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SUBJECT: <u>Continued Review, Discussion, and Recommendation Regarding Potential</u> Modifications, if any, to Charter Section 402 Regarding City Council Compensation Including, but not Limited to, Increasing Council Compensation, Establishing a Salary Setting Commission, or Other Options Presented by the Committee Members

REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider a potential amendment to Charter section 402 to increase City Council compensation

RECOMMENDATION

Citizens Advisory Charter Review Committee - Adopt a motion:

A. Recommending a change to Charter Section 402 regarding City Council Compensation (specify amount in motion) and directing staff to draft the appropriate language for final City Council Approval; or,

B. Recommending no change to Charter Section 402 or current City Council compensation amounts.

AUTHORITY

Government Code Section 36516

DISCUSSION

At the Citizens Advisory Charter Review Committee meeting of June 18, 2019, the initial discussion on Charter Section 402 was led by Mayor Murphy, who stated reasons the City Council suggested that this section be reviewed. The committee requested staff provide the compensation of City Council Members from other cities in the valley to assist with the discussion and the ultimate recommendation that will be provided to the Council.

Staff has compiled results of surveying other valley cities and the compensation numbers are listed below. Additionally, Government Code 36516 was created at the State level and provides General Law Cities guidelines for compensation based on population. It has been attached as reference.

| Turlock | \$500 monthly |
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| Ceres | \$500 monthly |
| Madera | \$500 monthly |
| Los Banos | \$300 monthly |
| Chowchilla | \$300 monthly |

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. GC 36516
- Budget Analysis
 City Attorney Presentation