SUBJECT: Charter Review Committee Appointments

DISCUSSION
Per Council action on November 9, 2010, the Charter Review Committee was created to review whether to amend the City Charter to change to a directly-elected Mayor, propose Charter language if the City Council decides to place a Charter amendment for a directly-elected Mayor on the 2011 ballot, and to review and make a recommendation on the Charter provisions on Council compensation. The Charter Review Committee is intended to be comprised of eleven members. The Charter Review Committee will meet as needed during the next several months and is expected to complete its task by the end of April 2011.

Due to a shortage of applications received by the initial December 7, 2010 deadline, Council extended the time period to receive applications for the Charter Review Committee so the appointments could be made January 25, 2011. The Office of the City Clerk received eleven applications from the following individuals:

Terry R. Fowler  
Glenn K. Hendricks  
Patrick E. Hughes  
Carol Ludlow  
Tappan G. Merrick  
Julia E. Miller  
Ken Olevson  
Mathieu Pham  
Ted Ringel  
Willis (Bill) Ritter  
Carol Weiss

EXISTING POLICY
Per Council action on November 9, 2010, the Charter Review Committee appointment process will follow the boards and commissions appointment process:

Council Policy 7.2.19 Boards and Commissions outlines the appointment process, as follows: Council will vote on each applicant. The candidate receiving the most affirmative votes and at least four affirmative votes will be appointed.
Should no candidate receive at least four affirmative votes, the vacancy will remain. Should a tie between the candidates receiving the most affirmative votes occur, the affected applicants will be voted on again. If a tie still remains, and the affected applicants each have received at least four affirmative votes, the Mayor would ask the City Attorney to draw the name of the person to be appointed.

PUBLIC CONTACT
Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City’s Web site.

ALTERNATIVES
1. Consider selecting and appointing members to serve on the Charter Review Committee from the candidates listed in this report.
2. Other action as directed by Council.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends Alternative 1: Consider selecting and appointing members to serve on the Charter Review Committee from the candidates listed in this report.

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