3. CRAC Recommendations for Grouping Charter Amendments

Staff Discussion Report, Page 373, Second Paragraph

Staff is not in concurrence with the CRAC related to these recommendations. Staff recommends forwarding all of the proposed charter amendments as a single ballot measure. Addressing all of the amendments together allows the public to consider charter reform comprehensively and fosters a robust and balanced debate for all of the considered amendments.

The above statement is spurious*.

Each of the amendments addresses a different aspect and need for change in the Charter.

Any debate will not be robust or balanced for all the considered amendments.

Placing all amendments together increases the chances for all to fail due to a single issue vote.

A voter opposed to changing the City Manager spending amount will vote no even though they may support the other amendments.

There will be voters who will vote to keep Article XVI in the Charter even though the Fire Department has come to an agreement on deleting this article from the Charter.

In addition, placing multiple measures on the ballot is cost prohibitive. Each potential ballot measure is estimated to cost $75,000, resulting in a dramatic increase in costs for multiple measures.

Again both of those sentences are spurious*.

Staff Discussion Report, Page 379

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

While the cost for including ballot measures in general elections is far less than the recent special election, the financial investment is significant. The estimated cost is $75,000 for each ballot measure included. Staff will budget $75,000 for fiscal year 2014-15 in the Elections account in the Non-Departmental budget 016-0131-510. If the City Council determines that the Charter amendments should be packaged in more than one ballot measure, this will increase the estimated cost accordingly.

For instance, if Council adopts the recommendation of the CRAC to place three distinct measures on the ballot, the cost is estimated to be $225,000.

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Compared to the overall City Budgets, two or three measures will not be a “dramatic increase” in costs. Especially considering the time, effort and money expended to date and the potential for one amendment to take all the entire measure down in defeat. Then nothing is accomplished, nothing in the Charter is changed. Considering $225,000 as a “dramatic increase” is gagging on gnats.

Likewise, if competing amendments are placed on the ballot in an effort to offer the public distinct options in amending the Charter, the cost of the ballot measure will also increase significantly.

I am not aware of any Charter amendment initiatives having been circulated or qualified and there is not time for competing amendments to make the ballot. This sentence is totally non-meaningful to the discussion.

* Spurious: Not genuine, sincere, or authentic. Based on false ideas or bad reasoning.