

SUMMARY

MAJOR CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED IN CCNA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY AND DECIDED BY THE CITY COMMISSION

The results of the CCNA survey were presented to the City Commission at its March 28th Special Meeting on the Charter. Following is the summary of results as reported to CCNA's membership at the April 2nd CCNA meeting:

1) Recommended by the Charter Review Committee (CRC) that the mayor be elected for a four year term.

96% of CCNA members voted NO.

The City Commission also rejected this 4 to 1 with Mayor Arroyo being the only dissenting vote.

2) Recommended by the CRC that City Commission salaries be raised to \$40,000/year with a 2% annual increase.

64% of CCNA members voted YES.

The City Commission voted for an increase with a different formula that was tied to population. The result would be salaries starting at \$44,000/year. (Current salaries are less than \$30,000.) The vote was 3 to 2 with Mayor Arroyo and Cmsr. Brody dissenting.

3) Recommended by the CRC that a super majority (4 to 1 vote) be required for the sale or conveyance of city-owned property. (The vote currently required is 3 to 2.)

96% of CCNA members voted YES.

The City Commission rejected this 4 to 1 with Cmsr. Ahearn-Koch dissenting.

4) Recommended by the CRC that the City Commission have an annual training session on the City Charter.

Not on the CCNA survey.

The City Commission rejected this 4 to 1 with Cmsr. Ahearn-Koch dissenting.

5) Proposed by CCNA that language be consolidated in one section of the City Charter that describes the City Commissioners' power to investigate one of their own for alleged violations of the Charter. Such language to include procedures for appropriate investigations.

96% of CCNA members voted YES.

This could not be voted on by the City Commission because it was not officially noticed but it was never raised by any of the Commissioners for future discussion and vote.

6) Proposed by Cmsr. Brody that any future-proposed Charter changes be allowed to appear ONLY on ballots in a general election. (As opposed to a special election or primary election.)

This also could not be voted on by the City Commission because it was not officially noticed but the City Commission voted 3 to 2 to discuss this proposal at a future City Commission meeting. Commissioners Alpert and Ahearn-Koch dissenting.

Thank you to the 84% of CCNA member neighborhood boards who took the time to consider and answer the CCNA survey. Please share this with your neighborhood board and residents.