



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MAY 11, 2021

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WARDS: ALL

**SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF TIME FOR CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE TO
CONSIDER CHARTER AMENDMENT REFERRALS REGARDING
MAYORAL VOTE AND INTERNAL AUDITOR**

ISSUE:

Extending the Charter Review Committee's time to consider the two July 2020 charter amendment referrals: (1) granting the Mayor a vote, and (2) publication of an annual report on written complaints or whistle-blower complaints alleging fraud, waste, abuse, or criminal conduct, to be considered for placement on the November 2022 ballot.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council extend the Charter Review Committee's time to consider the two charter amendment referrals: (1) granting the Mayor a vote, and (2) publication of an annual report on written complaints or whistle-blower complaints alleging fraud, waste, abuse, or criminal conduct, to be considered for placement on the November 2022 ballot.

DISCUSSION:

On July 21, 2020, the City Council referred (1) granting the Mayor a vote, and (2) publication of an annual report on written complaints or whistle-blower complaints alleging fraud, waste, abuse, or criminal conduct, to an ad hoc Charter Review Committee for consideration for placement on the November 2021 ballot. On February 3, 2021, the Charter Review Committee ("Committee") was convened to discuss the referred matters.

At its February 16, 2021, the City Council referred to the Committee another proposed City Charter amendment for consideration and placement on the November 2021 ballot. This additional charter amendment deals with the general fund transfer.

To comply with the Sunshine Ordinance and meet the City Council's June 16 deadline, the Committee must submit their final recommendations on all three amendments no later than June 4. The Committee's regular meeting schedule is to meet once a month on the third Wednesday of each month. The Committee has scheduled a special meeting on May 5, 2021 to only consider the general fund transfer amendment. This leaves the Committee with only the May 5, 2021 meeting and their regular meeting on May 19, 2021 to consider all three amendments.

The Committee's Chair and Vice Chair have expressed to Council that the general fund transfer is the most time-sensitive item to consider. They have asked that Council allow the Committee to focus only on the general fund transfer amendment for the November 2021 ballot, and that the other amendments be considered for the November 2022 ballot. This would require the City Council to extend the Committee's time to consider the remaining two referrals (i.e., (1) granting the Mayor a vote, and (2) publication of an annual report on written complaints or whistle-blower complaints alleging fraud, waste, abuse, or criminal conduct) for consideration for placement on the November 2022 ballot.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

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