

**MINUTES  
CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2015**

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Cesar Chavez Library - Stewart-Hazelton Room, 605 N. El Dorado St, Stockton, CA

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Roll Call

Present:

Marcie Bayne  
Lecia Harrison  
Marie Mallare-Jimenez  
Ellen Powell  
Jeff Sanguinetti  
Donald Smith  
Cynthia Summers  
Max Vargas  
Peter Viri

Absent:

Nicholas Hatten, Dale Stocking, and Ralph White.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

**4. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**4.1 15-1465 DISTRICT VOTING AND ELECTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

Legislation Text

Attachment A - Subcommittee Report All Sections

Attachment B - Elective Officers Article 6 Section 601

Attachment C - Article II Political Districts - Redlined

Commissioner Bayne provided an update from the Sub-Committee.

The Commission discussed increasing the number of Council Districts and favored implementing the changes sooner than the proposed 2021 timeline using the current census data. Commissioner Viri proposed increasing to nine Council Districts and appointing the Mayor from the Council after at least two years of service on the City Council. Commissioner Vargas expressed concern that under this scenario, a Mayor with only two years left of the term may impact the ability to finish long term projects.

Commissioner Sanguinetti - supported increasing the number of Council Districts and asked that the City Attorney help provide language for the

Commission to consider.

Deputy City Manager, Laurie Montes - discussed pay differential between Council and Mayor salaries. City Attorney John Luebberke suggested if following a Council appointed Mayor scenario the duties should be defined to address full-time vs. part-time Mayoral position.

Commissioner Bayne - noted Commissioner White's proposal that the Mayor would run in a citywide election after serving two years on Council.

Commissioner Viri - favored Council appointing a Mayor vs. holding a general election.

A member of the public inquired about what would happen if no one on the nine person Council wanted to be Mayor. The Commission discussed this issue and felt that although a possibility, it was not very likely. The Commission agreed to explore language to address this situation.

Commissioner Viri - volunteered to draft new Charter language to establish nine Council Districts for the Commission to consider.

Chair Summers - asked for clarification regarding drawing the district boundaries; expressed concern that politics would enter into the process

The Commissioners discussed district boundaries and favored having a citizen committee to draw the district boundaries.

City Attorney, John Luebberke - cautioned the Commission members for the need of legal advice when drawing boundaries and maintaining a certain amount of confidentiality in the process.

After discussion, the Commission favored exploring district voting. Commissioner Viri will draft an alternate plan and present at the next Commission meeting.

#### **4.2 15-1384 ARTICLE XV AUDITOR SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

##### Legislation Text

Commissioner Viri - provided an update, noting the need to include numbers in the proposed Charter language. The Commission took no action and the sub-committee will continue to meet to address this issue.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

After submission of agenda items 5.1 and 5.2 it was noted that the Mayor had withdrawn his request for the Commission to review at this time, therefore Commission took no action.

#### **5.1 15-1470 ARTICLE XI-A PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE**

Legislation Text

Attachment A - Public Information Office

5.2 **15-1471 ARTICLE XI - THE MAYOR**

Legislation Text

Attachment A - The Mayor

6. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Chair Summer - read resignation letter from Commissioner Brown into the record.

6.1 **15-1468 COST OF COUNCIL MEMBER**

Legislation Text

Cost of a Council Member

Commissioner Bayne - asked for clarification regarding costs

Commissioner Viri - asked for clarification regarding support person cost


Commissioner Vargas - asked for breakdown of costs for eight and nine Council Districts to be presented at the next Commission meeting.

6.2 **15-1469 PREVIOUS DISTRICT MAP WITH 9 DISTRICTS**

Legislation Text

7. **COMMISSION COMMUNICATION**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

  
for BONNIE PAIGE, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Stockton