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Hello Mr. Chair,

At the last Charter Review, committee member Beeman made a point to revisit the topic of “Crimes of Moral Turpitude” since one councilmember (Edwards) brought it up. By the very same logic, I would like to revisit the night of the vote in regards to the mayor being stripped of the veto and instead being given a vote. What I am specifically proposing is this:

Sending an alternative measure to the City Council as they have indicated via questioning that there is no guaranty of them passing our Charter amendments along to the voters. In fact, five of the Councilmembers were crystal clear that they were against changing the status quo short of **redefining** language. In light of the Committee and Council’s concerns, my proposal to redefine the veto is:

-Mayor’s veto includes the right to veto contracts (the 3 exceptions are clear: emergency declaration, budget [addressed below] and ballot measures)

-Mayor’s veto includes the right to veto the budget, including line item veto. (this addresses accountability that was expressed by several of the committee members by the mayor not having a vote)

In addition to bringing this up due to the point that member Beeman made, I am bringing this up due to the night of the vote 7-6 against, two members favorable to the topic were absent. Thank you for your consideration Mr. Chair.

In Liberty,

Ben

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