



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Council Discussion on Items to be Reviewed by Newly Formed Citizens Advisory Charter Review Committee

REPORT IN BRIEF

This item allows for Council discussion on possible amendments to the City of Merced Charter and to provide the newly appointed Citizens Advisory Charter Review Committee with direction.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Provide direction to the Citizens Advisory Charter Review Committee and staff on specific sections of the Charter for review.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Provide direction as recommended; or,
2. Continue to a future meeting; or,
3. Deny.

AUTHORITY

City of Merced Charter, Section 200 and Government Code Section 34450.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Placing Charter Amendments on the March 2020 Primary Ballot

DISCUSSION

At the March 18, 2019 City Council Meeting, Mayor Murphy brought forward an item to discuss possible amendments to the City Charter. Council directed staff to return with a timeline and list of milestones in order to place possible amendments on the March 2020 Primary Election.

At the April 1, 2019 City Council meeting, staff reported on a timeline and set of milestones that would need to be met in order to place possible Charter Amendments on the March 2020 Primary Election. At the same meeting, Council directed staff to begin the process that would lead to that end.

Upon appointment of the committee, it is appropriate for the City Council to provide direction to the committee on sections of the Charter for review. Mayor Murphy previously suggest a review of Section 400 subdivision B (Mayor's term) and Charter Section 1112 regarding the Cash Basis Fund. This task should be completed in the suggested timeline attached.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

1. Updated Timeline
2. Updated Election Calendar