



Charter Amendment Committee

Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in serving on the City of Santa Cruz’s Charter Amendment Committee. The City Council has tasked the Committee with reviewing and making recommendations on potential changes to the City Charter in several specific areas, including:

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| Directly Elected Mayor: | Proceed or not to proceed |
| Term lengths | |
| Proceed or not to proceed | |
| District Elections: | Other: |
| Number of districts | Ranked Choice Voting |
| Proceed or not to proceed | Encouraging participation as an Elected Official |
| | Council support within the City Manager’s Office |
| Compensation: | Polling the community |
| Size of the Council | Council/Mayor Term Limits |
| Full-time vs. part-time | |

The Committee will be comprised of thirteen community members, with seven selected directly by individual Councilmembers and six at-large members appointed by the City Council through this application process.

Given the scope of what the Council has directed the Committee to review, and the anticipated time required to appropriately engage the community on potential changes to the charter, staff anticipates that the Committee will require approximately one year of monthly meetings for research, deliberation and community outreach before it will bring final recommendations to the City Council. A draft work plan is attached to give applicants a sense of the time commitment involved in Committee membership.

Please fill out the following questionnaire and return it to Casey Hemard, Principal Management Analyst, via e-mail: chemard@cityofsantacruz.com; or mail: City of Santa Cruz/ 809 Center Street Room 10/ Santa Cruz, CA 95060/ Attn: Casey Hemard, no later than **Wednesday, September 19th**. Charter Amendment Committee candidate interviews will take place at the evening session of the Council meeting of **September 25th**, with final appointments expected at the City Council meeting on **Tuesday, October 9th**.

I. Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Current or Past Profession: _____

II. Availability

Understanding that our community members have many personal and professional demands and that this Committee will require a significant investment of time, we would like to establish a meeting schedule that accommodates your needs as practicably as possible. Please let us know your meeting availability:

Available weekday evenings? Yes No Available hours? _____

Available weekdays? Yes No Available hours? _____

Available weekends? Yes No Available hours? _____

Maximum number of hours available per meeting? 2 Hours 4 Hours 8 Hours

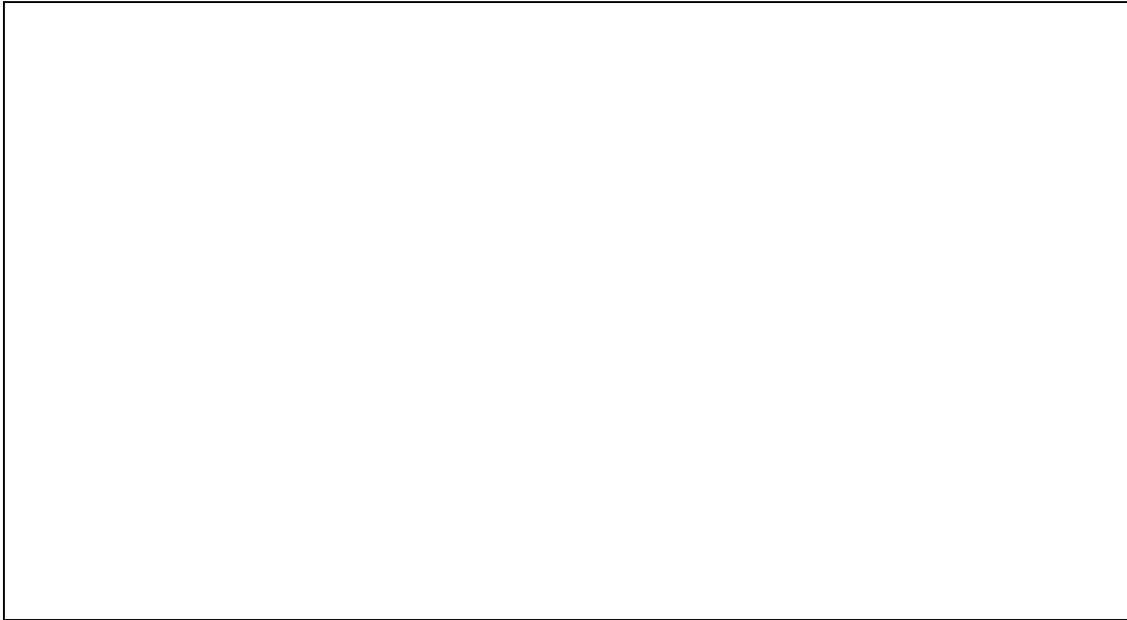
Use the space below to inform us of other time considerations, including days of the week that you are unavailable: _____

III. Questions

1. Why do you think that you are an ideal candidate to participate on the Committee? What relevant traits, skills or experience do you bring? (250 words or less)

2. Are you prepared to collaboratively participate on this Committee? (100 words or less)

3. Is there any other information that you would like to share? (100 words or less)

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Thank you for your interest and willingness to serve on behalf of the City of Santa Cruz.

CHARTER AMENDMENT COMMITTEE POTENTIAL DRAFT WORK PLAN

Meeting 1 (late October 2018):

- Background/Committee Scope
- Brown Act/Public Meeting Procedures
- Elect Chair
- Public Outreach Strategy Discussion
- Calendar/Work Plan

Meeting 2 (mid to late November 2018): Directly Elected Mayor (Term Length, Term Limits)

December 11, 2018: Update to Council on Progress

Meeting 3 (January 2019): Methods of Election (District Elections, Ranked Choice Voting)

Meeting 4 (February 2019): Compensation (Size of the Council, Full-Time versus Part-Time)

Meeting 5 (March 2019): Councilmember Term Limits, Encouraging Participation on Council, Council Support within City Manager's Office

Meeting 6 (April 2019): Discussion with County Clerk's Office on Feasibility of Potential Changes to Charter Related to Elections

Meeting 7 (May 2019): Committee Discussion of Potential Charter Amendments

Meeting 8 (June 2019): Public Forum on Potential Changes to City Charter

Meeting 9 (August 2019): Committee Review of Potential Charter Amendments and Recommendations to Council

September 2019: Presentation of Final Recommendations to Council