

City of Tacoma

TO: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager

FROM: Doris Sorum, City Clerk, City Attorney's Office

COPY: City Council and City Clerk

SUBJECT: Resolution – Appointing individuals to the 2014 Charter Review Committee – January 7, 2014

DATE: December 19, 2013

SUMMARY:

A Resolution appointing the following individuals to the 2014 Charter Review Committee to serve until such time as the final reports and recommendations are made on or about May 6, 2014, at which time said Committee will be dissolved without further action of the City Council:

Bill Baarsma, Chair

Theresa Baker

Gary Brackett

Mabel Edmonds

Tim Farrell

Eric Hahn

Charles Horne

Justin Leighton

Mark Martinez

James Merritt

John Messina

Kenneth Miller

Patricia Talton

Catherine Ushka

Justin Van Dyk

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Strickland and Council Members Campbell, Lonergan, and Thoms.

BACKGROUND:

The existing City Charter was adopted in 1953. Pursuant to Section 2.25 of the City Charter, the City Council shall commence a comprehensive review of the City Charter no less frequently than once every ten years, by appointing citizens to a Charter Review Committee, or by the election of a board of freeholders in a manner provided in state law. The last review commenced in 2004.

ISSUE:

Resolution 38773, adopted by the City Council on November 12, 2013, requires the appointment of 15 individuals to the 2014 Charter Review Committee.

ALTERNATIVES:

If individuals are not appointed to the 2014 Charter Review Committee, the City is in violation of the City Charter.

RECOMMENDATION:

Appointing the individuals listed above to the 2014 Charter Review Committee to serve until such time as the final reports and recommendations are made on or about May 6, 2014, at which time said Committee will be dissolved without further action of the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.