



City of Santa Rosa

CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND SUMMARY REPORT APRIL 13, 2022

5:00 P.M. - (VIA ZOOM)

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF
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ARE SET FORTH BELOW.**

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your name in the body of the e-mail and your comment. Please limit your e-mail to approximately 400 words (which is a speaking rate of 133 words per minute).

E-mail public comments received by the deadline will be distributed to Charter Review Committee members and uploaded to the agenda prior to the start of the meeting for public access.

5:00 P.M. - (VIA ZOOM)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

This is the time when any person may address matters not listed on this agenda, but which are within the subject matter of the jurisdiction. The public may comment on agenda items when the item is called. Each speaker is allowed three minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS

4.1 EQUITY PRINCIPLES

The principles of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging remain in the forefront of the Charter review process. This standing agenda item provides the Committee with the opportunity, at the outset of each of its meetings, to refine, reaffirm and recommit to its Statement of Principles. The Statement of Principles regarding diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging provides a procedural and substantive lens through which the Committee undertakes all of its work.

Attachments: [Attachment 1 - Updated Equity Principles](#)
[Attachment 2 - Equity Priority Areas with Council Districts](#)
[Attachment 3 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Def](#)

4.2 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.

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
 [Article 1 - LA Times - noncitizen voting](#)
 [Article 2 - PEW- noncitizen voting](#)
 [Article 3 - Berkeley Public Policy Journal - noncitizen voting](#)
 [Article 4 - Ballotpedia - noncitizen voting](#)
 [Late Correspondence \(Uploaded 4-13-2022\)](#)

4.3 COUNCIL COMPENSATION

The City Council has recommended that, among other topics, the Committee research and consider preparing a Charter amendment to increase Council member compensation. Currently, the Charter allows for the establishment of Council compensation in accordance with formulas set forth in state law. For a city the size of Santa Rosa, state law allows for Council member salary of up to \$800 per month. State law also allows for an annual increase in that salary of up to 5% (not compounded), which increase may accumulate if not immediately applied. In addition, State law allows the city's voters to approve a higher or alternative salary. The voters of Santa Rosa have approved a higher salary for the Mayor, currently equal to \$1200 per month (150% of Council member salary).

The Committee began its discussion of Council compensation at its December 15, 2021 meeting and expanded its discussion at its meeting on January 5, 2022. This agenda item will provide the Committee with the opportunity to provide final direction on its recommendation for Council compensation.

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
 [Attachment 1 - Comparable Cities](#)
 [Attachment 2 - North Bay Cities](#)
 [Attachment 3 - Select Northern California Cities](#)
 [Attachment 4 - Berkeley Measure JJ \(November 2020\)](#)
 [Attachment 5 - Presentation 1/5/2022 Meeting](#)

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR'S/CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

This schedule is tentative and subject to change pending final publication and posting of the Meeting Agenda. This time is reserved for discussion whether to place matters on a future agenda for further discussion.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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