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HOA Meeting**

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# **City and Charter Election**



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# What's on the ballot

- Voters can weigh in on the following:
  - Four proposed City Charter amendments
  - Race for Mayor (for all City voters)
  - Race for District 2 (only D2 voters)





# How we got here

- In 2024, Mayor Ritchie initiated discussions regarding term lengths for the mayor and council members.
  - His perspective, two-year terms are too short for new officials to fully engage with their responsibilities.
  - Mayor Ritchie proposed a charter review to the City Council to formally assess this issue.
- Extending terms would allow for **greater stability and efficiency** in city leadership and allow elected officials the necessary time to develop and implement meaningful initiatives.





# Compared to other public offices

- Many elected positions in our community and across other municipalities have terms of **three to four years** to enhance governance continuity.
  - Texas Governor – Four-year term
  - Texas State Senate – Primarily four-year terms
  - Kendall County Judge and County Commissioners – Four-year terms
  - Boerne ISD Trustees – Three-year terms
  - **City of Boerne – Requesting voters approve three-year terms**



# What's on the ballot

- Measure A - Increase Mayor and City Council's terms from two-year terms to three-year terms.
- Measure B - Make City Council the final judge of all elections in the City.
- Measure C - Change the method of filling City Council vacancies to comply with State Law for cities with three-year terms instead of two-year terms.
- Measure D - Require review of the City Charter at least every ten years. There is currently no requirement for regular review.





# Proposition language

- A: “Shall Section 3.02 of the Boerne City Charter be amended to provide for three-year terms of office for members of the City Council, including the Mayor, effective with the next regularly scheduled municipal election to be held in May 2026, and to establish staggered terms such that no more than one-third (1/3) of the Council seats are up for election in any given year, with a transition plan to implement this change?”
- B: “Shall Section 3.04 of the Boerne City Charter be amended to read: The City Council is the final judge of all elections and the qualifications of its members?”
- C: “Shall Section 3.08 C. Filling of Vacancies of the Boerne City Charter be amended to read: When a vacancy occurs in the City Council, it shall be filled as required by the Texas Constitution and other law applicable to Home-Rule cities; provided that if a vacancy occurs in a position that has less than 12 months remaining, the City Council shall appoint a qualified individual to serve the unexpired term?”
- D: “Shall the Boerne City Charter be amended to add new Section 10.07a, to read as follows: This charter shall be reviewed at ten (10) year intervals after the date of passage of this section by the city council. If, in the opinion of City Council, any changes are necessary, such changes shall be submitted to the voters in accordance with Section 10.07 of this charter?”



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GENERAL ELECTION (ELECCIÓN GENERAL)  
(CONDADO DE) COUNTY, TEXAS  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024 (5 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2024)  
SAMPLE BALLOT (BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" or filling in the shape beside the candidate's name.  
NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN: Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada candidatura marcando con una "X" o rellenando la forma junto al nombre del candidato.

