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SUBJECT: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE CHARTER REFORM COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS (C.F. 26-0489)

In response to the Chief Legislative Analyst's letter dated April 29, 2026, the Information Technology Agency (ITA) has reviewed the Proposed Charter Reform Recommendations and is submitting the following feedback on recommendations CRC 12, CRC 14, CRC 39, and CRC 42 (C.F. 26-0489).

1. **Proposed Charter Reform Recommendation:** CRC 12 - Expand the City Council to 25 single-member districts, which shall be effective in 2032 upon the adoption of the final redistricting plan

Responding Department: ITA

Administrative Impact(s): A 67% increase in the number of Councilmembers would require a corresponding increase in the number of ITA Council Support staff to support their Information Technology needs.

Fiscal Impact(s): The expansion would require sufficient funds to provide the additional technology hardware, software licenses, networking equipment, and ITA staff necessary to set up new Council offices and provide ongoing support.

Administrative or Charter Amendment Required: No changes are required to provide additional funding to support this Proposed Charter Reform recommendation. Should this recommendation be approved, appropriate IT support staffing and funding would need to be addressed as part of the City's budget development process.

Advantages/Disadvantages of Proposal(s):

- Potential Advantages of the Proposed Recommendation:
 - Improved representation and responsiveness.
 - Diverse representation.
 - Reduced power concentration.
 - Neighborhood focus.
- Potential Disadvantages of the Proposed Recommendation:
 - Increased costs and bureaucracy.
 - More fragmented and harder to manage governance.

Additional Concerns: New Council Offices require adequate IT equipment, software, and support. Without a corresponding ongoing increase in funding and Council Support position authorities, the new offices would be hindered in their ability to represent their constituents.

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2. **Proposed Charter Reform Recommendation:** CRC 14- Bifurcates the office of the City Attorney into a City Attorney and a City Prosecutor

Responding Department: ITA

Administrative Impact(s): Bifurcating the Office of the City Attorney would require additional ITA Elected Official Support staff to support the Information Technology (IT) needs of the new organization.

Fiscal Impact(s): The recommendation would require sufficient staffing and funding to provide separate City Attorney and City Prosecutor IT hardware, software licenses, secure networks, ongoing IT support, and IT security tools and configurations necessary to comply with Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) rules across federal and state laws.

Administrative or Charter Amendment Required: No changes are required to provide additional funding to support this Proposed Charter Reform recommendation. Should this recommendation be approved, appropriate IT support staffing and funding would be addressed as part of the City's budget development process.

Advantages/Disadvantages of Proposal(s):

- Potential Advantages of the Proposed Recommendation:
 - Reduced conflicts of interest.
 - Increased specialization and focus.
 - Increased accountability.
- Potential Disadvantages of the Proposed Recommendation:
 - Increased costs and redundancies.
 - Weakened cooperation

Additional Concerns: Without a sufficient increase in ongoing operational funding and Elected Official Support position authorities, ITA will not be able to assist the separate operations and attorneys involved in the recommended bifurcation of the City Attorney's Office.

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3. **Proposed Charter Reform Recommendation:** CRC 39 - Includes language throughout the Charter that strengthens language access requirements to ensure that the City adopts and maintains policies that are accessible to the languages spoken by its residents

Responding Department: ITA

Administrative Impact(s): Unknown at this time.

Fiscal Impact(s): Additional funding would be required to procure, configure, implement, and maintain the technology solutions required to comply with this recommendation.

Administrative or Charter Amendment Required: No changes are required to provide additional funding to support this Proposed Charter Reform recommendation. Should this recommendation be approved, appropriate IT support staffing and funding would be addressed as part of the City's budget development process.

Advantages/Disadvantages of Proposal(s):

- Potential Advantages of the Proposed Recommendation:
 - Improve equity for individuals with limited English proficiency.
 - Better data collection and accountability.
 - Improved community relations.
- Potential Disadvantages of the Proposed Recommendation:
 - Increased costs.
 - Logistical challenges such as managing, training, and coordinating interpreters across multiple languages.

Additional Concerns: While the recommendations are not specified, this proposal would potentially require ITA to build, configure, implement, and maintain new enterprise technology tools, such as automated website translations, multilingual interfaces, or integrated digital accessibility tools.

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4. **Proposed Charter Reform Recommendation:** CRC 42 - Requires that NCs are allowed to provide public comment via telephone or online teleconferencing at all meetings of the Council and its Committees; Requires that NCs be placed in a separate queue for public comment if a Community Impact Statement has been submitted; extends these provisions to City Boards and Commissions

Responding Department: ITA

Administrative Impact(s): Unknown at this time.

Fiscal Impact(s): Depending on the details of this proposal, additional staffing and funding may be required to implement and support the new software, hardware, and infrastructure necessary to implement a separate queue and to integrate the system with the current teleconferencing software systems.

Administrative or Charter Amendment Required: No changes are required to provide additional funding to support this Proposed Charter Reform recommendation. Should this recommendation be approved, appropriate IT support staffing and funding would be addressed as part of the City's budget development process.

Advantages/Disadvantages of Proposal(s):

- Potential Advantages of the Proposed Recommendation:
 - Increased participation.
 - Real-time engagement.
 - Better representation.
- Potential Disadvantages of the Proposed Recommendation:
 - Potential for abuse and disruption.
 - Lengthened meetings and decreased efficiency.

Additional Concerns: Without a sufficient increase in ongoing operational funding, ITA will not be able to adequately support the additional queue for Neighborhood Council comment.

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