

GET Committee

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I support GET Agenda item 10-(11) to establish a new method for populating the Charter Commission by allocating appointment of 9 members to the council and two to the mayor.

However, I recommend the proposal be amended to add that each council member shall recommend a candidate from his or her district for appointment to the Commission, subject to confirmation by the council as a whole. This would ensure

- geographic representation,
- make it possible for council members to suggest candidates in whom they have confidence and who are deemed best able to represent the interests of their district, and will
- tend to construct a Charter Commission of quality Commission candidates.

Council members suggesting inadequate, inappropriate, clearly biased, conflicted or highly political representatives to the Commission can be dealt with by discontented voters at the ballot box since council members are up for election every 2 years. Additionally, members of the public objecting to particular candidates would be able to testify against confirmation when each is considered by the council as a whole.

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