

# Charter Review Advisory Committee on 2022-10-05 7:00 PM - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

Meeting Time: 10-05-22 19:00

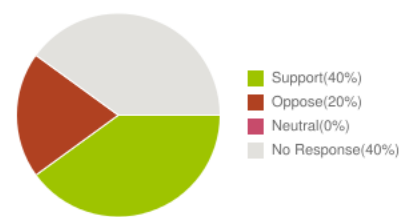
## eComments Report

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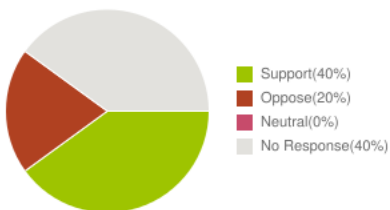
Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
H.1. 22-4922 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public	2	1	1	0
I.1. 22-4927 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ARTICLE XI, SECTION 11.2, CITY ATTORNEY	2	1	0	0
I.2. 22-4925 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES RELATED TO CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES:	1	0	0	0

1. ARTICLE XX, SECTION 20.1, APPROVAL OF DEMANDS
2. ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 8.3 (C), MAYOR, PRESIDING ON CONTRACT SIGNATURES
3. ARTICLE XIX, GENERAL PROVISIONS, FOCUSING ON THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:
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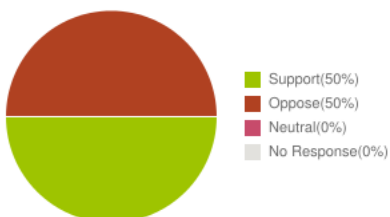
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### **Agenda Item: eComments for H.1. 22-4922 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public**

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**Lisa Youngworth**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:39pm 10-05-22

The Charter Review committee has had many discussions on the pros and cons of an Elected City Attorney versus one that is hired or appointed.

Over the past decade alone issues the city attorney's office must deal with have grown more complex due to a myriad of new laws. The net result of this complexity has required outsourcing most cases to experts specialized in areas of law beyond the skill set of our current city attorney.

The city council should therefore be presented with a recommendation to discuss a charter change amendment for the City Attorney position to be appointed not elected.

I also wish to see the committee recommend to the city council the changes requested by the city manager with regard to contract limits, and applying gender neutral changes to the charter.

The public needs to be able to weigh in on these changes on the next local ballot in March 2023. My understanding is the committee needs to submit these recommendations to the council this month.

I urge you to please do this without delay.

**Mark Nelson**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:55pm 10-05-22

The City Charter should be amended to prohibit Beach Cities Health District from spending any funding on non-residents of the 3 beach cities. Currently BCHD is planning on servicing 80-95% non-residents at its "wealthy" living campus.

<https://www.stopbchd.com/post/wealthy-living-campus-3-stupid-mistakes-of-the-bchd-ceo-and-board>

The following demonstrates BCHD's waste of funding on non-residents with full text at the link above:

Wealthy Living Campus: 3 Stupid Mistakes of the BCHD CEO and Board

Notice, we don't say ONLY 3 or THE 3 STUPID MISTAKES. Just 3. There are probably hundreds more to be covered.

#1 - Leasing 3 acres to a Private Developer/Owner/Operator for 95 Years for only \$1,500,000 per year.

The site that BCHD now sits on was condemned by the South Bay Hospital District for the benefit of the "residents who reside" in the District. Leasing one-third of the site to a private, for-profit, developer/owner/operator deprives the residents of the District of the land's benefits for FOUR GENERATIONS! BCHD is making an intergenerational theft of benefits.

#2 - Agreeing to lease back 30,000 sqft of the Private Developer/Owner/Operator's building for \$1,571,698 per year - thereby LOCKING IN a NET LOSS.

