

The New Britain Area League of Women Voters

Wants YOU to know ---

QUESTIONS ARE ON THE NOV 8, 2022 BALLOT!

Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?

The LWV CT supports this question that would allow early voting in CT.
*We urge you to vote **YES** on this question!*

New Britain Charter Revision Proposals!

Do you want to see the following changes
for New Britain's government?

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- This question will mean that any political party can endorse 2 candidates. The three highest vote getters will be elected.
- Would there be any At-Large candidates, from the whole city or just Wards? Just Wards.
- *If this doesn't pass, what happens?*
The Common Council remains the same as it is now: 5 representatives at-large and 10 from the present five wards. There is no requirement for minority party representation.

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Electors approving the question will vote "Yes" and those opposing the question will vote "No".

What are some of these other changes?

1. Change the Collector of Taxes and Town and City Clerk from elective positions to appointed positions.
2. Put in the Charter the new position of a Chief Operations Officer to work with the mayor for the daily management of the City of New Britain. Responsibilities would include assisting in the daily management of the city, and performing any tasks, duties or functions within the scope of duties of the office of mayor.

Note: The average salary for such a city manager position in CT is over \$100,000. Most towns with this sort of structure have a mayor whose salary is essentially a stipend but under this proposal, New Britain would have both the COO position and the mayoral position, each costing over \$100,000.

3. The proposed charter calls for a Charter Revision Commission to be convened by the Common Council at least every five years to examine the Charter and possible changes. *Presently it is up to the Common Council to call for a Charter Revision Commission as needed.*
4. The “Director of the Water Department” title will change to “Deputy Director of Public Works Utilities”. *This is in agreement with previous reorganization of the city's government.*
5. There are proposals to take out mention of committees and commissions that no longer exist and to update language.