



# Interim Report - Charter Board Survey

**This is an interim report of results as of February 13 with 352 submissions. The survey will close February 29.**

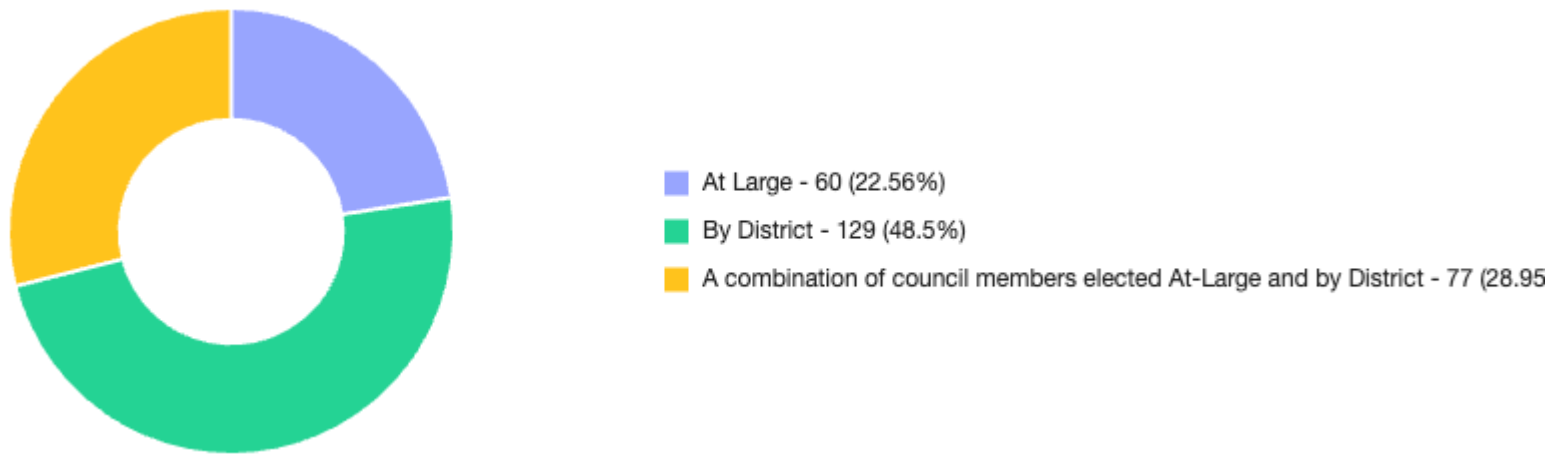
Charles County Commissioners currently serve in a part-time capacity under a Code Home Rule structure. If Charles County votes to adopt a charter form of government, do you think that the elected County Council members should be full-time or part-time?



Charles County Commissioners can currently serve an unlimited number of four-year terms. If Charles County votes to adopt a charter, should County Council members be subject to term limits?



Should County Council members be elected by all voters in the county, or only elected by the residents who live in the district they represent?



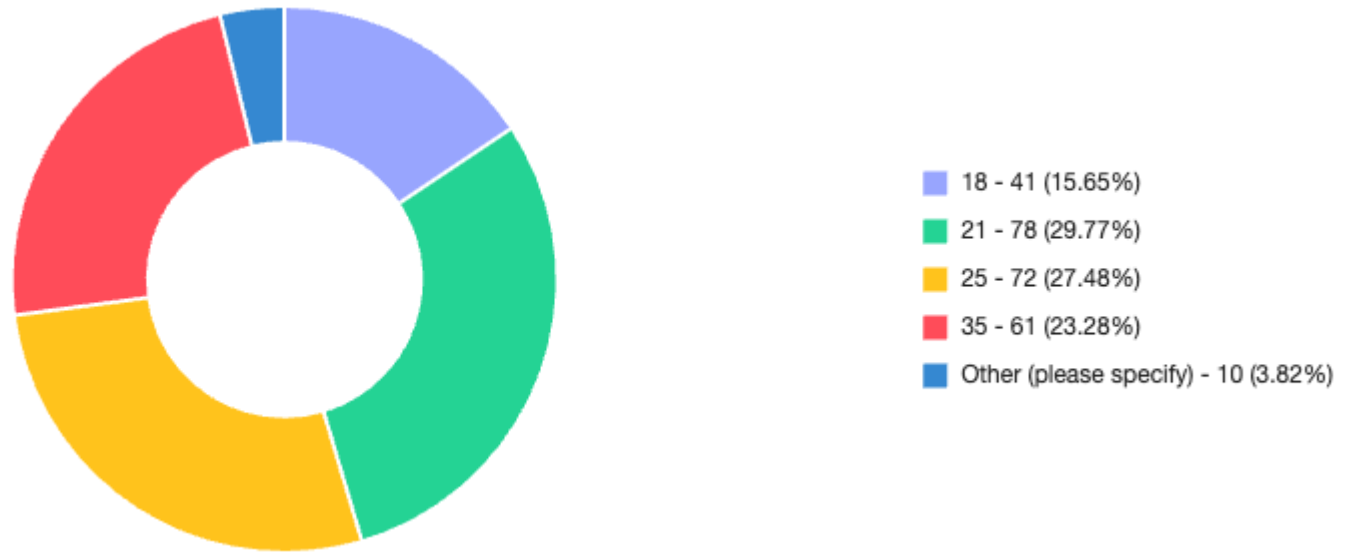
Charles County currently has five (5) Commissioners that represent the county, a single Commissioner for each of the four districts, and one at-large Commissioner. If Charles County votes to adopt a charter, how many County Council members should there be?



