would not lapse, but shall remain in the funds, accumulating from year to year.

FULL TEXT - CHARTER QUESTION #3

Create new section in RCH Article IX:

Section 9-204. Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund and Affordable Housing Fund —

1. There shall be established a Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund and an Affordable Housing Fund. In adopting each fiscal year's budget and capital program, the council shall appropriate a minimum of one percent of the estimated real property tax revenues, one-half of which shall be deposited into the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund and the remaining one-half of which shall be deposited into the Affordable Housing Fund.

2. Moneys in the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund shall be used to purchase or otherwise acquire real estate or any interest therein for land conservation in the city for the following purposes: protection of watershed lands to preserve water quality and water supply; preservation of forests, beaches, coastal areas and agricultural lands; public outdoor recreation and education, including access to beaches and mountains; preservation of historic or culturally important land areas and sites; protection of significant habitats or ecosystems, including buffer zones; conservation of land in order to reduce erosion, floods, landslides, and runoff; and acquisition of public access to public land and open space.

3. Moneys in the Affordable Housing Fund shall be used to provide and maintain affordable housing for persons earning less than fifty percent of the median household income in the city for the following purposes: provision and expansion of affordable housing and suitable living environments principally for persons of low and moderate income through land acquisition, development, construction, and maintenance of affordable housing for sale or for rental, provided that the housing remains affordable in perpetuity.

4. The moneys in each fund may also be used for the payment of principal, interest, and premium, if any, due with respect to bonds issued subsequent to enactment of this section and pursuant to Sections 3-116 or 3-117, in whole or in part, for the purposes enumerated in subsections 2 and 3 of this section and for the payment of costs associated with the purchase, redemption or refunding of such bonds.

5. At any given time, no more than five percent of the moneys in each fund shall be used for administrative expenses.

6. Any balance remaining in each fund at the end of any fiscal year shall not lapse, but shall remain in the fund, accumulating from year to year. The moneys in each fund shall not be used for any purposes except those listed in this section.

7. The council shall by ordinance establish procedures for the administration and expenditure of moneys in each fund. The appropriations to each fund shall not substitute for, but shall be in addition to, those appropriations historically made for the purposes stated in this section.

Note: [Brackets] indicate deletions, and underlining indicates additions.

Create new section in RCH Article XVI:

Section 16- . Effective Date of Revisions -

All provisions of the amendments to the charter of the City and County of Honolulu, approved on November 7, 2006, shall become effective as of the second day of January 2007, except as otherwise provided.

V. November 7, 2006 General Election Results

On November 7, 2006, eight of the twelve ballot questions were approved by the voters of the City & County of Honolulu. Detailed results are shown below.

Bold font indicates amendments that passed

Question	YES	NO	Blank votes	Over votes
Charter Question 1: Change term limits and staggering of terms	96,660 40.5%	113,725 47.7%	27,979 11.7%	185 0.1%
Charter Question 2: Two alternatives for term limits and staggering	<i>Alt. A:</i> 47,943 20.1%	<i>Alt. B:</i> 140,690 59.0%	49,764 20.9%	152 0.1%
Charter Question 3: Land conservation and affordable housing funds	130,240 54.6%	92,478 38.8%	15,668 6.6%	163 0.1%
Charter Question 4: Curbside recycling	178,504 74.8%	41,309 17.3%	18,663 7.8%	73 0.0%
Charter Question 5: Civil fines for ethics violations	194,550 81.6%	25,721 10.8%	18,220 7.6%	58 0.0%
Charter Question 6: Races with two candidates in General Election	154,373 64.7%	64,827 27.2%	19,248 8.1%	101 0.0%
Charter Question 7: No Council rejection of Salary Commission	93,723 39.3%	120,315 50.4%	24,272 10.2%	239 0.1%
Charter Question 8: Pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly Honolulu; Bikeways	171,969 72.1%	49,656 20.8%	16,853 7.1%	71 0.0%

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