



City of Santa Rosa

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Title:	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 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 at-large Mayor. The City Council would likely be reconfigured such that six Council members would be elected by district and the Mayor would be selected by the voters in a single City-wide vote. Under this scenario, the current seven Council districts would be reduced and realigned into six districts. Other configurations, however, may be considered, including, for example, retaining all seven district Council members and adding an 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 a review of possible Council configurations.

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