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The Charter Reform Commission proposed several items to improve City elections. One of those recommendations is to switch to Rank Choice Voting (RCV) with the goals of improving voter turnout, reducing negative campaigning and eliminating the need for runoff elections. Improving voter participation is essential; however, RCV should not be the sole option considered.

Approval Voting (AV) is another voting option that may be analyzed. In AV, a voter selects all the candidates they support. All the ballots are gathered and tallied, and the person selected the most times wins.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and the City Clerk, to report with an analysis of Ranked Choice Voting, Approval Voting, and any other possible voting reforms that would increase turnout and improve City elections as part of Charter reform. The analysis should include any cost associated with changing our election process and if the County will be able to administer any changes.

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