

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, October 5, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.**  
**5th Floor Conference Room**  
**Council Office Building**

**Commission Members Present:**

Paul Bessel, Chair  
Sharon Freeman  
Larry Lauer  
Timothy Lighter  
Angela Rey  
Aryeh Shudofsky  
Jonelle Williams  
Ed Wisneski

**Staff:**

Ed Lattner, Office of the County Attorney  
Marie Jean-Paul, County Council  
Josh Hamlin, County Council

**Guest:**

Barbara Braswell

**Commission Members Absent:**

Wendy Cohen  
Joshua Lipsky  
Randy McDonald

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Commission Chair Paul M. Bessel called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**I. Administrative matters**

- The agenda was adopted without objection.
- The minutes for the September 14, 2016 meeting were approved without objection.

**II. Comments by any members of the public about the proposed Charter amendment imposing term limits**

None.

**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**

The CRC voted 7-1 to approve the draft response to Council, amended to read as follows:

*In the June 21, 2016 meeting of the County Council, Councilmembers requested that the Charter Review Commission provide its opinion 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.*

*We hope to provide you with useful information and recommendations about other issues concerning the County Charter during the remainder of our term.*

*Thank you for your continued support.*

#### **IV. Review of membership in Research Groups**

Membership in research groups formed to study issue areas of the Charter and Charter material was discussed. Membership in the groups is as follows:

- Financial: Paul M. Bessel, Wendy Cohen, Angela Rey, Aryeh Shudofsky, Ed Wisneski
- Government Structure: Paul M. Bessel, Wendy Cohen, Sharon Freeman, Larry Lauer, Timothy Lighter, Jonelle Williams
- Personnel: Aryeh Shudofsky

#### **V. Reports from Research Groups**

#### **VI. Other Business**

The possibility of a holiday get-together was discussed – possible dates will be circulated.

#### **VII. Next meeting**

- The next CRC meeting is November 9, 2016 at 8:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.