

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-147

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AND GIVING DIRECTIONS FOR 2022 CHARTER REVIEW

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the Charter of the City of Santa Rosa (Charter) provides that the Charter be reviewed in 2002 and not less than every ten years thereafter by a committee to be appointed by Council; and

WHEREAS, the Charter was last reviewed and amendments placed on the ballot for voter consideration in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Council now desires to appoint a Charter Review Committee (Committee) to review the Charter and make recommendations to the Council as to whether there should be any amendments or changes to the Charter at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to provide certain directions as to the composition, procedures and work of the Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa orders and directs as follows:

- A. A Charter Review Committee shall be established comprised of twenty one (21) residents of Santa Rosa, with each Council Member to appoint three (3) members of the Committee. The Council has strong interest in a Committee membership that includes a variety of ages, races, ethnicity, gender, geography, interests and backgrounds.
- B. The Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the consent of the full Council.
- C. The Vice-Chair of the Committee shall be selected by the members of the Committee.
- D. The Committee shall be subject to the Brown Act, with its meetings open to the public and its meeting agendas posted in accordance the Act.
- E. The Chair of the Committee may appoint ad hoc subcommittees to research, discuss and draft proposals on specific topics, the drafts to be brought to the full Committee for final recommendation. Ad hoc subcommittees shall not be subject to the Brown Act.
- F. The Committee shall commence its meetings in September 2021 or as soon thereafter as is feasible.
- G. The Committee shall establish a meeting schedule and develop a work plan to guide

its review of the Charter and possible amendments. In its review of the Charter, the Council requests that the Committee consider the items set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and such additional items as the Committee determines appropriate.

- H. The Committee shall complete its work in a timeframe that allows for placement of recommended Charter amendments, if any, on the ballot for the November 8, 2022 general election.
- I. The City Attorney shall assist and provide legal support to the Committee. The City Attorney shall provide periodic updates to the Council on the work of the Committee.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 17th day of August, 2021.

AYES: (5) Vice Mayor N. Rogers, Council Members Alvarez, Fleming, Sawyer, Schwedhelm

NOES: (2) Mayor C. Rogers, Council Member Tibbetts

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: Stephanie A. Williams
City Clerk

APPROVED: Chris Rogers (Nov 4, 2021 14:26 PDT)
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Joe Callaghan
City Attorney

Exhibit A – Issues Proposed for Consideration in Charter Review

EXHIBIT A

ISSUES PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CHARTER REVIEW

1. Directly elected Mayor -- a restructuring of the Council to provide for six district-based Council members and an at-large Mayor elected by the city as a whole
2. Ranked choice voting for Council member elections
3. Police oversight -- provision for an independent police auditor and/or a citizen oversight commission
4. Council compensation
5. Climate change
6. Diversity, equity and inclusion
7. Excise tax
8. Regulation of rental properties
9. Procurement policy reforms
10. Board and Commission quorums
11. Removal of Mayor or Council members for misconduct
12. Two-year budget cycle










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