



MEMORANDUM

City of Venice

City Clerk's Office

TO: Mayor and Council Members

THROUGH: N/A

FROM: Jeff Boone, Chair, Charter Review Committee

DATE: October 19, 2021

COUNCIL APPROVAL: No

MEETING DATE: October 26, 2021

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services

SUBJECT: Charter Review Committee (CRC) Recommendations

Background: After holding five meetings, the CRC has completed its work and I will be presenting their recommendations with CRC members present, with the exception of Mr. Booker.

The documentation provided includes the following:

- 1) Summary of all proposed charter changes recommended by the CRC
- 2) Mr. Booker's comments
- 3) Comparison documents of each article showing city council's comments and recommendations and the resulting action by the CRC
- 4) Minutes of the CRC meetings
- 5) Res. No. 2021-11, Establishing the CRC

All votes were unanimous by voice vote or consensus. If the header says "Initial Comments from City Council. Charter Review Committee recommends no change", that means that the CRC did not agree with the council's changes if there were any and the language would revert to the original charter language.

For additional clarity, the CRC considered the following items but opted to recommend no changes to the existing language:

- 1) Number of city council members.
- 2) Process for selecting the mayor.

- 3) Number of terms of office.
- 4) Use of gender-neutral language.
- 5) Districts (4-2, Boone and Clapp dissenting, with Booker absent)

Another recommendation from the Charter Review Committee was that the policy for contract execution be codified. This process is being codified in the city-wide policies, which is a separate agenda item during this same meeting.

Requested Action: None

If for an agenda item, this document and any associated backup created by City of Venice staff has been reviewed for ADA compliance: Yes

City Attorney Review/Approved: N/A

Risk Management Review: N/A

Finance Department Review/Approved: N/A

Funds Availability (account number): N/A

ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: Items 1-5 above

Cc: N/A