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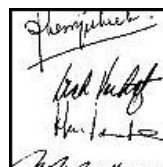
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Advisory Referendum

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In an advisory Referendum lies the initiative at the inhabitants. The referendum is about a subject on which the City Council wants to take a decision. Residents can then vote for or against this decision. Caution: [the outcome](#) of a referendum is not binding.



Conditions

An advisory Referendum must fulfil the following conditions:

- The topic should be about a decision that the City Council intends to take.
- The topic should be about a decision or project that is important for the whole city.
- The initiators are the inhabitants of Utrecht itself. In the run-up to the referendum, the promoters collect [signatures](#) . Only signatures of people who are entitled to choose for the municipal elections are valid.
- After the City Council has decided that the Advisory Referendum continues, get the inhabitants of Utrecht sixteen weeks to carry out their position using a [campaign](#) .
- The municipality [organises](#) the referendum.
- The question raised in the referendum is: "are you for or against the decision that the City Council wants to take?"
- Only residents who are entitled for the Utrecht municipal elections may vote at a referendum.
- The [referendum Commission](#) oversees the conduct of the referendum.

Exceptions

Not all Council decisions can be an advisory Referendum. A referendum on statutory schemes of the budget and municipal officials, for example, tariffs and taxes is not possible.