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I understand you will be voting on the following:

"VOTING RIGHTS FOR NON-CITIZENS The Charter Review Committee has requested, as a high priority, the opportunity to consider a possible Charter amendment to allow non-citizens to vote in local City elections. This agenda item will provide the Committee with general background on voting rights for non-citizens, arguments for and against granting such rights, and the logistics of implementation. The Committee may provide direction to staff on recommended next steps."

I am strongly against allowing non-citizens to vote in Santa Rosa city elections. Voting rights have always been and should be only for citizens. Citizenship is a special privilege for people who were born here or naturalized in this country. People who are here illegally or who have not yet achieved legal citizenship shouldn't be allowed to vote. The law is the law, as is the Constitution.

How would you implement this anyway? Mail out ballots similar to what the county is doing for the primary and general elections? Everyone gets a ballot? Pretty soon the non-citizens will be voting in primaries, state, and federal elections. And do NOT include your DEI and social justice agendas into this issue. They are not relevant. Only citizens should vote. We pay the taxes and we get to decide how our city is run. Most non-citizens work "under the table" and pay no taxes, except for gas and shopping. Only if they have a Green Card can they legally work—that doesn't make them eligible to vote.

No voting for non-citizens. It sounds like you've already decided—there should be no "next recommended steps for staff" except to recommend against.

Respectfully,  
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