



MAYOR BOB FOSTER
CITY OF LONG BEACH

August 8, 2006

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach

RE: Recommendation that the City Council Adopt the Attached Schedule of
Charter Amendment Committee Special Meetings

Pursuant to the discussion at the August 1st, 2006 council meeting, the following
is the proposed schedule of special meetings to deliberate on potential charter
amendments to be submitted to voters in either Spring 2007 or 2008.

The Charter Amendment Committee

As established by the City Charter, the Charter Amendment Committee shall be
composed of the Mayor and all City Councilmembers.

Meeting Schedule

Commencing upon passage of the Fiscal Year 2007 budget, the Charter
Amendment Committee shall hold workshops and a minimum of 9 special public
hearings throughout the City.

Research on Charter Reform

The Charter Amendment Committee and members of the public shall review
material related to charter change including but not limited to the following:

- Previous charter changes and reports by previous Charter Commissions;
- The Model City Charter study from the National Civic League and other
materials from entities such as the National League of Cities, as
appropriate;
- The Rand Study on charter change and related studies.

Topics of Discussion

The Charter Amendment Committee and members of the public shall then consider topics including but not limited to the following:

- The role of the Mayor;
- The role of the City Council;
- The term limits of the Mayor and City Council;
- The salary of the Mayor and City Council;
- Commissions established by the City Charter and their role;
- Obsolete and conflicting sections of the City Charter;
- Election reform;
- The schedule of City Elections;
- The reapportionment process.

Recommendations

The Charter Amendment Committee shall devise recommendations on these topics that may be used by the City Council to draft ballot measures to be placed on a citywide ballot in either the Spring 2007 or during a regularly scheduled statewide primary or general election in 2008.

Recommended Action

Approve recommendation.

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Bob Foster
MAYOR