In a charter, the County Council will have a Chairperson. Should the Chairperson of the County Council be elected by the voters, or should the Council members select their own Chairperson?

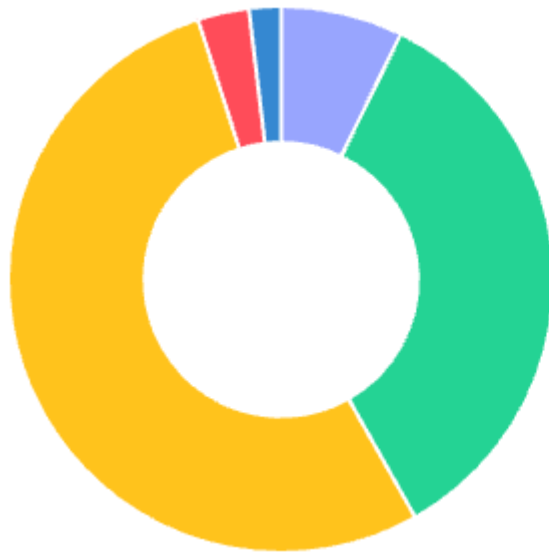


What should the age requirements be for a County Council member candidate to run for election?



TEXT RESPONSE	COUNT
18 min 65 max	1
30	1
35-60	1
45	1
50 or above	1
at least 21 and no older than 67	1
minimum 35 maximum 75	1
n/a to avoid age discrimination	1
no charter.	1
no response	1

