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TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers  
FROM: Bonnie Lowenthal, Vice Mayor and Councilmember, First District  
RE: Recommendation for Item #27 – Charter Amendments

After recent deliberation and adoption of charter amendments, the City Council must now vote on the grouping and ordering of the amendments to appear before the voters. The following is the ordering of the amendments that the City Attorney has advised me would comply with all legal requirements.

1. **ROLE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

- Mayoral veto of resolutions and ordinances with 2/3 override
- Mayoral line-item veto/ increase time for budget consideration
- Joint authority over the appointment and removal of the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and City Clerk
- City Council investigation and subpoena authority
- Authority of Mayor and Council to remove commissioners

2. **ESTABLISHMENT AND DEFINITION OF COMMISSIONS**

- Council salary commission
- Ethics commission and code of ethics
- Redistricting commission

3. **MAXIMUM TERMS OF OFFICE**

- Maximum of three terms for councilmembers
- Maximum of three, four-year terms for Harbor and Water Commissions; two four-year terms for all others

4. **ELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

- 30-day residency requirement measured from close of filing period
- Prohibit two candidacies for municipal office at same time
- Allow write-in candidates to appear on the general election ballot

5. **PARKS IN PERPETUITY**

6. **REVISE DUTIES OF CITY PROSECUTOR**

7. **OBSOLETE SECTIONS**

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