

**DRAFT Charter Review - SubCommittee Report**  
**Additional Proposed Charter Revisions**

Resolution #	Proposed Amendment	Committee Comments
<b>Changing the Election Date</b>		
1. Resolution 20110428-048	Moving the date of Austin's municipal elections from May to November in odd numbered years	<b>RECOMMENDATION: Ballot Item.</b> Committee agreed to recommend the following * Do not change staggered terms * Do not change term, keep three years * Do not change term limits, remain as three terms * Voters decide on May vs November for elections * Neutral, simple, clear choice for voters on ballot language * Ballot language allows individual to check May or check November, with explanation that checking November will result in elections in xxx years will be on the ballot with the Presidential election
2. Resolution 20110428-048	Moving the date of Austin's municipal elections from May to November in even numbered years	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Same as above
<b>Council Terms: Changing the length and staggering of terms</b>		
3. Resolution 20110428-048	Changing the Terms of Office from three to four years	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> No ballot item. Do not change terms, keep as three years
4. Resolution 20110428-048	Reduce City Council term limits from three terms to two terms, and prohibit Council members from switching places for the purpose of avoiding term limits	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Ballot Item. Prohibit Council members from switching places to avoid term limits. Do not change term limits
5. Resolution 20110428-048	Eliminating staggered city council terms	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> No ballot item. Committee agreed should keep staggered terms.
<b>6. Resolution 20110623-94</b>	Changing the Terms of Office from three to four years	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> No ballot item. Do not change terms, keep as three years
<b>7. Resolution 20110623-94</b>	Reduce City Council term limits from three terms to two terms, and prohibit Council members from switching places for the purpose of avoiding term limits	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Ballot Item. Prohibit Council members from switching places to avoid term limits. Do not change term limits

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<b>8. Resolution 20110623-94</b>	Require that vacancies on the City Council be filled within 120 days after the vacancy is created to conform to the Texas Constitution	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> No ballot item. Doesn't need to be on ballot because constitutional requirement. Important to limit ballot items where possible to avoid risk of nonpassage.
<b>Elections: Conforming to state retention schedule</b>		
<b>9. Resolution 20110623-94</b>	Require that the results of every municipal election be retained per the State's retention schedule, by precinct totals, for each candidate	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> No ballot item. Agreed, but doesn't need to be on ballot. Important to limit ballot items where possible to avoid risk of nonpassage.
<b>Initiative, Referendum and Recall</b>		
<b>10. Resolution 20110623-94</b>	Make the number of required petition signatures for initiative and referendum match the required number of petition signatures for city charter changes contained in State law	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Ballot Item. Agreed with this provision, but charter language should include actual percentage of required signatures, not just reference state law as that may change. Discussed adding language requiring ballot language for petition initiatives be written in factually accurate and neutral way.
<b>11. Resolution 20110623-94</b>	Establish a deadline for submitting petitions 60 days in advance of the final date of the final date on which the city council must act on a petition	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> No Ballot Item. Agreed that no basis for making this change.
<b>City Council Meeting Schedule</b>		
<b>12. Resolution 20110623-94</b>	Change stated frequency and location of city council meetings to conform w/ current meeting practices	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> No Ballot Item. Change not needed in the Charter. This is clean up item and should be separated from other items if included at all
<b>Changing reporting and management structure of certain City staff</b>		
<b>13. Resolution 20110428-048</b>	City attorney to report directly to council	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Ballot Item. Committee favors Combine with 14.

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14. Resolution 20110428-048	City attorney to directly appoint deputy city attorneys if city attorney reports directly to city council	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Ballot Item. Committee favors. Combine with 13
15. Resolution 20110428-048	Council to directly appoint Council staff	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Ballot Item. Committee favors
16. Resolution 20110428-048	City Clerk to directly appoint deputy clerks	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Ballot Item. Committee favors. Combine with 18
17. Resolution 20110428-048	City Auditor to directly appoint deputy auditors	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Ballot Item. Committee favors
<b>18. Resolution 20110623-94</b>	Eliminate city council authority to appoint assistants to city clerk	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Ballot Item. Committee favors. Combine with 16
<b>Changing Planning Commission Appointees and terms</b>		
19. Resolution 20110428-048	Authorizing AISD board of trustees to appoint an AISD president representative to the planning commission and aligning planning commission term lengths with councilmember term length	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Not a Ballot Item. Agreed with this language but not needed in charter
<b>Ordinances</b>		
<b>20. Resolution 20110623-94</b>	Require that the effective date of every ordinance be contained within the ordinance language	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> No Ballot Item. Agreed not necessary to make this change in the charter.