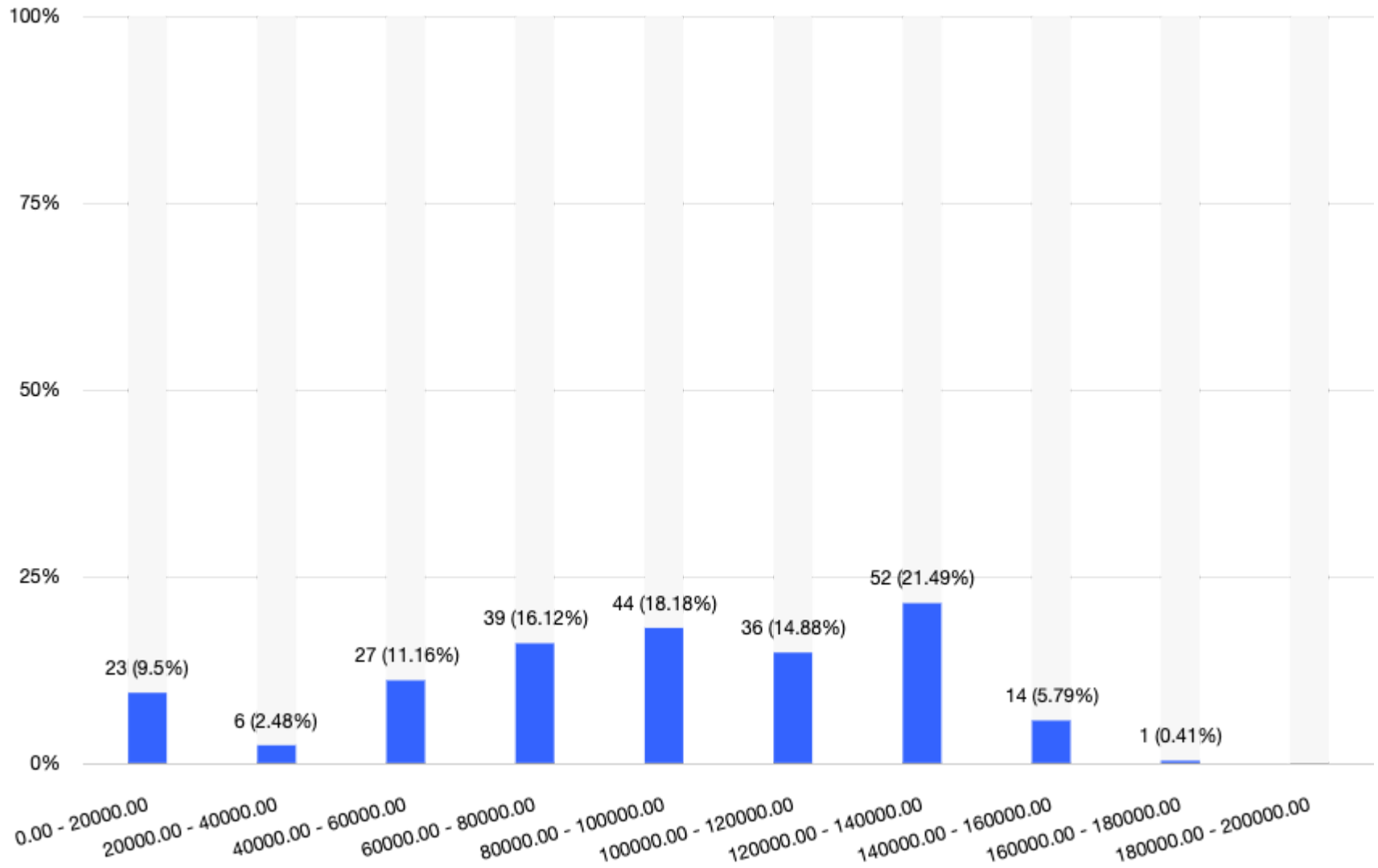
What should the residency requirements be for a County Council candidate to run for election?



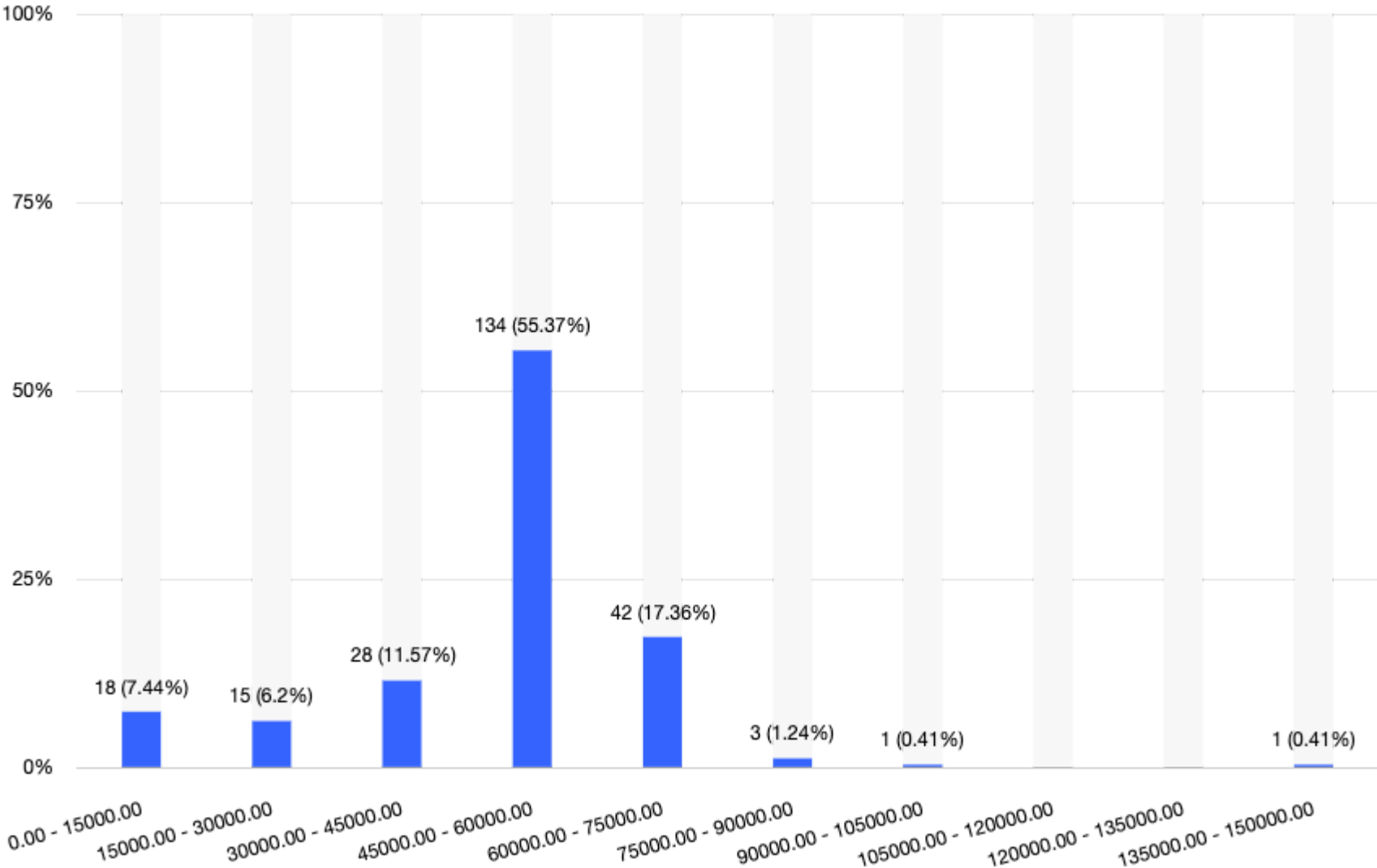
- Less than 2 years - 19 (7.22%)
- 2 - 5 years - 91 (34.6%)
- 5+ years - 140 (53.23%)
- I do not believe there should be a residency requirement for candidates prior to
- Other (please specify) - 5 (1.9%)

