



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** Review, Discussion, and Recommendation Regarding Potential Modifications, if any, to Charter Section 400 which May Include a Change to the Mayoral Term From 2 to 4 Years

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers changing the current Mayoral term from 2 to 4 years.

### RECOMMENDATION

**Citizens Advisory Charter Review Committee** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Recommending a change to Charter Section 400 to increase the Mayoral term from 2 to 4 years and directing staff to draft the appropriate language for final approval by City Council; or,
- B Recommending no changes to Charter Section 400 regarding the Mayor's term.

### DISCUSSION

At the Citizens Advisory Charter Review Committee meeting of June 18, 2019, the initial discussion on Charter Section 400 was led by Mayor Murphy, who stated reasons the City Council suggested that this section be reviewed. The committee requested staff provide the term length of Mayors from other cities in the valley to assist with the discussion and the recommendation that will be provided to the Council.

The terms of some local jurisdictions are as follow:

Turlock	4 year term
Ceres	4 year term
Madera	4 year term
Los Banos	2 year term
Chowchilla	1 year rotating term

In regards to number of terms, the most commonly found is a limit of two terms, which is the current number of terms for both the Mayor and City Council for the City of Merced.

