



City of Santa Rosa

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Title:	REPORT - PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS - 2022				

BACKGROUND: Section 12 of the City Charter requires a review of the Charter not less than every ten years, with the review to be conducted by a committee to be appointed by the City Council. The last Charter review began in 2011 and resulted in proposed revisions placed on the November 2012 ballot. Ten years have now passed and, last August, 2021, the Council directed the establishment of a new Charter Review Committee and the initiation of a new review.

The Charter Review Committee met for more than six months and issued its final report on May 24, 2022. The Committee recommended that three ballot measures be placed on the ballot for the voters' consideration in November 2022: (1) a ballot measure to amend the City Charter to increase Council compensation, tying Mayor and Council compensation to a percentage of the County's Area Median Income; (2) a ballot measure to amend Charter Section 4 to reflect the City's district-based election of Council members; and (3) a ballot measure to update and modernize the language of the Charter.

The Council met and considered the Committee's recommendations at its June 21st meeting. The Council directed staff to return with the three proposed ballot measures, but to allow for flexibility for the Council to determine the specifics for increased Council compensation.

Staff will also present to the Council a draft resolution calling an election for the purpose of submitting to the voters the three proposed ballot measures, all three measures to be placed on the ballot at the consolidated election to be held on November 8, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Charter Review Committee that the Council, by resolution, place three measures on the November 8, 2022 ballot for the voters' consideration: (1) a ballot measure to amend the City Charter to increase Council compensation, tying Mayor and Council compensation to a percentage of the County's Area Median Income; (2) a ballot measure to amend Charter Section 4 to reflect the City's district-based election of Council members; and (3) a ballot measure to update and modernize the language of the Charter, including provisions to remove ambiguities, to provide additional flexibility in City operations, and to ensure gender and citizenship neutrality.

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Attachments: 1. Staff Report, 2. Attachment 1 - CRC Final Report to Council, 3. Attachment 2 - Attachments to the CRC Final Report to Council, 4. Attachment 3 - Links to Documents Presented to the Charter Review Committee, 5. Attachment 4 - Berkeley Measure JJ (November 2020), 6. Attachment 5 – AMI Chart, 7. Attachment 6 - Charter of the City of Santa Rosa (rev. 2012), 8. Resolution, 9. Exhibit A - Ballot Measure No. 1 (Council Compensation), 10. Exhibit B - Ballot Measure No. 2 (District Elections), 11. Exhibit C - Ballot Measure No. 3 (Charter Update and Modernization), 12. Presentation, 13. Presentation (Uploaded 7-12-2022), 14. Correspondence, 15. Late Correspondence (Uploaded 7-12-2022)

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7/12/2022	1	City Council	to waive reading of the text and adopt as amended	Pass
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