TEXT RESPONSE	COUNT
1 year residency requirement prior to election day	1
5+ years and currently reside in charles county. you have one member who frequently travels to fl and is not present in her community	1
a councilmember should be a resident of the county, and remain one during their tenure as an active councilmember	1
no charter.	1
one year residency with one year as a registered voter. if they aren't interested in being a register voter, i don't see the value of them running for public office.	1

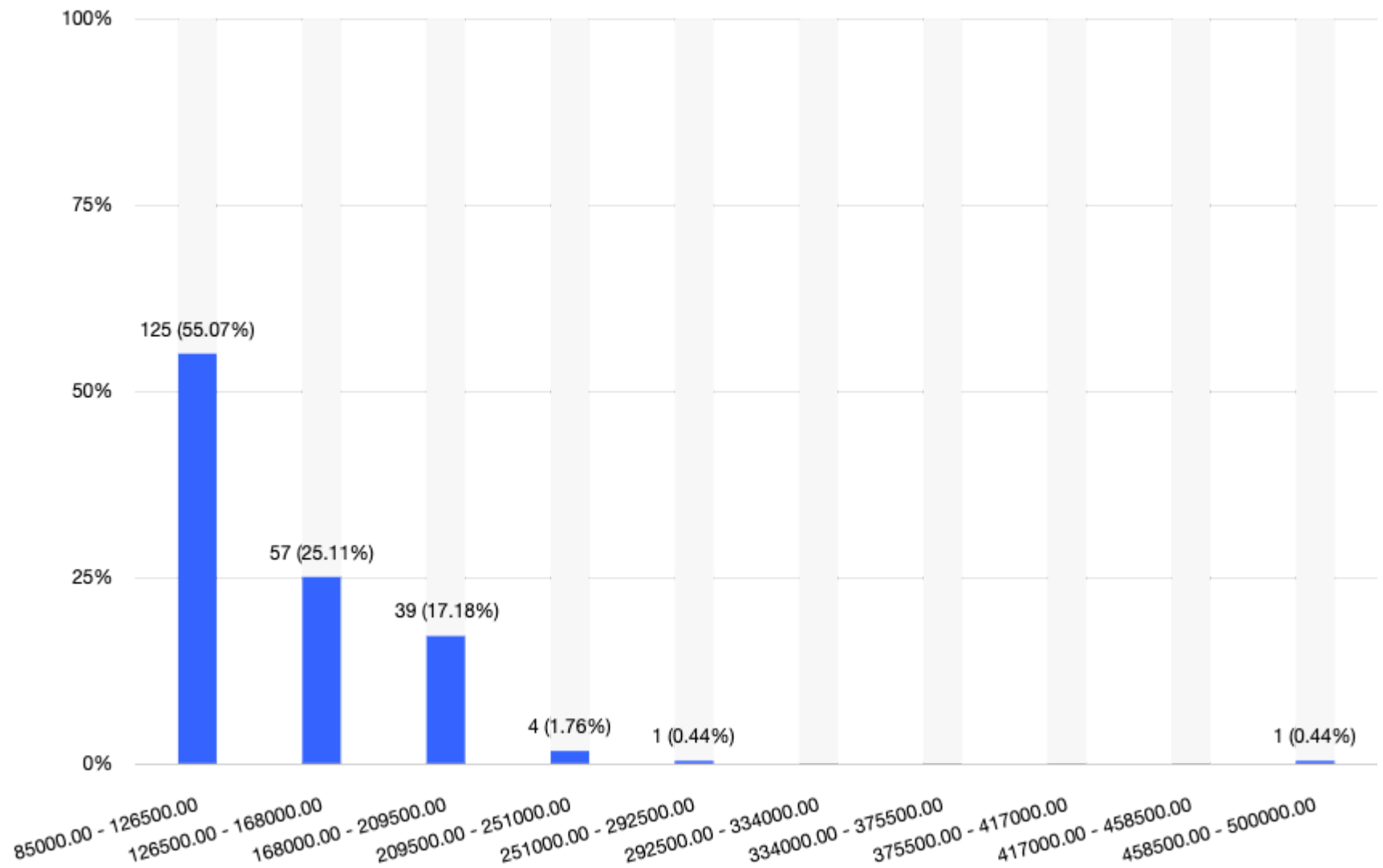
The highest-earning Council members in Maryland receive approximately \$132,000 annually, based upon a 2020 salary survey conducted by the Maryland Association of Counties. If a full-time Council is established, what do you think is appropriate compensation for a Council member?



