

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 15, 2022

John Antinori, Borough Manager
Borough of Wilkinsburg
605 Ross Avenue
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By First-Class Mail and email info@wilkinsburg.gov

Re: November 8, 2022 General Election – Wilkinsburg Borough

Dear Mr. Antinori:

In response to a Home Rule Charter Government Study Commission Referendum Petition filed with this office, please be advised that the Allegheny County Law Department has approved the following question for placement upon the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot:

**WILKINSBURG BOROUGH
PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION
SPECIAL ELECTION QUESTION**

Shall a Government Study Commission of seven members be elected to study the existing form of government of the municipality, to consider the advisability of the adoption of a home rule charter and, if advisable, to draft and to recommend a home rule charter?

As you may know, the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 C.S.A., 2621.1) requires this Division to prepare a “plain English” explanation for any question appearing on the ballot. To this end, the ballot explanations for the referenda in your municipality are as follows:

Explanation of Ballot Question

If this question is approved by a majority of those voting AND seven (7) Government Study Commissioners are elected, a Government Study Commission will be formed, whose functions and duties shall be to:

- 1. Study the form of government of the Borough of Wilkinsburg.**
- 2. Compare it with other available forms under the laws of Pennsylvania.**

JESSICA GAROFOLO, DIRECTOR

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3. Determine whether or not, in its judgement, the government of the municipality could be strengthened or made more clearly responsible or accountable to the people.

4. Determine whether its operation could become more economical or efficient under a changed form of government.

5. Hold one or more public hearings to generally provide for the widest possible public information and discussion respecting the purposes and progress of its work.

6. Report its findings and recommendations to the citizens of Wilkinsburg Borough.

Independent nomination papers for the office of Government Study Commissioner are available in this Division and may be picked up between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily. The first day to circulate and file the nomination paper is Tuesday, August 9, 2022 and the last day to circulate and file is Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Specimen copies of the election day and absentee/mail-in ballots will be forwarded when they become available.

Please be advised that all costs incurred by this Division for the printing of notices by newspaper publication under the applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Election Code shall be the responsibility of your municipality. An itemized invoice will be transmitted along with the certified election results.

This Division will arrange for the posting of Special Election notices at the polling places on the day of the Election. However, as many of the referenda authorizing statutes require additional notice, often by the municipal officers, it is recommended that you consult the referendum authorizing statute.

Please contact me at (412) 350-4509 if you have any questions concerning these matters.

Sincerely,

David R. Voye, Division Manager
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Elections Division

cc: Allan J. Opsitnick, Assistant County Solicitor