Candidate for: (Candidato para:)	Republican Party (Partido Republicano)	Democratic Party (Partido Demócrata)	Libertarian Party (Partido Libertario)	Green Party (Partido Verde)	Independent (Independiente)
President/Vice President (Presidente/Vicepresidente)	<input type="checkbox"/> Donald J. Trump JD Vance	<input type="checkbox"/> Kamala D. Harris Tim Wozniak	<input type="checkbox"/> Chase Oliver Mike Ter Maat	<input type="checkbox"/> Jill Stein Rudolph Ware	
United States Senator (Senador de los Estados Unidos)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ted Cruz	<input type="checkbox"/> Colin Allred	<input type="checkbox"/> Ted Brown		
United States Representative, District (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Num. _____)					
Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)	<input type="checkbox"/> Christ Craddock	<input type="checkbox"/> Katherine Cubert	<input type="checkbox"/> Hawk Dunlap	<input type="checkbox"/> Eddie Espinoza	
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Num. 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jimmy Blacklock	<input type="checkbox"/> DaSean Jones			
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Num. 4)	<input type="checkbox"/> John Devine	<input type="checkbox"/> Christine Vinn Weems			
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Num. 6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jane Bland	<input type="checkbox"/> Bonnie Lee Goldstein	<input type="checkbox"/> J. David Robertson		
Pleading Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals (Juez Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales)	<input type="checkbox"/> David J. Schenck	<input type="checkbox"/> Holly Taylor			
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Num. 7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gina Parker	<input type="checkbox"/> Nancy Mulder			
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Num. 8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lee Finley	<input type="checkbox"/> Chika Anyiam			
Member, State Board of Education, District (Miembro de la Junta Estatal de Educación, Distrito Num. _____)					
Member, State Board of Education, District (Unexpired Term) (Miembro de la Junta Estatal de Educación, Distrito Num. _____, Duración Restante del Cargo)					
State Senator, District (Senador Estatal, Distrito Num. _____)					
State Representative, District (Representante Estatal, Distrito Num. _____)					
Chief Justice, _____ Court of Appeals District (Juez Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones del _____ Distrito)					
Chief Justice, _____ Court of Appeals District, Unexpired Term (Juez Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones del _____ Distrito, Duración Restante del Cargo)					
Justice, _____ Court of Appeals District, Place (JUEZ, Corte de Apelaciones del _____ Distrito, Lugar Num. _____)					
District Judge, _____ Judicial District (Juez del Distrito, _____ Distrito Judicial)					
District Judge, _____ Judicial District, Unexpired Term (Juez del Distrito, _____ Distrito Judicial, Duración Restante del Cargo)					
Criminal District Judge, Court No. (Juez Criminal del Distrito, Corte Num. _____)					
District Attorney, _____ District (Procurador del Distrito, _____ Distrito Judicial)					
Criminal District Attorney, _____ County (Procurador Criminal del Distrito Condado de _____)					
Criminal District Attorney, _____ County, Unexpired Term (Procurador Criminal del Distrito Condado de _____, Duración Restante del Cargo)					
2 <sup>nd</sup> Multicounty Court at Law (Segunda Corte de Ley de Múltiples Condados)					

(Note: Continue with county and precinct offices.)

# Voting information

- Early Voting
  - Location – 221 Fawn Valley Drive Boerne, Texas
    - April 21 – 25, 2025, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
    - April 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
    - April 28 - 29 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Election Day
  - Location – 447 North Main Street Boerne, Texas
    - May 3, 2025, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m





