



## **City of Santa Rosa**

### **CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND SUMMARY REPORT FEBRUARY 2, 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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provide 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 - NONE.**

**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 DIRECT ELECT AT-LARGE MAYOR**

The City Council has recommended that, among other topics, the Committee research and consider preparing a Charter amendment to

establish the position of an elected at-large Mayor, a Mayor elected by the voters in a City-wide vote.

Currently, the City Council is comprised of seven Council members, each elected by district. After each Council election, the Council itself selects one of its members to serve as Mayor for a two year term. The Mayor serves at the pleasure of the Council and can be removed from the Mayorship by a vote of the Council.

Under this proposal, the City Charter would be revised to create the new position of an elected at-large Mayor. The City Council would be reconfigured to accommodate the new position. Several options for reconfiguration might be considered, including: (a) restructuring the Council such that six Council members are elected by district and the Mayor is elected by a single City-wide vote (under this scenario, the current seven Council districts would be reduced and realigned into six districts); or (b) retaining all seven district Council members and adding the at-large Mayor as an eighth member of the City Council.

This agenda item will outline the steps entailed in moving to a directly elected at-large Mayor, the pros and cons of having a directly elected Mayor, the possible roles and responsibilities of a directly elected Mayor, and the legal limitations on Council reconfiguration.

**Attachments:** [Attachment 1 - NLC - Cities 101 - At-Large and District Elections](#)  
[Attachment 2 - Editorial - An at-large San Mateo mayor would be a bad idea](#)  
[Attachment 3 - California Voting Rights Act - M. Leoni Presentation](#)  
[Attachment 4 - Ballotpedia - Laws permitting noncitizens to vote](#)  
[Presentation](#)

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

**6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE.**

**7. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS - NONE.**

**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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