MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Currently the Tigard Charter requires the Mayor and members of the City Council to resign from their elected positions, if they are seeking a different elected position in the city's government, and there is overlap between the two positions. So, if a city councilor, whose term expired at the end of 2018, decided to run for mayor in 2016, they would be required to resign their city council seat before running. However, if a city councilor whose term expired in 2016 decided to run for mayor in 2016, they would not be required to resign their seat.

This Charter Amendment, if passed, would allow a sitting city elected official to run for another city position, without resigning, regardless of whether their term overlapped. This measure would not apply to currently serving Council members, and would treat all future elected officials the same.

The measure, if approved, would result in the removal of the second paragraph of Section 7 of the Charter, which, in its present form, reads as follows:

"No person who is serving as Mayor or councilor shall become a candidate for any City office for a term which would be concurrent with the term in office then held unless that person first submits a written resignation from the then current office at the time of filing for the other office. A resignation submitted to satisfy this section shall not be withdrawn. A resignation shall be adequate for purposes of this section if it provides for the termination of the signer's service in the office not later than the last day before service would begin in the office for which that person seeks to become a candidate."