

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Status update and potential future work plan

April 25, 2017

Charter Review Commission Purpose

- Municipal Code Chapter 2.29
- Review and recommend Charter Changes to City Council and City Manager

Voter Approved Amendments

- November 2012 - Council Districts and Districting Commission
- November 2014 – updating Contracting by Public Works

Draft Amendments

- **City Attorney (503)**
 - Residency Requirement – consistent with other CA cities
 - Clarify and update powers and duties
 - City Attorney salary – allow council flexibility
 - Term limits - Increase from two to three
 - Modify the role of the Legislative Counsel

Draft Amendments (cont)

- **Council Members Eligibility and Terms (300)**
 - Delete language that has become superfluous/outdated, since implementation of District elections
 - Rename elections – for clarification
 - Prohibit write-in candidates in the General election, unless only one qualified candidate
 - Clarify language regarding one year “sit-out”
 - Clarify regarding death of candidate

Draft Amendments (cont)

- **City Council Vacancies (303)**
 - Further define what constitutes a Vacancy
 - Delete “Anticipated Vacancies” Section
 - Revise and clarify Process for Filling Vacancies
 - Provide for Vote-By-Mail Balloting option for unconsolidated special elections

Proposed Future Work

- Continue a summary review of the Charter
- Potential new amendments per Commission
- Potential new amendments per City Staff input
- Increase public outreach and education
 - Solicit Potential New Amendments from residents
- City Council direction
 - Past draft amendments
 - Potential future amendments