AGENDA

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 5, 2016
8:00 a.m.
Council Office Building
5th Floor Conference Room

I. Administrative items:

(a) Approval of agenda:

(b) Approval of minutes from September 14 meeting

(c) Reminder of important upcoming dates:
   Remaining 2016 meetings:  November 9, 2016
   December 14, 2016

II. Comments by any members of the public about anything within the jurisdiction of the CRC:

III. Discussion and vote on staff prepared draft CRC response to the County Council concerning the CRC’s position on the proposed Charter amendment imposing term limits:

Staff prepared, and on September 16, circulated, the following proposed response to the County Council from the CRC regarding Councilmembers’ request for the CRC’s views on the proposed term limit amendment to the Charter:

Dear County Council President Floreen:

On June 21, Councilmembers requested that the Charter Review Commission provide its opinion and recommendations on the proposed Charter amendment that would impose term limits on Councilmembers and the County Executive. Since the question of whether to approve this amendment will be on the ballot and decided on by the voters in November, we believe that the Commission taking a formal position would not be appropriate at this time. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the CRC. We hope to provide you with useful information and recommendations about other issues concerning the County Charter during the remainder of our term.

IV. Review of membership in Research Groups:

CRC Chair Paul Bessel prepared a brief memorandum (attached) describing three research groups that could research specific Charter-related issues. Membership in these
research groups will be clearly established at this meeting, so that the CRC may through them engage in longer term research on Charter issues for the purpose of formulating recommendations to be included in its 2018 Report to the County Council. “Reports from Research Groups” will be a standing agenda item to allow the groups to brief the full CRC on issues that they are researching.

V. Reports from Research Groups:

a) Financial

b) Government Structure

c) Personnel

VI. Other business:

VII. Adjourn.