



2022 CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

REP. CISSY LIZARRAGA, DISTRICT 8



**AMEND SECTION 2.4
(ALLOW FOR THE
ADDITION OF A DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE BASED
ON A POPULATION OF
900,000)**

SECTION 2.4 - REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS; ADJUSTMENT OF DISTRICTS. A. NUMBER OF DISTRICTS.

Proposal: Replacement of language as follows: At such time when the results of a decennial United States census shows the population of the City to be ~~one million~~ nine hundred thousand or more, the Council may take the appropriate action to increase the number of District Representatives from eight to ~~ten~~ nine.

SECTION 2.4 - REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS; ADJUSTMENT OF DISTRICTS. A. NUMBER OF DISTRICTS.

- The current language can create a situation in which each Representative represents a constituency approaching 125,000 before there is an adjustment.
- This proposed amendment will serve to maintain a smaller number of constituents per Representative, allowing constituents better access to their elected representatives.



AMEND SECTION 3.1 (STAFF APPOINTMENTS)

SECTION 3.1 - CREATION; COMPOSITION; POWERS AND DUTIES.

Proposal: Each Representative shall have the discretion and sole authority to appoint and remove a ~~legislative aide~~ Chief of Staff (or other similar employee to carry out the management of their office) and all other district office employees

SECTION 3.1 - CREATION; COMPOSITION; POWERS AND DUTIES.

- This proposed amendment would change the title of Legislative Aide to Chief of Staff to better reflect the job function of the position and to provide clarity to the public, who are more inclined to have general familiarity with the title and role of Chief of Staff.
- This proposed amendment would also stipulate that all City Council district office employees would be employed directly by the office of the respective elected official, as is currently the case for the Legislative Aide but not the case for other positions within the Mayor and Council Department e.g. Administrative Support Associate and Administrative Specialist, thereby separating the powers of the City Manager from those of the elected officials.



**AMEND SECTION 6.2-2-K
(AMEND AND EXPAND THE
UNCLASSIFIED SERVICES
FOR CITY COUNCIL STAFF)**

SECTION 6.2-2 - UNCLASSIFIED SERVICES.

The unclassified services shall include only the following positions:

Proposal: K. A person hired solely as a District Representative's ~~legislative aide~~ Chief of Staff or other district office employee for the limited period of the term of office for that District Representative.

SECTION 6.2-2 - UNCLASSIFIED SERVICES.

- See discussion for proposed revision of Section 3.1, concerning the employees of City Representatives.
- This amendment would be made to clean up language in the case of the passage of the earlier proposed amendment of Section 3.1.
- What is the procedure for this type of scenario, where one amendment necessitates cleanup in another section of the Charter?
- Would or could these proposed amendments be bundled on the ballot?

Questions?