

Article XI. The Mayor

There shall be a Mayor of the City of Stockton, election pursuant to SECTION 602 of this Charter, who shall be the ninth member of the Council. ~~The Mayor shall devote his or her full time to the Office of Mayor.~~

For consistency of Charter Language

Article 410:

Between March 1st and April 30th of every odd-numbered year, the Council Salary Setting Commission shall recommend to the Council the amount of monthly salary and the benefits which it deems appropriate for the members of the Council, including the Mayor, for the two-year period commencing July 1st of that odd-numbered year. The amount recommended for each council member shall be the same. The amount recommended for the Mayor may exceed that of the other members of the council. The salaries and benefits shall be in an amount which takes into account the time devoted to the office. ~~of Councilmember, and the full time nature of the office of Mayor.~~

Arguments in favor:

The current provision discourages possible candidates, who are employed full time, from running for mayor because of the perception that a person cannot effectively hold two full time positions. This change is to reflect both a historical and prospective view of the elected Mayor of Stockton. In the past, Mayors have had either private business enterprises or outside interests which they continued while serving in the elected capacity of the Mayor of the City of Stockton. The intent of the changes are to open the opportunity for individuals to seek the office of Mayor who may have full time employment, that is not a conflict of interest with the business of representing the City of Stockton, and who, upon election, may determine the amount of time they devote to the office of Mayor.