

OVERVIEW OF SACRAMENTO GOVERNMENT

Founded in 1849, the City of Sacramento is the oldest incorporated city in California. In 1920, Sacramento city voters adopted a City Charter (municipal constitution) and City Council-Manager form of government, which is in use today.

The City Council consists of a Mayor, elected by all City voters, and eight Council members, elected to represent separate districts in the City. Each Council member is required to live in the district they represent. The Mayor and Council members serve four-year terms. The Mayor is full-time and the Council part-time. The Mayor and Council members receive an annual salary and benefits.

The Council establishes city policies, ordinances and land uses; approves the City's annual budget, contracts, and agreements; hears appeals of decisions made by city staff or citizen advisory groups, and appoints four Council Charter Officers: City Manager, City Attorney, City Treasurer, and City Clerk. Council members serve on council committees which include Law and Legislation and Personnel and Public Employees and represent the City on regional boards and joint powers authorities.

The City Manager is the chief executive officer of the City and provides the leadership and direction for the administration, operation and management of all City departments. The City Manager is responsible for the enforcement of all laws and ordinances; coordination and delivery of all municipal programs and services; and making recommendations to the Mayor and City Council as appropriate concerning the operation, annual budget and future needs of the City.

How can I participate ?

All Charter Review Committee meetings are open to the public and are held in the City Council Chambers at 915 I Street. Every meeting includes a public comment period. You can also provide comments online via the website below. All comments are included in the next Committee meeting agenda materials.

Meeting agendas, live and archived videos of Committee meetings, and more are available at www.cityofsacramento.org/charter

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Community meetings are scheduled to provide information about the Charter Review Committee and to encourage participation in the review process.

Community Meetings

FOCUS: Education and Information

Wednesday, July 8th - 7:00 p.m.
Pannell-Meadowview Community Center - 2450 Meadowview Rd.

Monday, July 13th - 7:00 p.m.
South Natomas Community Center - 2921 Truxel Road

Wednesday, July 15th - 7:00 p.m.
Stockton Blvd. Resource Center - 5625 Stockton Blvd.

Monday, July 20th - 6:30 p.m.
Hart Senior Center - 915 27th Street

FOCUS: Update on Process

Wednesday, September 9th - 7:00 p.m.
Pannell-Meadowview Community Center - 2450 Meadowview Rd.

Monday, September 14th - 7:00 p.m.
Robertson Community Center - 3525 Norwood Ave.

Wednesday, September 16th - 7:00 p.m.
Coloma Community Center - 4623 T Street

Monday, September 21st - 6:30 p.m.
Hart Senior Center - 915 27th Street

FOCUS: Solicit Feedback on Draft Final Report

Monday, November 9th - 7:00 p.m.
Mims-Hagginwood Community Center - 3271 Marysville Blvd.

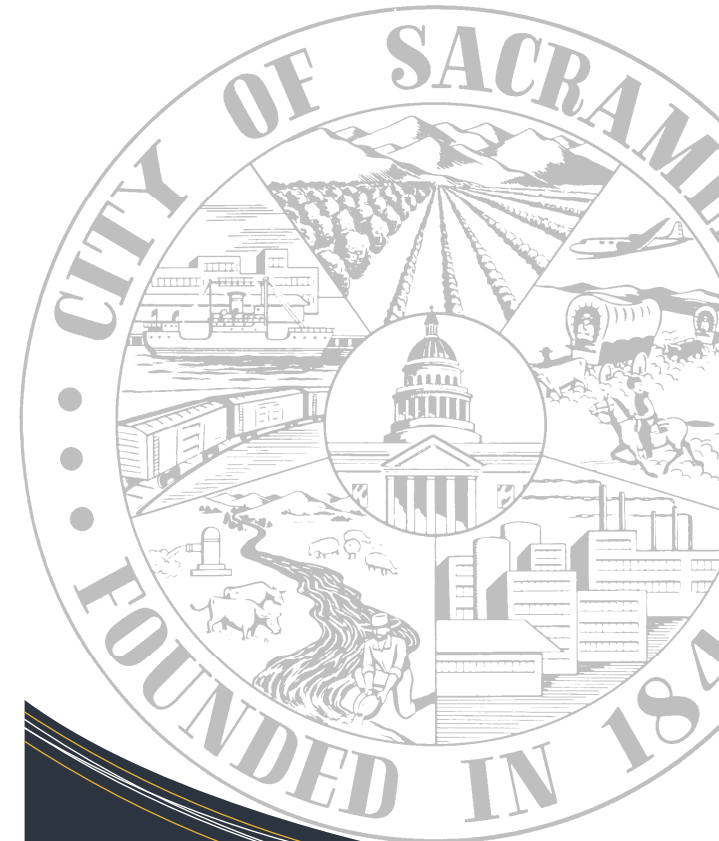
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New City Hall
915 I Street, 1st Floor – Council Chamber
Sacramento, CA 95814

June 2009

Sacramento Charter Review Committee

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON CITY CHARTER

What is a city charter?

A city charter acts like a constitution for a city. The charter can only be amended or repealed by a majority vote of city voters.

When was the City's charter adopted?

The City's current charter dates from 1921. There have been numerous amendments over the years, but no comprehensive review in decades.

What is the purpose of the Charter Review Committee?

The Committee has been appointed by the City Council as an advisory body to review the City's current charter and make recommendations to the City Council for possible changes to the Charter.

How long will the Charter Review Committee's review take?

The Committee is required to present a written report of preliminary recommendations to the City Council on or before December 15, 2009. The Committee's final written report is to be provided to the City Council by January 26, 2010.

WHAT ISSUES WILL THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE EXAMINE?

The governing resolution requires that the Committee review the Charter in its entirety. However, the following issues should be given particular consideration and must be addressed in the final report to the City Council:

- The City's **governance structure** (roles, responsibilities and authorities of the Mayor, Council and City Manager);
- The **delegation and/or reservation of other City powers** (who has authority when not specifically defined by the charter?);
- **Appointment and removal of City officers and employees;**
- The City **budget process**, including responsibilities and authorities;
- **Elections process**, including proportional representation and run-off elections;
- **Green waste disposal;**
- **Full-time status and term limits** for Councilmembers;
- **Ethics Commission**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

William Edgar, Chair
JoAnn Fuller, Vice-Chair
Cecily Hastings
Grantland Johnson
Alan LoFaso
Robert Murphy
Chester Newland
Chris Tapio
John Taylor
Tina Thomas
William Jay Wisham

SACRAMENTO CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. unless noted

JUNE

Thursday, June 4th
Monday, June 15th

JULY

Thursday, July 2nd
Monday, July 20th
(7:30 pm)

AUGUST

Monday, August 3rd
Monday, August 17th

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 3rd
Monday, September 21st
(7:30 p.m.)

OCTOBER

Thursday, October 1st
Monday, October 19th

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 5th
Monday, November 16th
(7:30 p.m.)

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 3rd
Monday, December 14th

JANUARY 2010

Thursday, January 7th
Monday, January 11th

For information on topics that the Charter Review Committee will be discussing on the above meeting dates, please visit the Committee's website at www.cityofsacramento.org/charter. A current, detailed work plan outlining topics for each meeting as well as agenda materials is available on the website.

For more information please visit:
www.cityofsacramento.org/charter