

## City of Pomona Charter Review Commission 2020

June 24, 2021 DRAFT for 6/10/2021 meeting

Rosalia Butler  
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RE: Charter Review Commission Proposals for Placement on the November 8, 2022 Ballot

Dear Ms. Butler:

Attached please find the Report from the Charter Review Commission 2020, including the Proposed Amendments to the Pomona City Charter, submitted pursuant to Article XVII of the City Charter.

Please place the following measures, with the suggested ballot questions, on the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election ballot for consideration by the City of Pomona electorate:

(A) For the Local Primary Measure:

"Shall the City Charter be amended to establish a local primary election for the office of Mayor and City Councilmember to coincide with the Statewide Primary Election, beginning in the year 2024; whereby if a candidate secures majority voter approval in the local primary, he or she will be elected, and if no candidate secures majority voter approval, the top two candidates shall stand for a run-off election to coincide with the Statewide General Election?"	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

(B) For the Term Limits Measure:

"Shall the City Charter be amended to enact a three consecutive term limit on elected service in Pomona, whether serving as Mayor or as a Council Member, followed by a four-year "cooling off" period after serving three consecutive terms during which a person may not serve on the City Council?"	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

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(C) For the Independent Redistricting Commission Measure:

"Shall the City Charter be amended to create an independent citizens' redistricting commission of Pomona residents who shall determine the boundaries of City Council electoral districts every ten years or as needed after the United States Census in accordance with applicable Federal and State law?"	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

(D) For the Police Commission Measure

"Shall the City Charter be amended to create a police commission of Pomona residents who shall be authorized to receive community complaints and concerns about police matters; to review, investigate and report on incidents in connection with the Pomona Police Department; and to advise City officials and conduct public outreach on policing/community relations issues?"	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

(E) For the Resign to Run Measure:

"Shall the City Charter be amended to establish a "resign to run" rule whereby any current City Councilmember running for Mayor must resign his or her Council seat if the new Mayoral term will begin before the City Councilmember's current term ends?"	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

(F) For the Realignment of District Elections Measure:

"Shall the City Charter be amended to change the sequencing of City Council district elections so that, as of the 2028 Municipal Election, candidates for Mayor and Councilmember from Electoral Districts 1, 2 and 3 will run for election in Presidential election years and candidates for Councilmember from Electoral Districts 4, 5 and 6 will run for election in Gubernatorial election years?"	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

(G) For the Campaign Finance Measure:

"Shall the City Charter be amended to change the City's campaign finance and conflict of interest laws; including updates to the City's campaign contribution limits, voluntary expenditure ceiling, rules for use of surplus campaign funds and mandating disclosure of certain campaign contributions by a Councilmember prior to casting a vote on a City matter where the contributor is the applicant?"	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

(H) For the General Charter Update Measure:

"Shall the City Charter be amended to make various updates and clarifications to City policy, including addition of a preamble outlining the City's values, adding an Ethics Commission, updating rules for filling Mayoral and Council vacancies, increasing notice of public meetings, updating rules for appointed commissions and boards, and making various other technical changes as specified therein?"	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

Respectfully submitted,

The Commissioners of the Charter Review Commission 2020

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Derek Engdahl, Chair

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John Clifford

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Efrain Escobedo

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Ann Tomkins

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Dean Rudenauer

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Edward Jimenez

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Eunice Russell

**REPORT  
OF THE CITY OF POMONA  
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION 2020**

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The Member of the Charter Review Commission 2020 are as follows:

Derek Engdahl, Mayor's appointee and Chair

John Clifford, District 1 appointee

Efrain Escobedo, District 2 appointee

Ann Tomkins, District 3 appointee

Dean Rudenauer, District 4 appointee

Edward Jimenez, District 5 appointee

Eunice Russell, District 6 appointee

Pursuant to Article XVII of the City Charter, the Charter Review Commission has determined that the following charter amendments be placed on the ballot as separate measures for the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election:

1. Primary election (Attachment A)
2. Term Limits (Attachment B)
3. Independent Redistricting Commission (Attachment C)
4. Police Commission (Attachment D)
5. Resign to Run (Attachment E)
6. Realignment of District Elections (Attachment F) – *May be combined with Resign to Run*
7. Campaign Finance (Attachment G) – *May be included with General*
8. General Charter Update (Attachment H)
  - Adds a preamble to reflect City values
  - Updates and/or clarifies a variety of provisions, such as outdated terms, cost of living Indexes, election timelines, and website posting requirements
  - Revises how Council vacancies are filled
  - Revises language regarding Boards and Commissions (Section 403)
  - Adds an Ethics Commission
  - Describes power and duties of City Council members (Section 501)
  - Increases agenda posting deadlines for meetings of the City Council, Boards, and Commissions
  - Eliminates requirement to appoint the City Manager for an indefinite term (Section 601)
  - Requires a report to the City Council every 5 years related to incentives for employees to become residents.
  - Eliminates the Finance Director as an office within the City Charter, in recognition that it is more of a staff level position (Section 701 and other various sections)
  - Adds a reporting requirement regarding the residency of City employees and incentives
  - Clarifies the independence of the Charter Review Commission
  - Other various language clarifications

Attachments – Full Text of All Measures:

- A. Primary Election Proposed Charter Amendment
- B. Term Limits Proposed Charter Amendment
- C. Independent Redistricting Commission Proposed Charter Amendment
- D. Resign to Run
- E. Police Commission
- F. Realignment of District Elections
- G. Campaign Finance
- H. General Charter Update