

San José Charter Review Commission: Governance Structure Subcommittee Meeting Agenda & Notes

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Meeting Details

Date/Time	10/13/2021
Topics Covered	Governance Structure, Hiring and Dismissing Department Heads
Notices or Questions for Commission	

Meeting Agenda (90 mins)

- I. Roll call - [Christina Johnson](#), [Jeremy Barousse](#), [Linda LeZotte](#), Louis Barocio, Maria Fuentes, Barbara Marshman, Elly Matsumura, Frank Maitiski
- II. Absent: Lan Diep
- III. Brief update from each Commissioner on work since last Subcommittee meeting (*5 mins*)
- IV. Review of public comment received via City Clerk's office (*10 mins*)
- V. Review of new potential topics (from Commission assignment or public comment) and revision of topic list (*10 mins*)
- VI. Discussion of topics (*45 mins*)

Expanding Emergency Powers - Linda Lezotte

- Not going to change memo, but will cut and paste the powers that the city manager has that will be transferred to the mayor. Will note that a number of powers will stay the same
- Will send final memo to Toni by Friday at noon so Attorney Vanni can review

Expanding Council Districts - Barbara Marshman

- As a safeguard, in the case that a council gets too large, council would go to a committee to review

- One option is to state in the charter for redistricting committee to review and make recommendations every 10 years on adding council districts given that they have access to the data and statistics to make an informed decision
- Other option would be that the mayor should convene a task force to review and make recommendations to add council districts
- Could there be an option to have a hybrid option 1 and 2?
- Should make a change in the charter, and note that it is the responsibility of the redistricting commission, and need to make a clear recommendation
- Make amendment to the charter under Redistricting Commission provision that it is part of charge under the Redistricting Commission, and make these recommendations 10 years from now
- Ask Mark if we have the power to add to the Redistricting Commission charge, preliminarily add that in
- We have consensus that it should be routinely reviewed and should be under charge of the Redistricting Commission
- Will talk further about a policy recommendation

Routine Charter Review Commission - Frank Maitski

- Will make changes to memo based on the preliminary vote from the last charter commission meeting
- Will add in provision of start meeting in 2028 and then every 10 years after
- Will send to Mark for review tomorrow

Governance Structure Change - Christina Pham

- Added sources and foot notes to reference charter sections
- Will share with Mark for review

VII. Next steps (*5 mins*)

A. Drafting of Recommendation Memos

- Maria will do more research on the topic and come back with a recommendation at a future meeting
- Maria will explain more the language that she is recommending.
- No meeting next Wednesday to give everyone a break. Will reconvene the week after.