

# Join us! **Portland Charter Commission** **Virtual Community Listening Sessions!**

Saturday, November 13th  
from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

OR

Tuesday, November 16th  
from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

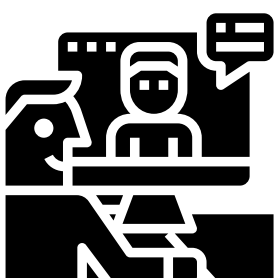


**Register here:** [tinyurl.com/CharterListeningSessions](https://tinyurl.com/CharterListeningSessions)



The **Charter Commission** is an independent body that convenes every 10 years to review and recommend amendments to the City's Charter (City's constitution) for Portlanders to vote on. Amendments to the City's Charter can change City policies and processes that have the potential to respond to community priorities, shape our city, and address the most pressing issues facing our city.

The Charter Commission is approaching Charter in two phases. As part of Phase I, the Commission is focused on tackling the foundational questions of **Form of Government** and **City Council Elections**, from which other reforms will flow. The Commission believes democracy works best when the most voices can weigh in on the biggest issues facing our government, and that's why they are aiming for Portlanders to vote on these fundamental questions on the general election November 2022 ballot.



The Charter Community Listening Sessions are **part I** of a two-part series of listening sessions. The upcoming sessions are an opportunity for community members to **learn more about charter review** and the issues currently being researched by the Charter Commission (form of government & city council elections) and **join breakout rooms to have a community discussion** on Portlanders' lived experiences with City government. **Part II** of our listening sessions will take place in January 2022 and focus on options for reforming our government and elections.

## **The Charter Commissioners want you to inform their work and understand your perspectives on:**

- What has been your experience with our City government including bureaus and offices, and has the city been responsive to your needs?
- What makes you and your community feel helped or heard by our City government?
- What barriers do you or your friends, family, or community experience voting in our City Council elections?
- What would make voting easier to participate in?



**Can't make it?** We will have a recording of the educational presentation and a survey with questions asked in break out groups available on our website!

**Questions?** Email [CharterReview@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:CharterReview@portlandoregon.gov) or call 503-865-6818