



# City of Santa Rosa

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<b>Title:</b>	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.

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