# CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

**Charter Review Commission**
**Tuesday, May 21 2024**
**6 PM – 8:30 PM**
**Lee Road Library**

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order and Welcome**

2. **Roll Call – Introduction of Commission members**

3. **Review and Confirm or Amend Agenda**

4. **Review of Charter history and Commission's proceedings**

5. **Overview of draft revised Charter**

6. **Public Comments on revised Charter**

7. **Next Steps**

8. **Next Commission Meeting: Tuesday, May 28 from 6 to 8 PM.**

9. **Adjourn**

**EXHIBIT A**

# Possible Bucket Groupings for Charter Revision - As revised May 8

**Bucket #1**

- Clean-up
  - Update and simplify presentation and language throughout
  - Replacing 'electors' with 'voters',
  - replacing Roman numerals with Arabic numbers
  - gender-neutral language throughout
- Numbers
  - Candidate numbers- Article 7
    - Adjust numbers, percentages, and the like on numbers of signatures needed for initiatives, recalls, etc., for
      - days to file petitions
      - to fill vacancies, etc. –
  - Article 3, 4, and 7
    - Adjust election requirements for appointed city councilors
- Function of government
  - Balance of powers between executive and legislative branches
  - Council authority to request information and/or attendance at Council meetings from department heads, through mayor's office or directly
  - Individual councilor's authority to contact department heads directly
  - Mayor's authority to appoint department heads, with or without Council approval
    - Who appoints to fill vacancy on dead-locked Council?
    - Council president or mayor?
    - Law Director available to advise City Council?
    - On what terms?
  - Salaries

**Bucket #2 -** Comprehensive non-discrimination policy statement
**Bucket #3**

- 'Ethics for elected officials'
- 'parliamentary procedure' trainings for all newly-elected city officials

**Bucket #4** - Article 8 - Initiative, Removal/Recall/Referendum

**Bucket #5 -** Ranked Choice Voting