



**Date:** March 21, 2006

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell, Fourth District <sup>PO</sup>  
Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, Seventh District <sup>TR</sup>  
Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Eighth District <sup>RG</sup>

**Subject:** **AGENDA ITEM: Request to convene Charter Amendment Committee**

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In order to amend the Charter of the City of Long Beach, existing law requires the adoption of a resolution that places proposed amendments on the ballot for a subsequent general election. Proposed amendments are generally referred to the Charter Amendment Committee, which is comprised of the full City Council and chaired by the Mayor.

In 2004, the City of Long Beach Government Task Force was formed to review the City Charter and recommend possible revisions. On May 18, 2004 the Task Force submitted eight potential Charter amendments to the Mayor and City Council.

We respectfully request that the Mayor convene the Charter Amendment Committee in order to review Charter issues including: 1) Obsolete sections pertaining to taxes, finance, utility departments and other provisions 2) Revision of existing "term limit" provisions 3) the role of the Mayor 4) City commissions and 5) Public assets.

**Recommended Action: Request the Mayor to convene the Charter Amendment Committee.**



**Date:** March 22, 2006  
**To:** Charter Amendment Committee Staff  
**From:** Larry Herrera, City Clerk  
**Subject:** City Council Referral to the Charter Amendment Committee

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At the City Council meeting held March 21, 2006, the following agenda item was referred to the Charter Amendment Committee:

**REQUEST TO CONVENE CHARTER AMENDMENT COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Lowenthal moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes Uranga, that the communication be received and referred to the Charter Amendment Committee.

LARRY G. HERRERA  
City Clerk

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Larry Herrera, City Clerk