



**THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTER REVIEW
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

**Council President Sherri S. Lightner, Chair
Councilmember Chris Cate, Vice Chair
Councilmember Mark Kersey
Councilmember Marti Emerald**

**ACTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015 AT 2:00 P.M.
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COMMITTEE ROOM – 12TH FLOOR
202 “C” STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

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ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Lightner, Cate, Kersey
Committee members absent: Emerald

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The Committee Record of Actions of the following meetings were approved by Unanimous Consent:

February 5, 2015

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT : Beryl Flom requested the Committee’s agendas be posted on the City Clerk’s website a week in advance, and the Charter be rewritten in a more organized and clear manner.

Scott Andrews urged compliance with Charter section 55.1 precluding public use of Mission

Bay Park's South Shores forever, and section 225 by fully identifying the LLCs the City contracts with.

Norma Damashek urged the Committee to refer to the Los Angeles City Charter as a model document, have confidence in the City Attorney's reports, consider establishing an elected Charter Commission and make full use of City TV to facilitate the Charter review process through round-table discussions as well as broadcasting committee meetings.

John Casey noted that San Diego High School's lease in Balboa Park expires in 10 years, suggesting the Charter allow educational use on city parkland and the current Charter requirement of a 2/3 vote of the electorate to un-designate parkland be changed to a 2/3 vote of the City Council or a lower threshold of the electorate.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS, MAYOR, INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST, CITY ATTORNEY, CITY CLERK, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMENT :

Councilmember Cate asked if the Chair's outline of the Committee's future agendas could be made public. The Chair responded that it would be when it is finalized.

Deputy City Attorney Paul Cooper advised the Committee in order to be consistent with the strong mayor form of government, referrals for staff work should be directed to: 1) the Mayor's Office if for city staff directed by him, 2) the appropriate independent city department if for staff outside the Mayor's purview or 3) the Committee's own staff. Felipe Monroig responded that the Mayor's Office is happy to work with the Committee's staff to see that the city departments provide the technical assistance the Committee seeks as appropriate.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE: None

INFORMATION AGENDA:

ITEM-1: Report from the City Attorney regarding the SINGLE SUBJECT RULE FOR BALLOT MEASURES

Informational item only. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AGENDA :

ITEM-2: Consideration of a proposal from the Department of Performance and Analytics regarding the USE OF GENDER NEUTRAL LANGUAGE THROUGHOUT THE CITY CHARTER (*Oral Report*)

Motion by Councilmember Cate to recommend that the City Attorney modify all sections of the Charter to use gender neutral language. Second by Chair Lightner.

Passed by the following vote:
Yea: Lightner, Cate, Kersey
Nay: None
Recused: None
Not Present: Emerald

ITEM-3: Consideration of a proposal from the Department of Performance and Analytics regarding the REMOVAL OF ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM THE CITY CHARTER (*Oral Report*)

No action taken.

Chair Lightner suggested a motion requesting the City Attorney and San Diego Unified School District Counsel prepare ballot language that would transfer Article VI and all of its legal definitions and authority that the San Diego Unified School District uses to the District's governing documents, but no motion was made.

Andra Donovan, General Counsel for the San Diego Unified School District also presented, and informed the Committee that she intends to work with the City Attorney's Office to see if changes can be made without a ballot measure, because a ballot measure might be inappropriate given that the City and School District boundaries and voting constituencies are different.

ITEM-4: Consideration of revisions to the City Charter including sections 12.1, 24.1 and 41.1 as identified in the Report from the County Grand Jury dated February 3, 2015, regarding COMPENSATION OF CITY OF SAN DIEGO ELECTED OFFICIALS

No action taken.

ITEM-5: Consideration of Report 15-04 from the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst regarding the PROPOSED RESPONSE to the San Diego County Grand Jury Report Entitled "COMPENSATION OF CITY OF SAN DIEGO ELECTED OFFICIALS"

Motion by Councilmember Cate to refer the item to the City Council without recommendation, and request the Salary Setting Commission to provide input prior to the item being docketed for Council. Second by Councilmember Kersey.

Passed by the following vote:
Yea: Lightner, Cate, Kersey
Nay: None
Recused: None
Not Present: Emerald

ITEM-6: Consideration of a proposal from Norma Damashek regarding the ADDITION OF A PREAMBLE TO THE CITY CHARTER

No action taken.

Chair Lightner requested Ms. Damashek work with the Director of Legislative Affairs on draft language.

ITEM-7: Consideration of Report 15-02 from the City Clerk regarding PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CHARTER: SECTION 5 (REDISTRICTING) AND SECTION 5.1 (REDISTRICTING COMMISSION)

Motion by Councilmember Cate to adopt the City Clerk's recommendations.
Second by Councilmember Kersey.

Passed by the following vote:
Yea: Lightner, Cate, Kersey
Nay: None
Recused: None
Not Present: Emerald



Sherri S. Lightner
Chair