Charles County commissioners work part-time and earn approximately \$52,000 annually. If Council members are part-time, what do you think is appropriate compensation for a part-time Council member?



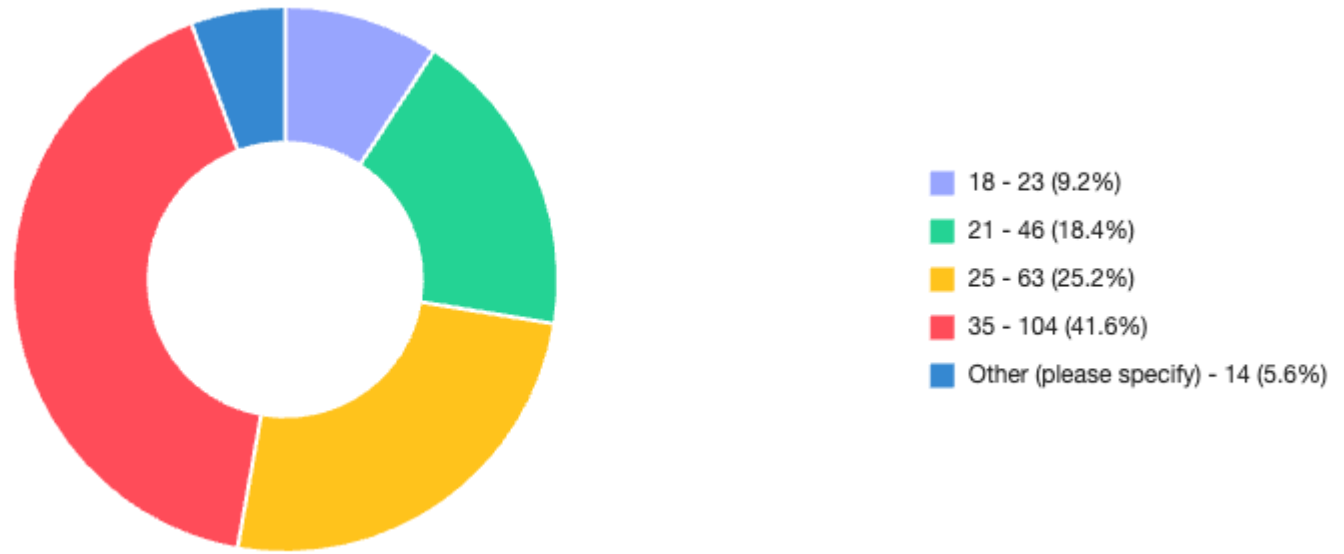
County Executives throughout the State of Maryland serve in a full-time capacity, with a salary range of approximately \$85,000 - \$215,000. What do you think should be the compensation for a County Executive here in Charles County?



Should an elected County Executive be subject to term limits?



What should the age requirements be for a County Executive candidate to run for election?

