CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Who was on the Charter Review Commission?

- Betsy Greenberg
- Alejandro Garcia Limon
- Megan Lasch
- Brian McGiverin
- Michael Cowles

- Randy Ortega
- JC Dwyer
- Cynthia Van Maanen
- Julio Gonzalez Altamirano
- Ryan Botkin
- Jessica Palvino

What was the CRC asked to do?

- Durable signature threshold

- November elections for citizen-initiated changes to City Charter

- Transparent petition-filing process with notice of intent and ethical guidelines

- Alternative proposition lettering system

- Clarification of election outcome with conflicting ballot measures

How did the Charter Review Commission go about its work?

2024 CRC

- 13 meetings
- 2 open houses
- 1 public survey
- Speak Up Austin

Outreach Working Group

Petition Process Working Group

Recall Petition Working Group

Initiative / Charter / Referendum Mechanics Working Group

City Attorney Working Group

What recommendations are included in the CRC final report?

Charter Review Commission Recommendations & Vote Outcomes		
Recommendation No.	Description	Vote
1	Alphabetic Rotation for Proposition Lettering	8-0
2	3.5% Signature Threshold for Petitions	6-5
3	Signature, Form, and Notice of Intent for Petitions	10-0
4	Citizen-Initiated Petitions on Municipal General Election Dates	8-1
5	Conflicting Ballot Initiatives	10-0
6	Disclosure and Contribution Limits for Recall Petitions	10-0
7	Recall Signature Thresholds	8-2
8	Ratification of City Attorney Appointment/Removal	8-0
9	Designated Assistant City Attorney	8-2

Key Points

- Some recommendations may not require an amendment to the City Charter; alternative implementation options highlighted.

- Durable signature threshold was the most debated recommendation.

Questions?