

A photograph of a diverse group of people at what appears to be a community meeting or public hearing. In the foreground, a Black man with a beard, wearing a red beanie and glasses, is looking down at a small object in his hands. Behind him, a woman with long brown hair is smiling. Further back, a man in a green jacket and a woman in a blue jacket are visible. The background features several American flags. The text "CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION" is overlaid in large, white, bold letters with a blue outline. The entire image is framed by a blue border with yellow and red geometric shapes in the corners.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

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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?