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COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

**Presentation on the 2023 Charter Study Task Force
Scope, Charge, and Timeline**

November 1, 2023





CITY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

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Approved Scope of City Governance Topics to be Reviewed

- Vacancy Appointment Process for Mayor and City Council - Consider options for allowing Special Elections, and review the Charter requirements pertaining to a vacancy in the office of the Mayor as it relates to the Vice Mayor position (City Charter Section 404)
- Mayor and City Council Term Limits
- Review of Timing of Mayoral Election (City Charter Sections 401 and 406)
- Review of Vice Mayor Appointment Process, Timing, and/or Length of Term (City Charter Sections 401 and 407)
- City Council compensation, broadly, as well as dedicated childcare and eldercare allowances for members of the City Council (City Charter Section 405)
- Campaign contribution limits

Any topics the Task Force wishes to add to the list above would require City Council authorization. The Task Force, working with the consultant, will have opportunities to reconnect with the City Council during the process to provide updates and information on the Charter Study process and progress.



CHARTER STUDY TASK FORCE

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Approved Charge:

- > Study and fully examine topics submitted by City Council to Task Force
- > Provide recommendations on those topics, including whether or not to amend the Charter, as part of a Final Report submitted to the City Council by May/June 2024
- > Provide recommended amendments in a priority topics list, keeping in mind the number of ballot measures that might create voter fatigue issues
- > Provide recommended ballot question(s) for Charter amendment(s)
- > Provide recommended changes/amendments/additions to City Charter text



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Suggested Timeline for Task Force:

- > November 13, 2023 – Charter Task Force appointments
- > December 2023 through May 2024 – Task Force to Review Issues and Approve Recommendations for City Council Consideration
- > May/June 2024 – Final Report on Recommended Charter Amendments Submitted to City Council
- > June/July 2024 – City Council to Review/Consider Recommended Charter Amendments