# Questions?



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# Mobility Updates





# 2022 Bond Updates

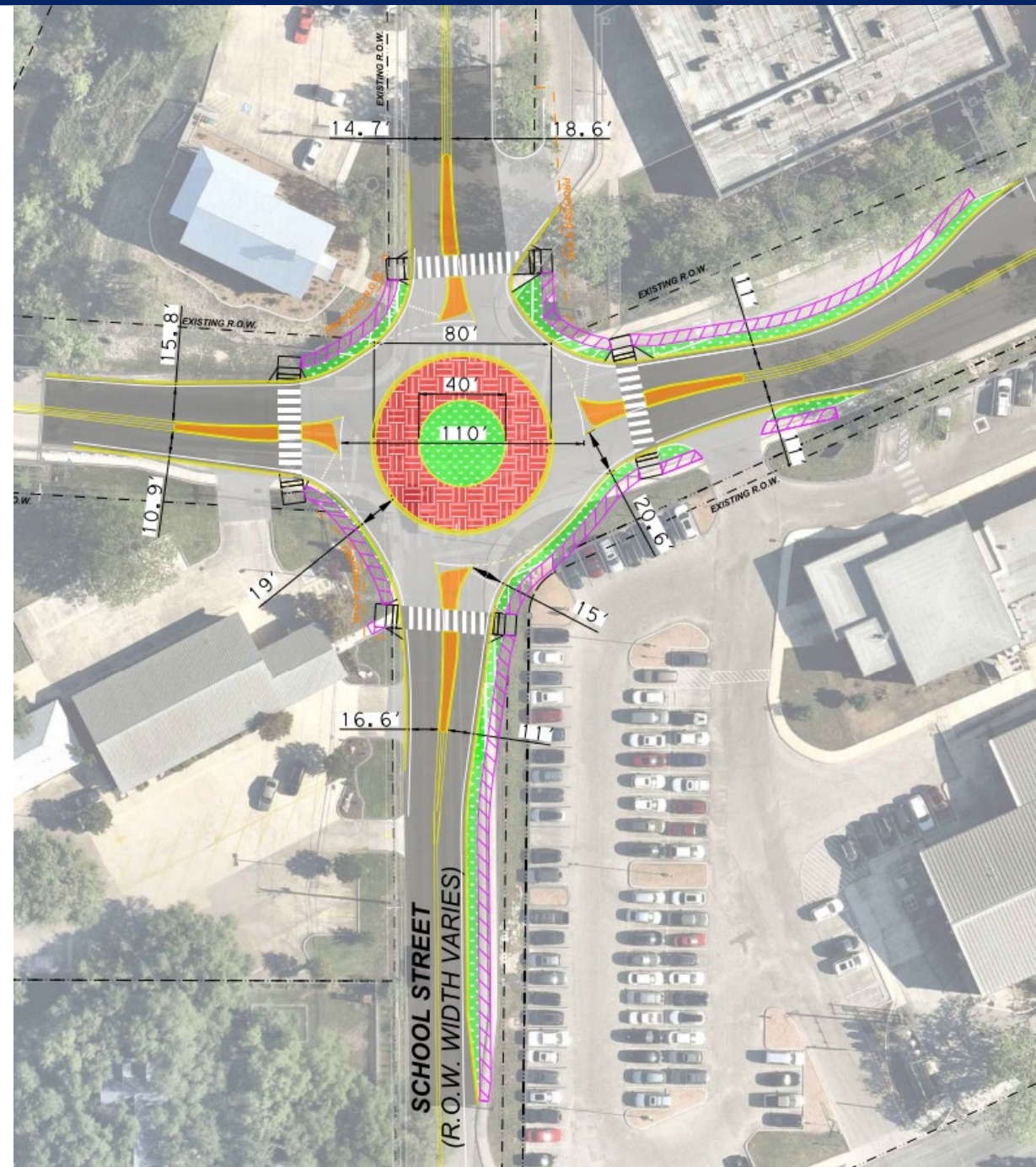
- Three streets completely rebuilt and repaved
- W. Blanco, W. Kronkosky and Parkway Drive were the first three projects to kick-off the 2022 Quality of Life bond projects
- Streets selected were based on their PCI score
- Project took about one month to complete and came in on budget





# Johns Road and School Street Roundabout

- Phase 1 will kick off this summer
- Anticipate intersection will be closed for several weeks during school summer break
- Focus will be utility line relocations
- Staff has worked closely with BISD to ensure safe and efficient timeline and updated intersection
- Phase 2 will be next summer and include building of the roundabout





# Adler – Phase 1

- Project is now out to bid
- The City partnered with Kendall County to utilize federal funds to improve two low water crossings
- New elevated culverts is expected to begin in summer 2025
- First phase will wrap up by late 2025, early 2026 and conclude as major overhaul of Adler begins





# Adler - Phase 2

- Reconstruction of the roadway, is slated to begin in first half of 2026 and wrap up by the end of 2028
- Widening the street to three lanes
- Ten-foot shared use path on the north side of the road with a five-foot sidewalk on south side
- Roundabout at Adler Road and Plant Street
- Drainage improvements including curbs and storm drains



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# Parks Progress



# Kinderpark

## New restroom facility to open soon

- New restroom installed in mid-April
- Expected opening in early May, with a ribbon-cutting scheduled for May 12
- New facility includes restroom, water fountain, and a bottle-filling station
- Addition of a restroom came from direct feedback from residents





# Northrup Enhancements

## Bond Election Projects

- New lights – now all fields will be lit
- Renovations to Field 11
- Expected to start summer 2025, wrap up by fall





# City Park Enhancements

- Enhanced playscape, completed in March
- Pickleball courts resurfaced in February – allowing for 8 dedicated courts
- New lighting part of 2022 bond
  - Work to begin this summer
  - Expected to take approximately 3-4 months





# Northside Overhaul

- Breaking ground summer 2025
- Multi-phased project
- Phase 1 to include
  - Pickleball
  - Splashpad
  - All-abilities playground
  - Multi-use fields
  - Dog Park
  - Walking Trail



