

MEMORANDUM

To: 2019-2020 Orange County Charter Review Commission

From: Lee Steinhauer, Chair of Ethics Concerning Lobbyists Committee

Re: Ethics Commission

Date: September 20, 2019

Issue(s) for Consideration

At their September 18, 2019 meeting, the Ethics Concerning Lobbyists Committee (“Committee”), voted to request to the full CRC that the scope of the Committee’s study be enlarged to include studying the establishment of an ethics commission in the Orange County Charter. The ethics commission would focus on establishing ethical codes and standards for Orange County government.

The Committee proposes to study a potential framework for an ethics commission and potential powers and responsibilities of same, and whether an ethics commission is appropriate and necessary.

Requested Action

The Ethics Concerning Lobbyists Committee requests that the CRC enlarges the scope of the Committee’s study to include the potential establishment of an ethics commission in Orange County, as set forth above.

Thank you for your consideration.