

San José Charter Review

Primer of Historical Context Materials

Reading & Viewing List by Topic

General Materials

- City Charters 101 & Intro to San José's Charter Presentation ([PDF](#)) - January 25, 2021
 - [Presentation Recording](#) (Begins 01:43:04):
 - <https://youtu.be/AtQvc1aulMQ?t=6184>

Community Engagement

- Presentation by Camille Fontanilla of SOMOS Mayfair and Poncho Guevara of Sacred Heart Community Services (February 8, 2021)
 - [Presentation Recording](#) (Begins 01:34:35)
 - <https://youtu.be/lqIX0bG6Pzk?t=5675>

1985 Charter Review Commission

- Presentation by former Charter Review Commissioners John Marshall Collins (1985) & Bob Brownstein (1985) (March 8, 2021)
 - [Presentation Recording](#) (Begins at 01:11:54):
 - <https://youtu.be/VbPN9UGy5eE?t=4314>
- [News Articles Related to 1985 Charter Review Commission](#):
 - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bmC7XSlvMCP5nzfCM0bHn9CxPkGsvki?usp=sharing>

Governance Structure

- Presentation on comparing governance structures and research on effectiveness of different models by Professor Kimberly Nelson, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Government (March 22, 2021)
 - [Presentation Recording](#) (Begins at 00:33:34):
 - https://youtu.be/1_lo7DoY5HU?t=2014
- Specifics of San José's Charter Presentation Deck ([PDF](#)) (April 5, 2021)
 - [Presentation Recording](#) (Begins at 00:21:02):
 - <https://youtu.be/fMrfZQYlv0I>

- Presentation by Former City Manager Norberto Duenas & Former Mayor Ron Gonzales (April 5, 2021)
 - [Presentation Recording](#) (Begins at 00:44:50):
 - <https://youtu.be/fMrfZQYlv0I?t=2689>

Timing of Elections

- Presentation on the role of districts, how Council Members are elected, and their role relative to a Mayor with more consolidated power; Timing of elections and impact on governance by Terry Christensen, Professor Emeritus San Jose State University & Mary Currin-Percival, Professor Emeritus San Jose State University (April 19, 2021)
 - [Presentation Recording](#) (Begins at 00:21:15):
 - <https://youtu.be/ePGAnkOeBec?t=1275>

Case Studies from other Cities:

- **Detroit Charter Revision Commission:** The 2018 Charter Revision Commission of Detroit is a public body organized pursuant to the affirmative vote of the people of the City of Detroit at an election held Tuesday, November 6, 2018, to propose revisions to the Charter of the City of Detroit (current Charter being effective as of January 1, 2012.)
 - [Detroit Draft Charter](#) (May 2021):
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZClaxbBCPkqrPLcgPXXHxv28pwQV_9lt/vi?usp=sharing
 - [Article on the Detroit Draft Charter Bill of Rights:](#)
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NF4f84FfKzkqCHVieJRZ2eVg46yUlcxJ/view?usp=sharing>
 - Presentation by members of Detroit's Charter Revision Commission on Detroit's latest Charter Review process: Denzel McCampbell, Carol Weaver, Lamont Satchel, Detroit Charter Commission (May 3, 2021)
 - [Presentation Recording](#) (Begins at 00:23:01):
 - <https://youtu.be/SZhryM8Yd2I?t=1381>
- **San Diego City Charter Revision:**
 - San Diego underwent a Charter Review where the City shifted from a Council-Manager form of government over to a Mayor-Council form. [This link](#) provides access to all parts of the City of San Diego's updated City Charter.
 - May 17, 2021 Presentation: Aimee Faucett, Former Chief Of Staff for City of San Diego Council Members and Mayor
 - [Presentation Recording](#) (Begins at 00:20:45):
 - <https://youtu.be/dRMs-4FIRNg?t=1245>

Equity, Accountability & Inclusion

- San José's Office of Racial Equity joined the Commission to share their ideas for how Racial Equity can be woven into the Charter Review Process.

- Presentation by Stephanie Jayne & Sabrina Parra-Garcia, San Jose Office of Racial Equity (May 3, 2021)
- [Presentation Recording](#) (Begins 01:32:15)