

They want to **RADICALLY CHANGE** Clark County Government at November's election!

Who are they? A very small group of Clark County establishment politicians and special interest friends who have lost power in recent years—and *they want it back*.

They are promoting a new form of government for Clark County called a *Charter*.

Charter Proposal Makes Government *Less Accessible* and *Less Responsive*

Power shifts from elected Commissioners to an appointed County Executive. Three full-time Commissioners are replaced by five toothless "Councilors". They will be totally dependent on staff for critical information and department oversight. Only the at-large Council Chair is authorized to speak publicly on County business (Sec.2.2). Charter redistricting marginalizes rural interests. The initiative and referendum offered by charter proponents is a sham (Sec. 7.2A1-6).

What Will a Charter Cost?

The planned four year transition will be confusing and expensive. The two-meetings-a-month Councilors will be paid \$53,000/yr. No information is available on the cost of a County Executive with all the duties envisioned in the Charter (Sec. 10.2). **Be ready for the cost of bigger more intrusive government.**

The Charter offers citizens an Initiative and Referendum process. *What can it be used for?*

REPEAL A TAX OR FEE?	NO
FIX A POLICY?	NO
CHANGE A PROGRAM?	NO
REDUCING SPENDING?	NO
CHANGING THIS CHARTER?	NO

Therefore the initiative/referendum processes offered are useless! (Sec. 7.2A1-6).

Reasons to **Vote NO** on the Charter in November

1. **Power lost:** Citizens' ability to influence county government is greatly diminished. The petition and initiative process offered is useless.
2. **Empowers bureaucracy:** The Charter creates a county executive with too much power and little accountability to voters. For example Snohomish County, touted by local politicians as Charter model, has been riddled with scandal. See: <http://heraldnet.com/article/20130222/NEWS01/130229959>
3. **Special interest deals:** When government is less accountable to the citizens—then special interest collusion will **always** increase. Many Charter proponents were fervent supporters of the CRC light rail and tolling project—and see the Charter as a way to revive this boondoggle.
4. **Why change what works?** With our existing representative democracy structure Clark County has made great progress in the last few years in job creation, lowering government costs and other measures that can be seen at: <http://www.votenocharter.com/clark-county-is-thriving/>

The Charter can be found at: http://www.clark.wa.gov/freeholders/documents/BOF_Final.pdf

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