

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Appoint a Charter Commission to review and recommend amendments to the Charter (Resolution)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this agenda item is to appoint a Charter Commission to review and recommend amendments to the Charter.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- While there are no immediate financial and budgetary impacts of the appointment of Charter commissioners, Charter review will have financial and budgetary impacts.
- The Charter Commission has been funded for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
- Charter Commission appointment terms run from December 3, 2020 to December 3, 2022.
- The Charter Commission will require funding in the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the 2022-2023 fiscal year.
- The Office of Management & Finance will provide primary staffing to the Charter Commission.
- Adequate funding and capacity for community engagement for the required Charter review process is essential for ensuring outreach to all Portlanders and gathering broad public input to inform proposed Charter amendments.
- The upcoming 2021-2022 budget process should ensure ongoing adequate funding for the Charter Commission.
- While we do not know what, if any, Charter amendments the Charter Commission will recommend, it is possible that Charter reform may create long-term financial impacts for the City.

Community impacts and community involvement:

- All Portlanders may be impacted by the Charter review process.
- Charter amendments recommended by the Charter Commission may go before voters and result in changes to our City Charter.
- Public involvement and input are essential to this process.
- Charter review provides the opportunity for civic engagement and community involvement in the workings of our government.

100% Renewable Goal:

N/A

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount



Robin Ye

Robin Ye is a proud Chinese American who grew up in Beaverton, Oregon. He earned his bachelor's degree in Public Policy and Human Rights from the University of Chicago. Robin is dedicated to the cause of electoral justice -- practices and policies to expand the vote-- to achieve greater representation in our democracy -- particularly for those living at the intersections of race, class, disability and gender. He most recently worked as Political Director at Oregon Futures Lab and spent three years at APANO (Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon) on political advocacy. In 2021, Robin will enter the Oregon State Legislature as Chief of Staff to Rep-elect. Khanh Pham, currently the only Asian American in the legislature. In his free time, Robin enjoys spending time with his cats and foster kittens, hiking and the outdoors, and cheering on his Portland Trail Blazers.

- **Statement of Interest:** The Charter Review Commission is a direct opportunity for an engaged, richly diverse, and accurately representative group of Portland community members, to shape their city and the values within its charter. I believe its greatest strength is that it is an independent body with ample time to consider reforms-- more insulated from the short-term whims of politicians.
- **Personal Fact:** There's no place better in Portland than at the Rose Garden (a.k.a Moda Center) watching Damian Lillard rain down threes from halfcourt. Welcome to Rip City, RoCo!