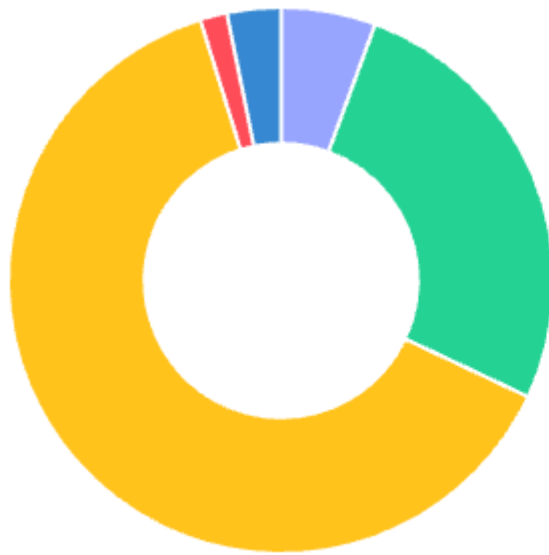


TEXT RESPONSE	COUNT
45	3
30	2
28	1
35-60	1
35 minimum 75 maximum	1
45 or older... with age you usually get more experience, which is necessary.	1
50 and above	1
55	1
n/a to avoid age discrimination	1
over 21 and younger than 67	1



18 min 65 max	1
there should not be a county executive. the ceo should be an appointed manager.	1
27	1

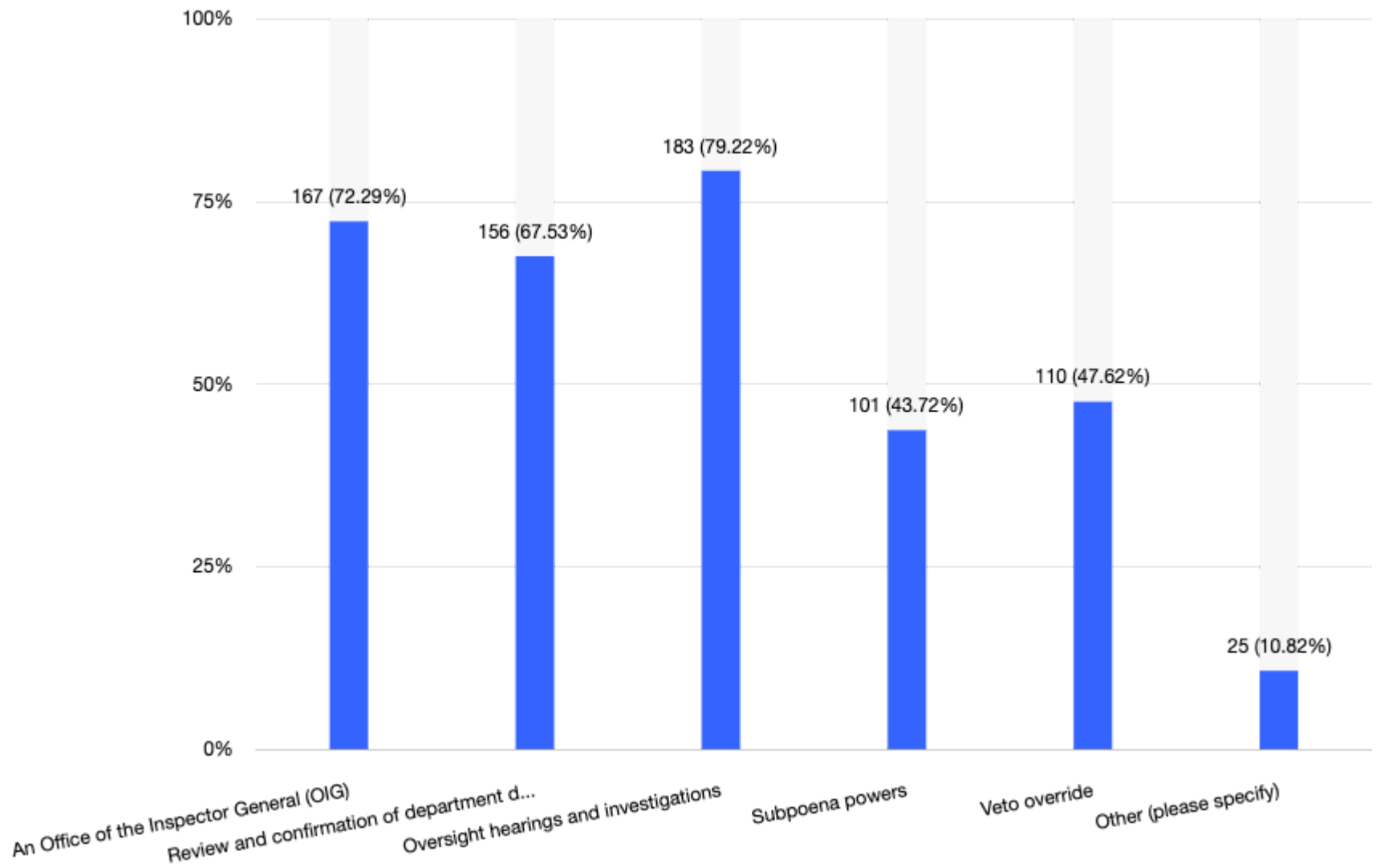
**What should the residency requirements be for a County Executive candidate to run for election?**



