



2020 ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC)

Committee Summary Report

Citizen-Initiated Charter and Ordinance Amendment Process Committee

March 11, 2020
Comptroller's 4th Floor Conference Room
4:00 p.m.

Committee Members:

Soraya Smith, Chair
Jack Douglas
Angela Melvin
Jeffrey A. Miller
Dotti Wynn
Clifford Shepard, CRC General Counsel
Jennifer Lara-Klimetz, Assisting CRC as Staff

The Citizen-Initiated Charter and Ordinance Amendment Process Committee met to discuss the citizen initiative process and proposed ballot title, summary and amendment language.

Public Comment

No members of the public addressed the committee during public comment.

Members Open Discussion

Chair Smith opened the meeting and expressed her thoughts concerning the petition threshold percentages. General Counsel Shepard and committee members contributed to the discussion.

The committee members reviewed the petition timeline as provided in Supervisor of Elections Cowles' Orange County Initiative Petition History memorandum and attachments dated December 2, 2019. Discussion ensued. General Counsel Shepard contributed to the discussion.

The committee members agreed to end the discussion on the petition threshold percentages.

Chair Smith provided remarks regarding the 180 day timeline as it affects the petitioner's ability to proceed with a citizen initiative. General Counsel Shepard and committee members contributed to the discussion.

Chair Smith requested that General Counsel speak with the Supervisor of Elections, the County Comptroller, and a representative of the Mayor's Office regarding the amount of time needed to complete their respective tasks as outlined in the petition process.

The committee members discussed the proposed ballot title, summary and amendment language. Member Melvin suggested replacing the word 'tolling' with 'suspending' in the ballot proposal. General Counsel Shepard contributed to the discussion. All committee members agreed.

Future Action Plan

The next scheduled committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via WebEx. If you would like to attend this virtual meeting and/or address the committee, please contact CRC staff at katie.smith@occompt.com. Supporting materials, including the meeting notice, agenda and summary report may be found by visiting <https://www.occompt.com/clerk-of-the-bcc/charter-2020/meetings/>.