

Written Testimony - Agenda Item 1048/1012

Agenda Item	Name or Organization	Position	Comments	Attachment	Created
1012	Terry Harris	Support with changes	<p>I understand the general need to do these transition-related code revisions, but I worry that there are some ill-considered details included in this particular revision that you'll simply need to revisit later.</p> <p>In particular, in Exhibit B, the code gives city council *committees* some independent authority in the process to refer ballot questions to voters. Legislative committees, as a general rule, should not have independent authority, but rather only pass recommendations to the legislature. A council committee could do research, hold hearings, mark up and recommend *draft* language, but the formal request to the City Attorney for ballot title and explanatory statement should come from the full council, not a committee.</p> <p>Besides, this is *not* something that the charter amendments require. Further, this would appear to be somewhat contradictory to the minimal authority given to committees under your recent transition-related Code 3.02 revisions. And it seems somewhat premature given the Transition's ongoing efforts to further refine recommendations on committee organization and committee work under the new government.</p> <p>Ultimately, the somewhat nonsensical and unnecessary processes detailed in code sections 2.04.120 and 2.04.125 probably need a complete overhaul, but for the time being, why make things worse? I'd suggest deleting these new committee powers until the committee powers under the new government are more fully understood.</p>	No	12/06/23 8:37 AM