

San José Charter Review Commission Subcommittee Meeting Agenda & Notes

Revised July 12th, 2021

Meeting Details

Date/Time	July 12, 2021
Topics Covered	Team Updates,
Notices or Questions for Commission	<i>[To be completed after meeting as high level summary]</i>

Meeting Agenda (90 mins)

- I. Roll call
- II. Brief update from each Commissioner Team on work since last Subcommittee meeting *(5 mins)*
 - A. Timing of Mayoral Elections (G. Percival, S, Robledo) - completed
 - B. Campaign Finance (T. Tran)
 - C. Instant Run -Off (H. Tran)
 - D. Historical Disenfranchisement (E. Monley, G. Sanchez)
- III. Review of public comment received via City Clerk's office *(10 mins)*
- IV. Review of draft Recommendation Memos (if any) *(15 mins)*
 - A. Campaign Finance (T. Tran)
- V. Review of new potential topics (from Commission assignment or public comment) and revision of topic list *(10 mins)*
 - A. Timing of District Elections/Size of Council (G. Percival, S. Robledo)
 - B. Election Ethics (G. Percival)
- VI. Discussion of topics *(45 mins)*
- VII. Next steps *(5 mins)*
 - A. Assignment of additional research
 - B. Drafting of Recommendation Memos

Meeting Notes

In attendance: Huy Tran, Elizabeth Monley, Garrick Percival, Sammy Robledo, George Sanchez

Commissioner updates:

- Timing of Mayoral Elections - Recommendation submitted
- Campaign Finance - tabled because Thi is sick
- Instant Run -Off - Recommendation and Presentation being drafted
- Historical Disenfranchisement - getting more research and additional feedback and members of the community, recommendations are being drafted

Public comments received:

- None

Topic list review and revision:

- Size of the Council/Timing of Elections
 - New Data: [City Council Turnout and Comparison of City Council District Size.xlsx](#)
 - Commissioner Percival prepared some basic data to compare voter turnout in different districts.
 - Commissioner Percival also prepared data to show how many residents each council member represents and compares it to other cities in California.
 - Commissioner Sanchez suggests that we add two more seats to the Council, though Commissioner Percival notes that if we switch to Mayor -Council from Council-Manager, one more seat may be necessary to preserve the odd - number of seats.
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 - San Jose Council Members currently represent more than 100,000 residents each.
 - Smaller districts means council members can get to know their residents more.
 - Smaller districts also allows more candidates to run because campaigns would be more manageable.
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 - Taking on a recommendation now may impact the work of the Redistricting Commission.

- Residents currently seem happy with the districts that they have.
- This is a complex topic, and is larger than what we have the capacity to study.
 - We do not need to propose a specific charter change now. We can simply recommend that the size of the Council be studied.
 - Moved: That we produce a recommendation about whether to expand the size of Council (Sanchez moved, Percival seconded). Passes 4-1
- No recommendations re election ethics

Topic discussion / review of draft Recommendation Memos:

- None

Next Steps:

- Next meeting: July 19, 2021 @ 6 p.m. PST