

**CAPE COD REGIONAL GOVERNMENT
ASSEMBLY of DELEGATES
2026 Session
Resolution No. 10**

Urging Barnstable County Voters to Carefully Consider Whether to Create an Elected Charter Study Commission and Cast a Ballot on that Question

Whereas, the voters of Barnstable County adopted a charter for its county government in November of 1988; and

Whereas, the Cape Cod Regional Government Home Rule Charter places the power and responsibility to deal with the unique problems of Barnstable County with a government directly accountable to the people of Barnstable County; and

Whereas, responsible government is achieved through a system of checks and balances; and

Whereas, the charter creates a governing body for the Cape Cod Regional Government which includes both legislative and executive functions, including an Assembly of Delegates acting as a legislature to make the laws like town meeting, with a Finance Committee like town finance committees, and a Board of Commissioners carrying out the laws like a town select board, a structure following the pattern of government in the fifteen towns, which the Charter Commission regarded as a Cape Cod solution; and

Whereas, in August 2025, the Cape Cod Regional Government Board of Commissioners voted to place on the State Election ballot this November 3, 2026, the question of whether to create an elected Charter Study Commission, tasked with responsibility to review the current structure of Cape Cod Regional Government and recommend, at the sole discretion of the Charter Study Commission, potential revisions to the home rule charter, and, thereby, to the regional government;

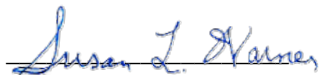
Now therefore,

Be it Hereby Resolved by the Cape Cod regional government Assembly of Delegates:

that it strongly urges the voters of Barnstable County to:

- educate themselves about the proposed 2026 Charter Study Commission with the information provided on the web at <https://www.capecod.gov/county-government/charter/2026-barnstable-county-charter-study-commission-ballot-question/>; and
- educate themselves about the structure of our current regional government and the services it provides, with the information provided on the web at <https://www.capecod.gov/>
- examine the cost and time necessary to create an elected charter commission and conduct a structural review of our regional government; and
- vote *either* affirmatively or negatively on this question; and
- elect charter commission members who represent their views on the future of Cape Cod's regional government.

Adopted by the Assembly of Delegates on August 20, 2026.



Susan L. Warner, Speaker

The Assembly of Delegates adopted Resolution No. 10 of the 2026 Session at its regular meeting on August 19, 2026, by a roll call vote with delegates representing 63.80 percent of the population of Barnstable County voting in the affirmative, and delegates representing 24.24 percent of the population voting in the negative. Delegates representing 1.56 percent of the county's population voted present, and 10.40 percent of the county's population were absent.