

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Having an appointed City Attorney would "politicize" the office. Appointed position holders are beholden to those who appoint them. Clearly the current Mayor and many Council members would likely prefer having an appointed City Attorney so that they could avoid hearing advice contradicting their preference from an independent legal advisor who is beholden to the voting citizens. We need to retain having an elected City Attorney. It is worrisome enough knowing that the City Attorney may give our elected officials sound legal advice but exacerbating that when council members choose to ignore that advice with no consequence even when their decision leads to avoidable costly litigation against the City is maddening. Councilmembers should incorporate sound legal advice into their policy making role recognizing that legal jeopardy can be created by uninformed policy decisions. Any revision to the City Charter must continue to incorporate an elected unilateral City Attorney office.