- Less than 2 years - 14 (5.6%)
- 2 - 5 years - 66 (26.4%)
- 5+ years - 158 (63.2%)
- I do not believe there should be a residency requirement for candidates prior to
- Other (please specify) - 8 (3.2%)

TEXT RESPONSE	COUNT
10+	1
10 years	1
10+ years	1
1 year prior to election day	1
5+ years - pay should be median household income of county - period	1
county executive should already be a resident and should remain so during his/her tenure as county executive	1
no charter.	1
one year residency, and one year as a register voter in the county. there have been too many county administrators who have rented trashy apartments in the county, but honestly lived in annapolis or baltimore.	1

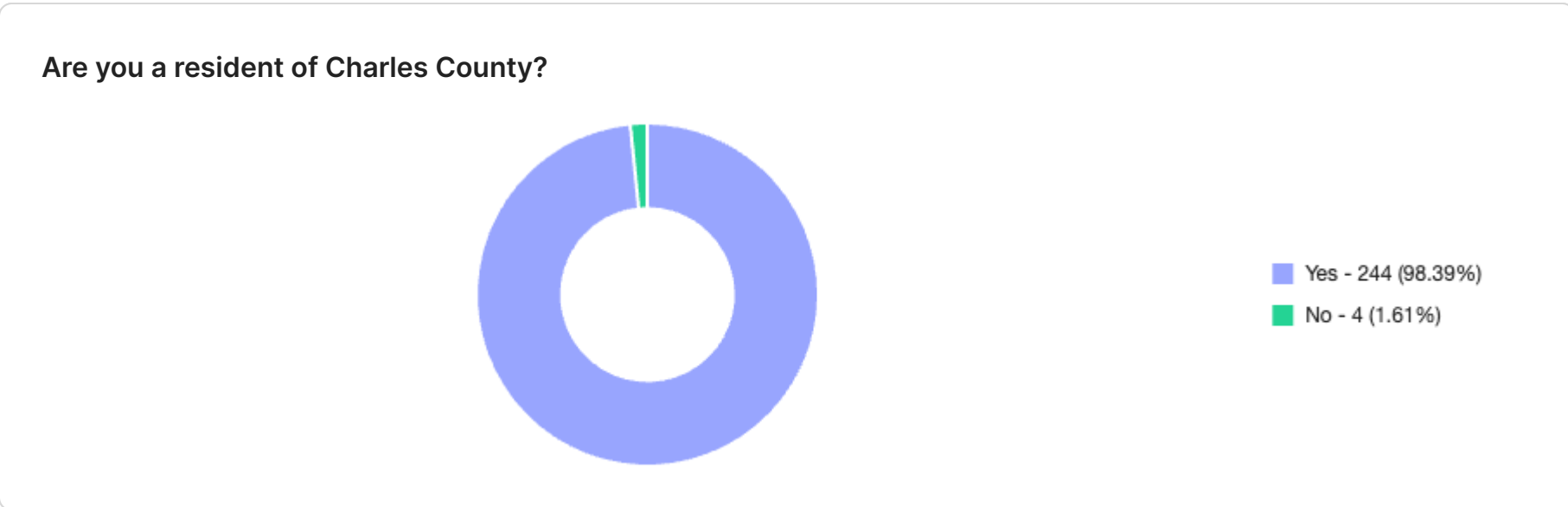
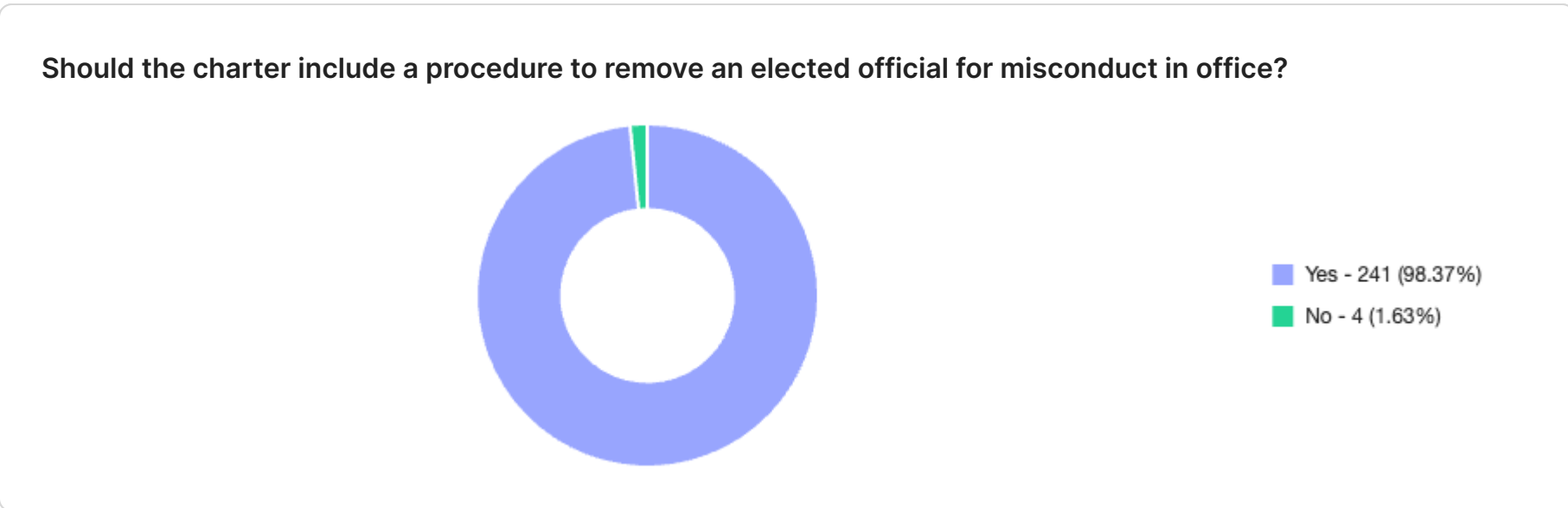
Which of these oversight tools should the Council have to ensure that the county government is appropriately serving residents? (Check all that apply)



