

City of Santa Clara

Charter Review Ad Hoc Subcommittee
Group One

**Powers & Structure of City
Government: Rules/Process for
Action**

April 9, 2026 6:00 p.m., Sparacino
Conference Room



**City of
Santa Clara**
The Center of What's Possible

Proposed Meeting Agenda

- Recap/Update on Progress
- Review Proposed New Language
- Next Steps



Recap/Update

- Three Subcommittee Meetings
 - November 14, 2025 Subcommittee Meeting
 - December 15, 2025 Subcommittee Meeting
 - January 14, 2026 Subcommittee Meeting



Recap/Update (cont'd)

- Issues discussed have included:
 - Thirty-day residency requirement; no substantive change needed, but refer to Clerk for administration (current City Clerk proposal is to add an explicit candidate residency certification form and discontinue the “un-official” proof of residency policy requirement to align with current standard practices
 - Consolidation of Articles I through V, certain Elected Official Sections, and Meeting Process Sections
 - Overall Charter “reorganization” proposal, Charter “levels” and proposed Charter “conventions” (definitions, subheadings, matrix of history/references, etc.)

Recap/Update (cont'd)

- April 7 Report to Council on Charter Project Progress
 - Ad hoc Subcommittee Formation
 - Consideration and approval of Civil Service language for submittal to potentially impacted labor groups
 - Conceptual approval of description of “levels” in which to categorize proposed Charter changes
 - Conceptual approval of proposed reorganization
 - Expected schedule for Council consideration

Review of latest versions of draft language

- Consolidation of Articles I through V into one Article entitled “Essential Terms”
- Update and Add to Essential Terms Sections
- Initial Update of the “Elective Officers” Sections



Next Steps

- Calendar and set agenda for next Subcommittee meeting
- Proposed agenda to include CAO's proposed revisions for all Group One Sections
- Confirm report out responsibilities for April 15, 2026 CRC meeting

