

CITY OF TAMPA CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

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Your name: _____
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Your address: _____

City _____ **Zip** _____ **County** _____

Please change my legal residence address on my voter registration record to the above residence address (check box, if applicable).

Voter Registration Number _____ **or Date of Birth** _____

I am a registered voter of the City of Tampa and hereby petition the Supervisor of Elections to place the following proposed amendment to the City of Tampa Charter on the ballot in the general election:

BALLOT TITLE: Civilian Investigative Panel

BALLOT SUMMARY: Shall the city council, by ordinance, create and establish a Civilian Investigative Panel, composed of civilian members nominated by the public and appointed by city council, to investigate complaints, individual incidents, and broader issues concerning the Tampa Police Department; to review Tampa Police Department policies and procedures; staffed by professional personnel; operated on an annual approved budget; and authorized to issue subpoenas?

ARTICLE AND SECTION BEING CREATED OR AMENDED: This amendment would create Section 10.10 in Article X (Miscellaneous).

FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT:

Section 10.10 - Civilian Investigative Panel

The city council shall, by ordinance, create and establish a Civilian Investigative Panel (hereinafter referred to as "CIP") to provide independent oversight of the Tampa Police Department, to be:

- (a) Composed exclusively of a number of civilian members to be determined who shall be nominated by the public and appointed by the city council;

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- (b) Advised by independent counsel who is a competent member of the Florida Bar with at least seven (7) years membership in the Florida Bar, generally knowledgeable in municipal law, appointed by the CIP with the approval of the city attorney;
- (c) Staffed with civilian professional personnel, including an independent counsel, and operated on an annual approved budget;
- (d) Authorized to receive complaints directly from individuals concerning the Tampa Police Department or the activity or conduct of its police officers, to investigate said complaints, and to initiate its own investigations of other individual incidents and broader issues concerning the Tampa Police Department or its police officers;
- (e) Authorized to order discovery, hold evidentiary hearings, and issue subpoenas for documents and witness testimony under oath as part of any investigation and to the same extent and subject to the same limitations as subpoenas and discovery in a civil action under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure;
- (f) Authorized to review Tampa Police Department policies and procedures, and to have an advisory role in the process of hiring new police officers; and
- (g) Authorized to submit directly to the mayor, chief of police, or city council written recommendations, to which a timely written response shall be received within an amount of time to be specified in the ordinance.

DATE OF SIGNATURE

X _____
SIGNATURE OF REGISTERED VOTER

Initiative petition sponsored by Tampa for Justice, 301 W. Platt Street #181 Tampa, FL 33606

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