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CLEVELAND HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OH, 10/17/2017 - During Cleveland Heights City Council meeting last evening, the Council named the 15 members of the City's Charter Review Commission. The Cleveland Heights Charter is the core document that defines the organization, powers, functions, and essential procedures of the local government.

The Charter itself provides for periodic review and the last time a charter review was convened was in 1982. The Commission will conduct fact-finding as appropriate and identify issues to study and address, including, as examples only, Cleveland Heights form of government, anti-discrimination language, "emergency actions", term limits, etc. If the Commission should decide to consider any significant changes to the current form of government, thorough due diligence is expected as part of the process.

Members of the Commission were chosen from applications submitted by residents across the city. Each City Council member appointed one individual and the remaining eight were appointed by the Council as a whole. Applicants were broadly solicited through advertisements and City-wide communications.

"I want to thank all these individuals for their time and commitment to Cleveland Heights and its future," said Cleveland Heights Mayor Cheryl Stephens. "The work they are about to undertake can have a meaningful impact on our city for the long-term."

All meetings will be open and transparent. Once the meeting dates have been finalized, they will be posted on the City's website. The Review process will be led by an independent facilitator who will be charged with assisting the Commission to reach conclusions and make recommendations.

The 15 members are:

- Patrycia Ajdukiewicz
- Jessica Cohen
- Craig Cobb
- Michael Gaynier
- C. Randolph Keller
- Howard Maier
- John Newman, Jr.
- David Perelman
- Carla Rautenberg
- Vince Reddy
- Maia Rucker
- Allosious Snodgrass
- Katherine Solender
- James Vail
- Sarah West

"In addition to welcoming our 15 members, I'd like to thank all of the residents of the City of Cleveland Heights who took the time to apply. I applaud your effort and interest," Stephens said.

It was also announced that the City will contract with Dr. Lawrence F. Keller, Ph.D., J.D. Associate Professor Emeritus, Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University to serve as the facilitator for the Charter Review Commission.

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