



El Dorado County Charter Review Committee

Summary of Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

February 6, 2018

Regarding the 2015-16 Grand Jury report Case 15-04 Recommendation **R1** the Charter Review Committee agreed with the Grand Jury recommendation to amend Charter section 202. *Term of Offices* (of members of the Board of Supervisors) as follows:

Grand Jury Finding

F1. Term limits for county supervisors should be removed from the charter.

Grand Jury Recommendation

R1. The grand jury recommends amending section 202 of the charter:

~~The term of office of supervisor is four years. Board members shall be limited to two consecutive terms. No person elected supervisor may serve as such for more than two successive four year terms. Any person elected to the office of supervisor to complete in excess of two years of a four year term shall be deemed, for the purpose of this section, to have served one full term upon the expiration of that term. No person having served two successive four year terms may serve as a supervisor until at least four years after the expiration of the second successive term in office. Any supervisor who resigns with less than two full years remaining until the expiration of the term shall be deemed, for the purpose of this section, to have served a full four year term. The above shall not disqualify any person from running for election to the Board of Supervisors for any term or terms which are not successive. The term of office commences at noon on the first Monday after the January 1st succeeding their election.~~

The supervisor for each of the First, Second and Third Districts shall be elected in ~~1996~~even numbered years when Presidential elections occur. The supervisor for each of the Fourth and Fifth Districts shall be elected in ~~1994~~even numbered years when Presidential elections do not occur.

Reference Charter Review Committee meeting of September 14, 2017, Item 2, File 17-0836.

Regarding the 2015-16 Grand Jury report Case 15-04 Recommendation **R4** the Charter Review Committee agreed with the Grand Jury recommendation to amend Charter section 204. *Compensation* (of members of the Board of Supervisors) as follows. The Charter Review Committee voted to include the term “automatic” as shown in red below which was not part of the Grand Jury’s recommendation:

Grand Jury Finding

F4. The charter should mandate that the supervisor compensation ordinance explicitly declare the salary, benefits and other compensation for the board of supervisors and should not contain any obscure future increases that are tied to the salaries and benefits of other officials, especially officials whose salaries are set by the board.

Grand Jury Recommendation

R4. The grand jury recommends amending section 204 of the charter:

204. Compensation

Compensation of supervisors shall be fixed by ordinance. Salary, benefits and any other compensation must be clearly set forth within the ordinance and not be subject to automatic future change by changes to other officials’ salaries or benefits over which the board of supervisors has any influence.

Reference Charter Review Committee meeting of September 14, 2017, Item 3, File 17-0839.

Regarding the 2015-16 Grand Jury report Case 15-04 Recommendation **R6** the Charter Review Committee agreed with the Grand Jury recommendation to amend Charter section 304. *Duties* (of the Chief Administrative Officer) as follows:

Grand Jury Finding

F6. The charter does not require the Chief Administrative Officer to adhere to state law.

Grand Jury Recommendation

R6. The grand jury recommends amending section 304 of the charter:

304. Duties

The Chief Administrative Officer shall be responsible to the Board of Supervisors for the proper and efficient administration of such of the affairs of the county as are or hereafter may be placed in the charge of the Chief Administrative Officer, or under the jurisdiction or control of the Chief Administrative Officer, pursuant to the provisions of state law, this Charter, or of any ordinance, resolution or order of the Board of Supervisors. In addition to other powers and duties herein provided, the Chief Administrative Officer shall have the duty and power to:

The remainder of Section 304 remains unchanged

Reference Charter Review Committee meeting of September 14, 2017, Item 4, File 17-0842.

Additional recommendations:

- 1) The Committee addressed Charter Section 402. *Elected Department Heads* pursuant to direction provided by the Board of Supervisors on October 10, 2017. The Committee recommended the Board consider making “all non-constitutional department heads appointed” (vs. elected).

Reference Charter Review Committee meeting of December 18, 2017, Item 3, File 17-1205.

- 2) The Committee addressed Charter Section 502.1 *Classified and Unclassified Employees* pursuant to direction provided by the Board of Supervisors on October 10, 2017. The Committee reviewed the CAO’s Staff Memo provided to the Board at their meeting of October 10, 2017. The committee supported the CAO’s recommendation for the Board to consider proposed modifications to this section of the Charter. The CAO’s memo is attached to this agenda item for reference purposes.

Reference Charter Review Committee meeting of January 8, 2018, Item 2, File 17-1204

The 2017-18 Charter Review Committee held 10 meetings between June 26, 2017 and January 8, 2018 and determined the recommendations shown on above. This agenda item is for information purposes only and does not constitute formal recommendations for Board approval. County Counsel and other county staff as may be needed, have begun the process of evaluating the Charter Review Committee's recommendations and will prepare necessary documentation for official Board consideration at a future meeting.