

Ballot Measure 20-283 vs Ballot Measure 20-287 **ELECTED vs *APPOINTED***

FULL AUTHORITY

A Citizen-elected Auditor will have the authority to audit ALL city operations, contracts, projects and public expenditures and determine the timing of audits — free from political interference.

A Council-appointed Auditor will have the authority to do only what the City Council tells them to do, when the council tells them to do it.

FULL ACCESS

A Citizen-elected Auditor has unhampered access to all data, finances, and documents to complete an audit, including subpoena power, just in case materials are withheld or unreasonably delayed.

A Council-appointed Auditor will have only the data, financial information, access, and documents that the city manager, as gatekeeper, is willing to provide and NO recourse if it is withheld or unreasonably delayed.

CITIZEN CHOSEN

A Citizen-elected Auditor can be hired and fired by thousands of Eugene voters in a non-partisan election every 4 years or a recall.

A Council-appointed Auditor is hired, directed, fired by a Council majority. If citizens' are unhappy with the appointed Auditor they have absolutely NO recourse.

CITIZEN ACCOUNTABLE

A Citizen-elected Auditor is not controlled by City Council or City Manager but is accountable to the voters and the national professional organizations that accredits Auditors.

A Council-appointed Auditor is a political appointee just like the City Manager, Police Auditor and the Municipal Court judge who will self-censor in order to keep their job and funding.

ADEQUATELY FUNDED

A Citizen-elected Auditor has a budget based on standard National Auditing benchmarks for a Eugene sized city which indicates 3-5 staff, this includes the Elected Auditor and 3 deputies. It provides reasonable and appropriate capacity to conduct unbiased, accurate, thorough oversight of city expenditures and service delivery.

A Council-appointed Auditor's budget is designed for optics and would fund just one auditor for all city activities and expenditures — almost \$1 billion in expenditures for all city operations and activities.

INDEPENDENT CITIZEN OVERSIGHT

A Citizen-elected Auditor is free to convene a citizen review board that protects the objectivity of audits and schedules, by requiring stringent conflict of interest provisions for its citizen members.

The Council-appointed Auditor has a Council-appointed citizen review committee that does not disqualify members who have conflicts of interest, like consulting contracts, development contracts or other business relationships with the city. Council-appointed committee make-up includes 5 voting members and an unlimited number of City officials as non-voting members and no city-residency requirement.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY

The Citizen-elected Auditor's authorities are charter mandated and specific-meaning they are law.

The Council-appointed Auditor's authorities are subject to Council direction and conditioned on Council approval.

INDEPENDENT STAFF CONTROL

The Citizen-elected Auditor is authorized to hire, supervise, and determine compensation for the deputy auditors and staff in the Auditor's office.

The Council-appointed Auditor's ability to hire, supervise and compensate their office staff are "subject to policies and budget appropriations adopted by city council." Meaning, the auditor does not have the authority — the Council does.

INDEPENDENT LEGAL SUPPORT

The citizen-Elected Auditor has authority to retain lawyers, or professional consultants as needed. This is essential for eliminating conflicts of interest when city manager's attorney's would represent both the audited entity and the Auditor.

The Council-Appointed Auditor has NO authority to hire their own attorney, they may ask for permission — and funding — to do so from the Council.

CITIZEN INITIATED

The citizen-Elected Auditor measure was put on the ballot by citizen volunteers who obtained over 10,000 signatures from registered Eugene voters - following stringent rules from the Oregon Constitution and Eugene elections code.

The Council-appointed Auditor ballot measure was fast-tracked to the ballot by Council in February in response to an online petition signed by 80 insiders and friends of the Council — some not even registered voters in Eugene and many with past and present 'business relationships' with the City.

CONTINUITY

A citizen-Elected Auditor provides a permanent and consistent audit function at the city which provides needed continuity to pursue long term and complex audits.

An Council-appointed Auditor means there can be long stretches of time where the position remains vacant. That kind of inconsistency compromises the ability to pursue longer and more complex audits. Case in point; Lane county's appointed auditor position left vacant for 5 years.

OPEN EVALUATION

The citizen-Elected Auditor's evaluations are based on the publicly available work of the Auditor's office and the publicly available professional evaluations of the Auditor's office.

The Council-appointed Auditor's evaluations will be done in secret executive sessions by the Council, like they do for evaluations of the Police Auditor and the City Manager, their other two appointees.

SUBPOENA POWER

The citizen-Elected Auditor has subpoena power in cases where documents, data, materials or information needed to complete an audit is withheld or unreasonably delayed.

The Council-Appointed Auditor has no recourse if information or data needed to complete an audit is delayed or withheld — like was done with the first two Police Auditors.

WHISTLEBLOWER HOTLINE

The citizen-ELECTED Auditor is required to establish an anonymous whistleblower hotline which is proven to be the single most effective method for identifying fraud and waste leading to cost recovery and savings.

The Council-appointed Auditor is NOT authorized to establish a whistleblower hot line and in any case, even if they did, it would never be trusted to be truly anonymous because people would be reporting to the City about the City.

GUIDED BY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The citizen-elected Auditor is required to establish the protocols and guidelines of their Auditor's office based on Government Auditing Standards published by the Government Accounting Office..

The Council-appointed Auditor will be subject to protocols and guidelines determined by the City Manager and approved by Council.

INDEPENDENT OF COUNCIL POLITICS

A citizen-Elected Auditor's authority is guaranteed by the Charter so the function will be sustained through changing council make-up and shifting political winds. The Auditor's authority cannot be undone by a changing council — it can only be undone by a vote of the people.

A Council-appointed Auditor will be vulnerable to Council dictating the auditor's scope of work, compensation, schedules or choice of audits which can all be changed by successive Council majorities — or the same Council. They can cancel an audit before it is completed if they think the outcome might be a political liability.

An elected Auditor works WITH city officials FOR you.

An appointed auditor works FOR city officials.

Vote YES on 20-283

Vote NO on 20-287