

Charter Changes Affecting Various City Departments and Commissions*

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The Way It Is Now: The Charter is the City's constitution and establishes the organization, powers and responsibilities for many City departments. The Charter and other voter-approved laws also create many City commissions and advisory bodies and describe their powers, duties, membership and removal rules, and reporting requirements.

Over time, some of these laws have become obsolete.

The Charter and most laws passed by the voters can only be changed with voter approval.

The Proposal: Proposition __ would align the Charter with how some City departments currently operate, change some processes, and eliminate or reorganize certain commissions and advisory bodies. Proposition __ would require the Board of Supervisors to amend voter-approved laws to enact some of these changes.

Proposition __ would:

- change the language of the Charter to reflect how some City departments currently operate in order to clarify responsibilities and update rules, procedures, and reporting requirements.
- change some processes. For example: allowing legal settlements to be approved by resolution instead of by ordinance.
- require a task force to meet every ten years to recommend changes to commissions.
- eliminate or reorganize certain commissions and advisory bodies by, for example: eliminating some commissions and advisory bodies, combining and renaming some advisory bodies, and moving some commissions and advisory bodies from the Charter into the Municipal Code.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to amend the Charter to align it with how some City departments currently operate, change some processes, eliminate or reorganize certain commissions and advisory bodies, and require the Board of Supervisors to amend voter-approved laws to enact some of these changes.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes.