



City of San Antonio Charter Review Commission

Public Hearing
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May 24, 2017

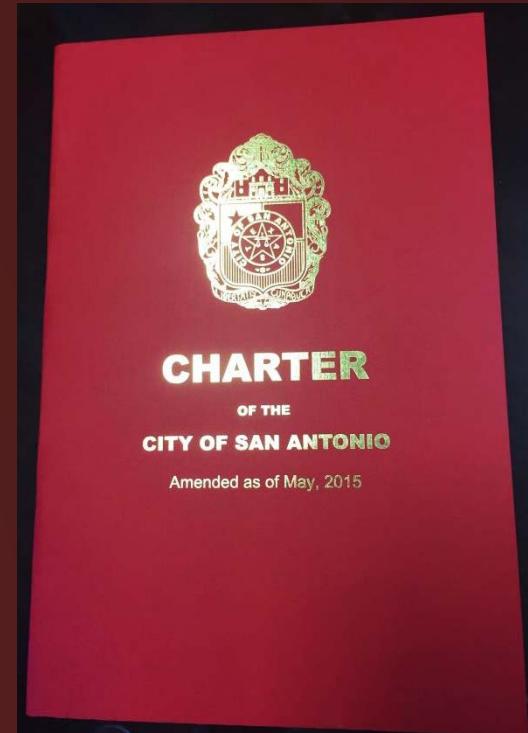
Agenda

- Background
- Potential amendments
- Public input
- Commission discussion

BACKGROUND

City of San Antonio Charter

- Foundational governing document for City
- Adopted by voters in 1951
- Establishes council-manager form of government



Amending the Charter

- 9 charter elections, with 100+ changes since adoption
- City Council sends proposed amendments to voters for approval
- At least 2-year waiting period between successful amendment votes
- Most recent amendments adopted May 9, 2015



2015 Adopted Amendments

In May 2015, voters approved four propositions:

1. Voter approval required for streetcar and light rail
2. Set Mayor and Council compensation rates
3. Special election permitted to fill Mayor and Council vacancies with more than 120 days remaining in term of office
4. Removed outdated and superseded language

Charter Review Commission

- Established by City Council in 2014
- Members appointed by Mayor
- Charged with recommending charter amendments to City Council

Timeline for November 2017 Election

- May-June - Gather public input
- May-July - Subcommittees and commission meet
- August 2 - City Council B Session presentation on proposed amendments
- August 17 - City Council A Session adoption of proposed amendments
- November 7 - Special election date



POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS

City Council Terms and Elections

- Extending terms from 2 years to 4 years
- Adjusting term limits to two 4-year terms
- Staggering election cycles of Council
- Changing general election date from May to November



Planning Commission

- Transitioning to appointment by district, rather than 9 at-large members

Ethics

- Changing Ethics Review Board appointment process

Housing Bond

- Modifying restrictions on using City bond funds toward affordable housing

Candidate Residency

- Adjusting process for demonstrating residency when filing as a candidate for Mayor or City Council

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMISSION DISCUSSION