

Charter Project “Levels”

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Level One

Changes in form and appearance that are not substantive. Includes corrections, rewording for clarity, reorganization, elimination of redundancies, consistency of cross-references and numbering, consolidation of sections, elimination of headings for previously deleted sections, rewording of headings to better reflect content, addition of subheadings, defined terms, and other Charter-wide conventions to improve comprehension and usability.

Level Two

Rewordings, deletions and additions intended to add clarity, fill gaps, eliminate ambiguities, replace outdated (no longer used) practices with current “best” practices, and provide consistency with state law. Some changes are “substantive” but are not thought to be that significant or made in sensitive areas so as to warrant consideration as possible separate ballot measures.

Note: Both Level One and Level Two Changes will be recommended to be combined in one ballot measure

Level Three

Changes to policies or procedures that may be considered “best practices” or are otherwise viewed as desirable, and that the CRC recommends, but either involve political sensitivity, or are of such independent significance, that they may justify consideration as separate ballot measures.

Note: Ideally, Level Three changes would be combined with Level One and Level Two Changes, but some or all may warrant separate consideration

Level Four

Possible changes to the Charter that are either too complicated or too significant to have been fully analyzed or appropriate for consideration as part of this Charter update project, but are worthy of further study and consideration in the future.

Note: An example of this might be “ranked-choice” voting.