



**2012 Charter Revision Committee Meeting
The Lord's Church of Austin
January 19, 2012
Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Gonzalo Barrientos. A quorum was present (*Committee members Butts and Vale absent*).

1. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 5, 2012 MEETING

Motion by Rigsby, second by Siff. Motion passed on a vote of 13-0.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Members of the public signed up to speak on this item were Ashwin Ghatalia and Sumit Dasgupta. See item continuation below.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation by Steve Bickerstaff regarding independent redistricting commissions
Commission member Fred Lewis introduced guest speaker Steve Bickerstaff. Mr. Bickerstaff spoke on agenda item 3A, recommending that if the committee proposes any form of districts, it couple that recommendation with an independent commission not chosen by the governing body to draw boundaries. Discussed examples in San Diego, State of California, and State of Arizona. See item continuation below.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The Chair returned to this item to take speakers. Members of the public signed up to speak on this item were David Orshalick, Channy Soeyr, James Shieh, and Schiller Liao. William Jang signed up but did not speak.

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The Chair returned to this item to take speakers. Members of the public signed up to speak on this item were Stefanie Collins, Anita Privett, Debbie Russell, Peck Young, and John Lawler.

B. Presentation by the Charter Amendment Working Group regarding final proposed recommendations to Council (Vice Chair Kitchen, Siff, Moffat, Lewis, Menicucci)
Motion by Kitchen to amend charter to reflect that ex-officio members of Planning Commission are non-voting members whose attendance does not count for quorum, second by Siff. Motion passed on a vote of 13-0.

Motion by Kitchen to revise bundler form to provide additional information, second by Siff. Motion passed on a vote of 13-0. Member of the public signed up to speak on this item was Ken Martin.

Motion by Kitchen to limit amount that a registered City lobbyist can bundle, to a maximum of \$1,750 per council candidate per election cycle (5 contributors at current maximum amount), and limit the amount registered firms can bundle, to a maximum of \$3,500 per council candidate per election cycle (10 contributors at current maximum amount); second by Siff. Motion passed on a vote of 12-1 (*Menicucci voting nay*).

- C. Discuss process for reaching consensus in preparation for February 2, 2012 vote on Council district format.

Members discussed process and agenda items for next meeting.

4. HOUSEKEEPING MATTERS

Working group will return with a recommendation regarding the independent redistricting commission suggestion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Moffat to adjourn; motion passed.