

DATE: July 17, 2016

TO: Charter Review Committee members

CC: Jacquie Weber, Deputy County Attorney
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FROM: Jeanna Hall

RE: **Comments/proposed changes to language for County Manager, 6.10 and 6.30**

In the event that I don't have cell service for the July 18 meeting, I would like to submit comments/proposed changes to the draft charter review changes for ADMINISTRATION and COUNTY MANAGER.

As has been noted in discussions at earlier meetings, the proposed changes approved by the Charter Review Committee greatly reduce the chair's authority by removing all of her/his functions as an Executive officer. I was among those who regretted my vote for County Manager position after further reflection and input from the County Chair and others.

One option to restore some of the Chair's authority has been suggested in the July 12 written testimony from Bill Farver. I concur with his opinion that the County Manager should report to one person rather than all commissioners. I propose that the following changes be made to the draft language under 6.10 ADMINISTRATION:

(3) County Chair shall serve as the County Executive by managing the recruitment and selection process for the County Manager position; appointment and removal of the County Manager shall be subject to consent of a majority of the board of commissioners;

(4) County Chair shall serve as direct supervisor of the County Manager.

I also propose the following change to the draft language under 6.30 COUNTY MANAGER:

The County Manager shall serve at the discretion of the County Chair; appointment and removal of the County Manager shall be subject to consent of a majority of the board of commissioners.

Please note that these proposed changes would also change the language under "committee recommendations" for the County manager.

Thank you for your consideration.