

**Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: December 10, 2013 **Agenda Date Requested:** December 19, 2013
Time Requested: 1 hour

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: City Manager

Subject Title: For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to direct the City Manager and Clerk-Recorder to bring a resolution before the Board for the placement of an advisory ballot question, including the explanation of the question, a digest that is a concise and clear summary of the question and a description of the anticipated financial effect on the local government on ward voting for Carson City Supervisors. (*Alan Glover and Larry Werner*).

Staff Summary: On August 16, 2012, the Board of Supervisors moved to adopt a recommendation from the Charter Review Committee to provide for a City ballot question whether the Carson City Charter, Section 2.010, Board of Supervisors; Qualifications; Election; Term of Office; Section 5.010, Primary Elections; and Section 5.020, General Election; should be amended to provide for ward only voting in the primary with the top two winners in each ward advancing to the general election to be voting upon by all Carson City voters, at-large voting, in the general election to determine a single winner for each ward; this ballot question will be in the general election 2014.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

Resolution Ordinance
 Formal Action/Motion Other (No Action)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: I move to direct the question's general language and direct the City Manager and Clerk-Recorder to bring a resolution before the Board for placement of an advisory ballot question, including the explanation of the question, a digest of the question, a description of the anticipated financial effect, on the November 2014 General Election Ballot whether amendments to the Carson City Charter Section 2.010, Board of Supervisors; Qualifications; Election; Term of Office; Section 5.010, Primary Election; and Section 5.020, General Election; should be amended to provide for ward only voting in the primary with the top two winners in each ward advancing to the general election to be voted upon by all Carson City voters, at-large voting , in the general election to determine a single winner for each ward.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: See Staff Summary and Minutes from Board or Supervisors' August 16, 2012 joint meeting with the Carson City Charter Review Committee.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: NRS 295.230

Fiscal Impact: None from this action.

Supporting Material: Minutes from August 16, 2012 Board of Supervisors meeting

Prepared By: Alan Glover, Clerk-Recorder and Lawrence Werner, City Manager

Reviewed By:

for Raithleen King, Deputy
(Clerk-Recorder) ALAN GLOVER

Date: 12.10.13

[Signature]
(City Manager)

Date: 12/10/13

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(District Attorney)

Date: 12/10/13

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(Finance Director)

Date: 12/10/13

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1) _____ Aye/Nay
2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)

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26(C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO ADOPT A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE FOR A CITY BALLOT QUESTION, WHETHER CARSON CITY CHARTER, SECTION 2.010, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; QUALIFICATIONS; ELECTION; TERM OF CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE, SECTION 5.010, PRIMARY ELECTION, AND SECTION 5.020, GENERAL ELECTION, SHOULD BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR WARD-ONLY VOTING IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION, WITH THE TOP TWO WINNERS IN EACH WARD ADVANCING TO THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE VOTED ON BY ALL CITY VOTERS (AT-LARGE VOTING) IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TO DETERMINE A SINGLE WINNER IN EACH WARD (3:06:32) -

Mayor Crowell introduced this item and, at his request, Chairperson DePauw provided background information on the committee's review and recommendation. Chairperson DePauw advised that upon further consideration, given the opportunity, she would rescind her vote. She responded to questions of clarification regarding the committee's discussion of this matter and the subject recommendation.

Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (3:11:35) Andrea Engelman advised of having invited Don Carlson to attend this meeting. She discussed the mechanism of the recommendation for election by ward in the primary. Supervisor Aldean advised of having researched her extensive collection of Charter Review Committee materials, and provided an overview of the presentation made to the committee at its June 25th meeting. Ms. Engelman advised of a bill, presented by Sheila Leslie at the last legislative session, to require ward voting in every city. She suggested adopting a ballot question, as recommended by the committee, will demonstrate the City's initiative to the legislature. Discussion took place regarding the committee's recommendation and, in response to a question, Mr. Glover discussed the costs associated with ward voting. In response to a further question, he explained that wards and school districts are established based on population. Additional discussion followed.

In response to a question, Ms. Engelman reiterated the recommendation for a ballot question. Mayor Crowell expressed the opinion that minorities are evenly distributed throughout the

community. Mr. Glover acknowledged that a fiscal note would be developed in conjunction with a ballot question. After having participated in five elections, Supervisor McKenna expressed a preference for citywide elections.

In response to a question, Ms. Engelman provided background information on the mechanism of Sheila Leslie's bill. Mr. Munn pointed out that the subject discussion proposed to bring about a future ballot question, and that the future Board will not be bound by this Board's action. Discussion followed.

Mayor Crowell entertained a motion. **Supervisor McKenna moved to adopt a recommendation from the Charter Review Committee to provide for a City ballot question where the Carson City Charter, Section 2.010, Board of Supervisors; Qualifications; Election; Term of Office; Section 5.010, Primary Election; and Section 5.020, General Election; should be amended to provide for ward only voting in the primary with the top two winners in each ward advancing to the general election to be voted upon by all Carson City voters, at-large voting, in the general election to determine a single winner for each ward; this ballot question will be in the general election 2014. Supervisor Aldean seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**