TEXT RESPONSE	COUNT
removal	2
ability to limit interim appointments; ability to increase budget items if offset elsewhere	1
ability to remove a commissioner due to unethical behavior	1
ability to remove a council member or executive if found in violation of ethical or discriminatory behavior.	1
ability to remove unethical commissioners.	1
absolutely no control over personnel, including directors. they've proven they can't be trusted, & lack of consistent leadership will be detrimental to the stability of departments	1
ada disability accommodations for all citizens	1
all of these are the wrong direction for a county council.	1
a review board comprised of citizens	1
community oversight board, office of ethics and professional responsibility	1

don't know	1
i do not believe the county government needs a council to oversee them. we do not want a charter government where we will allow ourselves to have a singular politician hold power.	1
kpi's- key performance indicators reflecting performance related to issue resolution, economic development goals, meeting citizen needs; efficient processes, communications and informing and outreach to citizens, health and safety of citizens, financial efficacy for the county , county goals and related results attained in a timely manner, problem solving, service delivery, and innovation	1
no charter.	1
no charter at all	1
none	1
none. we don't need to change how things are run in charles co	1
no to charter	1
removal by county residents, and/or removal by the state upon items of theft/discrimination/embezzlement/fraud/more egregious crimes are committed	1
there needs to be independent oversight to watch collins, coates and the other guy with the chin	1

they need to be accountable to the residents of charles county in all matters and an avenue to remove them if they are not performing within a certain standard.	1
they should be able to remove racist people on board	1
this should never happen	1
voters/residents of the county calling for resignation	1
ability to limit interim appointments; ability to increase budget items if offset	1
we do not need a charter government. right now, charles county has fallen behind every other county in maryland. we need to focus on improving our schools, educating children, cutting down on crime, making living in charles county safe for everyone. focusing on changing our government is not the best use of anyone's time. let's fix what's broken, and once we have 100% literacy rate in our schools and zero crime, we can look at change in the government.	1



Please share your zip code within Charles County (please skip this question if you are not a resident).

