

## Campaign Update: Ballot Language



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## Campaign Weekly Update

On the 2022 general election ballot, City of Charlotte voters have the opportunity to approve a \$226 million bond referenda package that will fund construction and revitalization of transportation corridors including streets and sidewalks, more affordable housing, and improvements to neighborhoods in established and emerging high-growth areas. At end of your ballot, please vote YES  for all three bonds: **\$146.2 million for streets, \$50 million for housing and \$29.8 million for neighborhoods.**

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### Know Your Ballot Before You Go

Before you vote, become familiar with your ballot. The city bonds referenda are at the very end of the ballot and are lengthy. The language can be overwhelming and even misleading. Here's why: The ballot language is set by the state statutes and includes the reference "taxes may be levied." But, it's important to note, the city anticipated issuing these bonds and included the debt financing cost to cover them when it set the budget and tax rate. NO property tax increase will be required to pay for these bonds.

To view your sample ballot by address, [visit Mecklenburg Board of Elections](#).

To view your sample ballot by name, [visit North Carolina State Board of Elections](#).

REFERENDA	City of Charlotte Housing Bonds	City of Charlotte Neighborhood Improvement Bonds
<b>City of Charlotte Transportation Bonds</b> <p>SHALL the order authorizing \$146,200,000 of bonds plus interest to provide funds to pay the capital costs of constructing, reconstructing, enlarging, extending and improving certain streets, including streets and roads constituting a part of the State highway system or otherwise the responsibility of the State and including the cost of related studies, streetscape and pedestrian improvements, relocation of utilities, plans and design; acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, widening, extending, paving, milling, resurfacing, grading or improving streets, roads, intersections, parking lots and pedestrian and bicycle paths; acquiring, constructing, reconstructing or improving sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm drainage, bridges, overpasses, underpasses and grade crossings and providing related landscaping, lighting and traffic controls, signals and markers; and the acquisition of interests in land and rights-of-way required therefor, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds be approved?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>SHALL the order authorizing \$50,000,000 of bonds plus interest to pay the capital costs of housing projects for the benefit of persons of low income, or moderate income, or low and moderate income, including construction of infrastructure improvements related thereto and the acquisition of land and rights-of-way required therefor, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds be approved?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>SHALL the order authorizing \$29,800,000 of bonds plus interest to provide funds to pay the capital costs of infrastructure improvements for various neighborhoods of the City, including the cost of related studies, plans and design, acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, installing or providing curbs, gutters, storm drainage, sidewalks, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and relocation of utilities; paving, milling, resurfacing, grading or improving streets, roads and intersections; providing public open space, landscaping, lighting and traffic controls, signals and markers, and acquiring any necessary equipment, land, interests in land and rights-of-way therefor, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds be approved?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>End of Ballot</p>

### Project Spotlight: Ballantyne Reimagined

On the ballot is **\$29.8 million for neighborhood improvements**, funding capital projects and addressing immediate infrastructure needs in Charlotte's established and high-growth areas. Some of this funding will go toward **Ballantyne**. **Reimagined**, a project aimed at developing the area into a more urban, walkable environment to continue making Charlotte a great place to live, work and play.

Ballantyne Reimagined development efforts include:

- Walkability
- Mixed Uses
- Quality Architecture and Public Spaces
- Transit Orientation
- Connectivity
- Home Style Mix
- Sustainability

For more information about the neighborhood improvements bond and other projects included in the bonds package, please [visit our website](#).



## Frequently Asked Question



### Q: How were the projects and dollar amounts of the bond packages determined?

A: The city uses a capital planning and funding process that charts infrastructure and improvement needs as well as opportunities to provide city investment to leverage private investment throughout the city. Issuing bonds is the primary mechanism for funding capital infrastructure needs in Charlotte and other cities and counties across the country. Using all available criteria, city staff organizes the projects and dollar amounts into bond packages that go before voters approximately every two years. The dollar amount of this bond package is planned for as part of the current city budget. Residents may find information on all projects on the city of Charlotte's website: [www.charlottefuture.com](http://www.charlottefuture.com). Each year during the city's budgeting process, staff makes a proposal for infrastructure work and related costs, including debt service to issue the necessary bonds. City Council approves the scope of work and whether to place bonds on the ballot.

[Visit our website's FAQ page for more frequently asked questions.](#)

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