

**MOTION**


Charter Section 409: Filling Vacancies in the Offices of Mayor, City Attorney, Controller and Member of the City Council, states that the City Council may fill a vacancy by appointing a person to hold the office for the remaining part of the unexpired term or call for a special election to fill the seat.

The Charter Reform Commission has made recommendations I proposed in CF: 24-0579 to ensure that Council must call for a special election if a vacancy happens with more than 1 year remaining on a Term. However, there are still concerns around caretaker and voting appointees. We must ensure that Council is not giving an individual an advantage when the need for a temporary placeholder is needed.

Currently, the City has restrictions on when an appointed Ethics Commission and the Executive Director of the Ethics Commission can run for office. They must wait 5 years from when their term ends. It is reasonable to have the same requirement for anyone that has been appointed to an open seat prior to an election.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present the documents necessary to place on the November 2026 ballot a measure that would amend the Charter to prohibit an appointed caretaker and appointee of a vacant Council office from seeking election to their appointed Council District for five years.

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