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# Environmental Enhancements





# Existing Water Rebates

## What we offer today!

- Rainwater Harvesting Rebate
- Irrigation System Consultation Rebate
- Irrigation System Rain/Freeze Sensor Rebate





## Environmental Enhancements

# Proposed New Water Rebates

- Turf grass reduction to provide a \$150 rebate for the removal of 200 square feet of existing irrigated turf grass and replace with drought tolerant landscape beds or xeriscape.
- Requires any existing irrigation within the landscape beds to be removed.
- Requires site photos and written narrative of landscape plans be submitted for pre-approval to determine rebate eligibility.
- Before and after photo documentation upon completion to obtain rebate.



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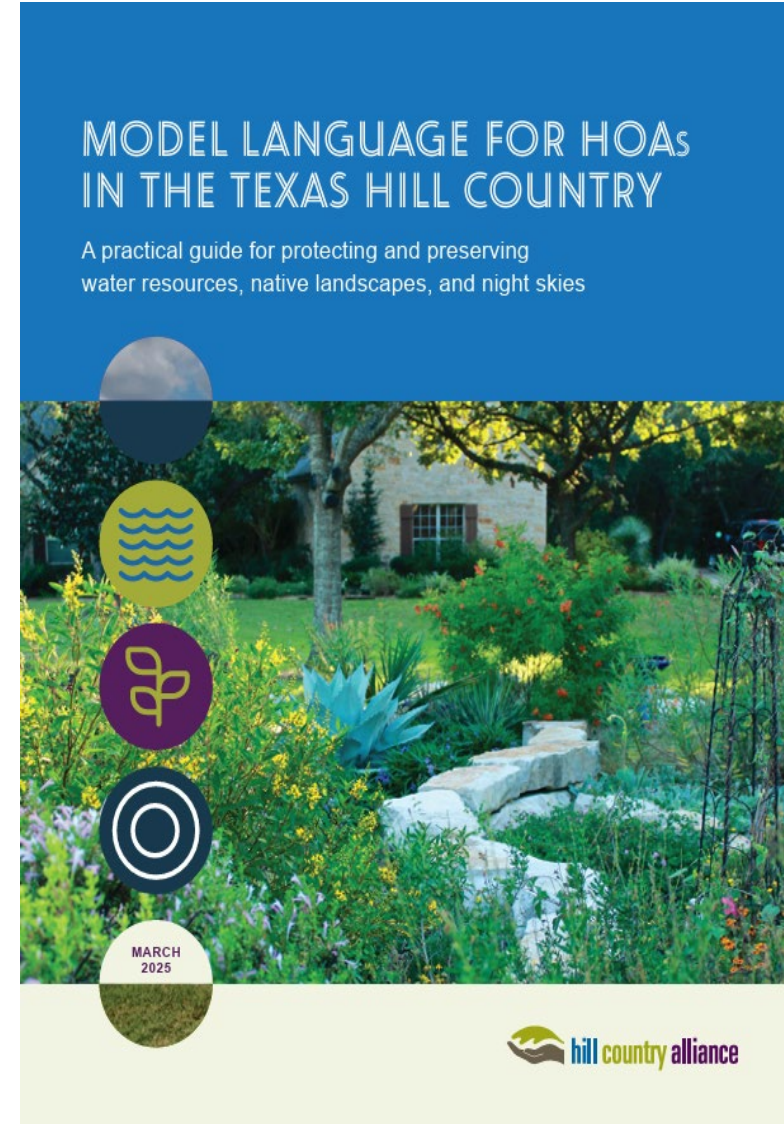




# Possible CCR's updates

## Ways to simplify rules for HOA's

- Xeriscape – the planting of drought- tolerant landscaping.
- 80% would be drought-tolerant vegetation and 20% would be other material.
- Working closely with Hill Country Alliance to provide guidance to HOA's.



## Environmental Enhancements

# Good Reminders

- Urban Forestry
  - Proper pruning and oak wilt prevention
  - Rebates available to treat or remove
- Water Quality
  - Turf grass management
- Dark Skies
  - Dark Sky Community certification and current city ordinances



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# Any Other City Topics to Discuss!

Spring 2025

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