

**To:** Cleveland Heights Charter Review Commission Colleagues  
Cleveland Heights City Councilmembers

Residents of Cleveland Heights

**Subject:** Resignation from Charter Review Commission

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To those listed above,

After great thought, I respectfully submit my resignation on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 2018. This change is to take effect immediately.

Serving on the Cleveland Heights Charter Review Commission has been a rewarding experience. Being able to serve in the role of Vice-Chair has given me the opportunity to see the Charter Review Commission unfold from both in front and behind the scenes. This experience, I am forever grateful for. I want to personally thank the council and/or specific councilmember who appointed me to the commission. Prior to serving on the commission I did not understand the importance of Democracy, completely. Through my time serving, I now understand how important it is that “We the people” choose both our legislature (Council) and Executive (Mayor). It is only democratically right.

I am extremely lucky to have worked with Jack Newman and Professor Larry Keller. While we didn’t always agree, sharing our views and understanding of government really made an impact on me.

There are many areas of our charter that I would like to see amended—from a new form of government, to councilmember attendance requirements. Rather than spending the remainder of the year focusing on the “smaller amendments”, I believe the biggest focus should be on changing our form of government to a Strong-Mayor/Council form. Yet, through a majority vote, we have failed to do this.

On the bright side, I hope the residents of Cleveland Heights who expressed dissatisfaction with our government for a number of reasons will join forces and take their concerns to the ballot. This is the only practical way Cleveland Heights will see a change in form of government.

Sincerely,

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