

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, January 9, 2013**  
**6th Floor Conference Room**  
**Council Office Building**

**Commission Members Present:**

Molly Mahoney Matthews, Chair  
Mark Feinroth, Vice-Chair  
Cherri Branson  
Jerry Cave  
Barry Cohen  
Wendell Holloway  
Guled Kassim  
Thomas King  
Albert Pearce  
Shawn Sullivan (via phone)

**Staff:**

Justina Ferber, County Council Staff  
Marc Hansen, County Attorney  
Marie Jean-Paul, County Council Staff  
Amanda Mihill, County Council Staff

**Commission Members Absent**

Diane Nash Dillon

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Commission Chair Molly Mahoney Matthews called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**I. Open Discussion of Issues**

Diversity on the Commission

Commission member Jerry Cave presented his proposal to increase geographic diversity on the Commission. A copy of Mr. Cave's proposal will be attached to these minutes. Commission members agreed that geographic diversity on the Commission is a worthy goal, but were concerned about the practical effects of Commission election districts. The Commission agreed to form a subcommittee to review this issue, including Charter §509, which establishes the Commission. Subcommittee members include Cherri Branson, Jerry Cave, and Mark Feinroth. Commission members asked Mr. Cave to speak with the County staff responsible for the appointments process, Connie Latham and Linda Lauer.

Safety in Schools

Mr. Cave asked the Commission to discuss safety in schools at the next Commission meeting. Commissioners agreed, but requested that Mr. Cave ensure that the discussion remains Charter-related.

## Council President Term

Commission members discussed revisiting the issue of whether the Council President should be popularly elected and whether the term should be more than 1 year. Commission members requested that staff contact Councilmember to get their input on this issue.

## **II. Administrative Items**

The Commission approved the minutes of the November meeting. Motion made by Barry Cohen and seconded by Cherri Branson. The minutes were approved unanimously among those present.

Commission members requested that staff invite the Council President to a future Commission meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.