



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Charter Review Commission

February 12, 2024

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Cleveland Heights Community Center

Meeting Purposes:

- To provide overview of purpose of Charter and Charter review
- To provide information about the current Charter review process
- To provide opportunity for collaborative discussion of certain potential subjects for Charter revisions that are in the best interest of the City and its residents

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction of Charter Review Commission Members – Linda Striefsky, CRC Chair – 5 minutes
2. Context of Current Charter Review process – Linda Striefsky – 10 minutes
3. Presentation on purpose of Charter and Charter Review – Kevin Butler, CRC Facilitator – 10 to 15 minutes
4. Group Exercises/Discussion on Three Questions and Reporting Out – Facilitated by Guy Thellian, CRC Member - 10 minutes for 4.a. and 4.b.
 - a. Establish “group agreements” such as:
 - i. Focus on the meeting purpose
 - ii. Be actively engaged
 - iii. Listen actively
 - iv. Stay committed to the process
 - v. Strive to share new and relevant information with the group.
 - b. Explain format for breakout groups (25 minutes per question) and reporting (15 minutes per question)
 - c. Question 1 – Do you think the method for electing City Council members should be revised to provide for (i) election of some members by wards and



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others at large or (ii) election of all members by wards, or (iii) do you think we should retain the current, all method of electing all members at large? What do you see as the pros and cons of each method?

- i. Reports on Question 1**
- d. Question 2 – Ranked Choice Voting**
 - i. Introduction to Ranked Choice Voting**
 - ii. Do you think the Charter should be revised to use ranked choice voting for election of the Mayor and City Council? What do you see as the pros and cons of ranked choice voting versus the current method?**
 - iii. Reports on Question 2**
- e. Question 3 – Regarding the balance of power among the three branches of City government, should the Charter be modified to specify the process by which City Council and the Mayor and administration interact and share information to advance City business and the interests of residents? For instance, should City Council be empowered to require directors or other City staff to attend City Council or committee meetings.**
 - i. Reports on Question 3**
- 5. General comments from attendees (time permitting; limit of 2 minute per speaker)**
- 6. Next Steps and Closing Remarks – Linda Striefsky -**
- 7. Adjourn**