



CITY OF ALBANY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

2017 - 2019 Work Plan

Approved by the Charter Review Committee: March 27, 2017

Approved by the City Council: April 3, 2017

Background

The following work plan identifies recent accomplishments, and priority work items for the upcoming work plan period. The work plan includes items identified as priority projects within the City Council's Strategic Plan. The Charter Review Committee shall review the work plan each year in January to identify accomplishments and ensure continued focus on completing work plan items. Work plans are presented to the Council every two years, and if a change is needed to the work plan outside of that schedule, the Charter Review Committee shall submit a "Request for Amendment to Advisory Body Work Plan" Form for review by the City Council.

Charter Review Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Charter Review Committee is to advise the City Council on proposed changes to the City Charter. These proposed changes may be generated by the City Council or by the Charter Review Committee.

Recent Initiatives and Accomplishments

- Submitted report to the City Council regarding election methods and made a recommendation to transition to ranked choice at large voting method.
- Reviewed three Charter amendments including: administrative changes (including adding gender neutral language), dissolution of the Civil Service Board, and the request by the Board of Education to eliminate term limits for the Board.

2017-2019 Policy Review and Initiatives

- Finalize and submit a proposed Charter amendment recommendation to the City Council specifying a transition to ranked choice voting at-large.
- Consider changing the allowed age limit for voting to provide for youth voting.
- Assure adequate election result data including cast selection record reporting to determine drop off rate for all local elections.
- Identification of other possible Charter amendments as necessary.

Relation to the City Council Strategic Plan:

The Charter Review Committee work plan helps achieve the City Council Strategic Plan goals to "Engage our Diverse Community" as well as "Facilitate Government Accountability".