

**REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF  
AN ALTERATION IN THE STRUCTURE  
OF AND MODE OF ELECTING THE ORANGE  
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Shall the structure of the Board of Commissioners of Orange County be altered as follows:

1. change the board from five members to seven members;
2. change from the qualified voters of the entire County nominating all candidates for and electing all members of the board to a structure in which there is one three member district (District 1), one two member district (District 2) and two members at large; members shall reside in and represent the districts according to the apportionment plan adopted; the qualified voters of each district shall nominate candidates who reside in the district for seats apportioned to that district, and the qualified voters of the entire county shall nominate candidates for seats apportioned to the county at large; and the qualified voters of the entire county shall elect all the members of the board.

District 1 consists of that portion of Chapel Hill Township that is south of a line that begins at the boundary between Bingham Township and Chapel Hill Township, then goes east along the boundary of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Orange County school administrative units to Eubanks Road; east along Eubanks Road to MLK, Jr. Boulevard (State Highway 86); north along MLK, Jr. Boulevard to Interstate 40; east along Interstate 40 and ending at the boundary between Orange County and Durham County. District 2 consists of the rest of Orange County.

3. The transition process is:

- a) The first election for which this election system will apply will be in 2008. The three commissioners elected in 2006 will serve the remainder of their unexpired terms. Two of the three seats in District 1, one of the two seats in District 2 and one of the two At Large seats will become available in 2008.
- b) Four commissioners will be elected in the 2008 election. The two commissioners whose terms expire in 2008, along with other qualified candidates, may choose to run for two of the three District 1 seats, for one of the two District 2 seats or for one of the two At Large seats. The qualified voters of District 1 will nominate candidates for the District 1 seats. The qualified voters of District 2 will nominate a candidate for the District 2 seat. The qualified voters of the entire County will nominate a candidate for the At Large seat. The qualified voters of the entire County will elect the members of the District 1 seats, the member of the District 2 seat, and the member of the At Large seat, all for four year terms.
- c) Three commissioners will be elected in the 2010 election. The three commissioners whose terms expire in 2010, along with other qualified candidates, may choose to run for one of the three District 1 seats, for one of the two District 2 seats or for one of the two At Large seats. The qualified voters of District 1 will nominate a candidate for the District 1 seat. The qualified voters of District 2 will nominate a candidate for the District 2 seat. The qualified voters of the entire County will nominate a candidate for the At Large seat. The qualified voters of the entire County will elect the member of the District 1 seat, the member of the District 2 seat, and the member of the At Large seat, all for four year terms.

- YES
- NO