

AGENDA
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 18, 2015
8:00 a.m.
Council Office Building
6th Floor Conference Room

I. Any preliminary matters:

II. Issues for CRC action:

- (a) Consider and vote on CRC proposed Charter amendment language for County Executive vacancies, as follows (new language is in *italics*):

Sec. 205. Vacancy.

A vacancy in the office of County Executive shall exist upon the death, resignation, disqualification, or removal of the County Executive. *Unless the Council has provided by law for filling a vacancy by special election, the following process for filling a vacancy shall apply.* When a vacancy has occurred, the Council, by a vote of not less than five members, shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy within forty-five days of the vacancy.

- (b) Vote to select the date and place of a CRC public hearing on proposed amendment to the Charter for County Executive vacancies and any other Charter amendment proposals.

Staff has suggested the following possible dates and place:

Dates: Monday (1/11 or 1/25) or Wednesday (1/13 or 1/20);
Beginning at 7:00 pm or 7:30pm;
Location: Council's 7th floor hearing room

III. Possible discussion of term limits:

here is a petition drive to put the issue of term limits for the County Executive and County Councilmembers on the ballot in 2016 – see <http://www.bethesdamagazine.com/Bethesda-Beat/2015/Activist-Again-Pushing-Ballot-Question-to-Impose-Term-Limits-on-County-Elected-Officials/>.

Background information on term limits, pro and con, can be found at:

<https://www.termlimits.org/>;
<http://politics.as.nyu.edu/docs/IO/4819/egan.municipal.termlimits.2010.pdf>; and
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Term_limits_in_the_United_States