BCHD leased about 10% of the building space for 20 years for: 1) BCHD Community Service Office Space, 2) "allcove" (91% non-resident services) and 3) PACE (95% non-resident services). It is unimaginable that the District needs such expensive new space for worker space, or for 90%+ non-residents. This terrible deal by BCHD guarantees that "residents who reside" in the District are both denied use of the land, and also denied any

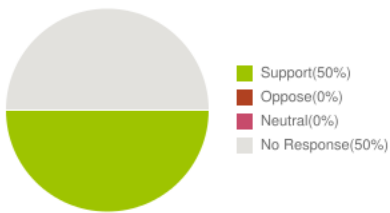
net payments for 65-95 years of the lease.

### #3 - Developing a Campus for the Benefit of 80-95% NON-RESIDENTS of the 3 Beach Cities that Formed, Funded, and Continue to Fund BCHD

Phase 1 of the campus, the roughly 300,000 sqft and 107-foot, 6-inch tall building that BCHD self-approved in the EIR is almost exclusively for the use of non-residents. The assisted living that is owned and operated by the private developer is 80% non-residents according to BCHD's consultant MDS.

Agenda Item: eComments for I.1. 22-4927 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ARTICLE XI, SECTION 11.2, CITY ATTORNEY

#### Overall Sentiment



#### Lezlie Campeggi

Location:

Submitted At: 7:11pm 10-05-22

Consistent with my eComment at your last meeting, I believe the position of City Attorney, elected versus for hire, should be on a ballot. Much discussion has taken place with this Committee suggesting more is warranted at the City Council level. We've had one City Attorney for almost 3 decades. It will be challenging to replace the intellectual property that rests with his depth of experience. Much has changed legislatively in those 28 years, with more on the horizon as California is moving at a rapid pace to strip cities of local control, even Charter cities like ours. The necessity for "specialty law" is greater than ever before, more demanding given the complexities of "projects" within our borders. These "changing of the times" facts necessitating expanded legal expertise should be articulated to voters, allowing us to decide whether or not the City Attorney position should change from an elected position to something else. And remember, that "something else" could include a different voting structure such as a 4 -2 vote, including the Mayor position, as part of a "for hire" option.

Redondo Beach voters deserve to analyze all options available for this valuable and complex position to best represent us in the changing and challenging times ahead. We've been fortunate to rely on ONE City Attorney at the helm for decades, but might need to cast a wider net than Redondo Beach to find another (or firm of attorneys) of such high and knowledgeable caliber. Please make a recommendation to the City Council to place this item on the March 2023 ballot. Thanks to each of you for your research, thoughtfulness, dedication to this process, and participation in dissecting our Charter for copious review.

#### Lisa Youngworth

Location:

Submitted At: 7:07pm 10-05-22

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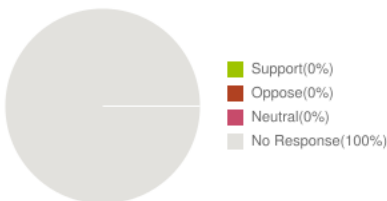
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**Agenda Item: eComments for I.2. 22-4925 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES RELATED TO CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES:**

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**Overall Sentiment**



**Lezlie Campeggi**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:16pm 10-05-22

The City would be best served adopting as many of the Best Practices recommended by the (several years old now) Moss Adams report related to contracts and purchases, contract signatures, bid limits, municipal purchases and overall management of City contracts. It's time to address deficiencies highlighted in that detailed Moss Adams Report to run the City at optimal levels by making the necessary changes to achieve those best practices.

City Manager Mike Witzansky explained it well tonight that ideal objectives and outcomes need to be incorporated into a re-indexed criteria. Committee Member Pinzler stating the establishment of a higher Council or different

voting threshold for these, such as 4/5 of the Council, also mentioned by Committee Member Solomon, would satisfy our needs, allow for necessary changes, and protect the City from “issuing a blank check” as mentioned by City Attorney Webb.

Language changes to support gender neutrality should also be incorporated within the City Charter as we respect, embrace and foster a beach culture of true inclusivity. Please move forward in the process to provide these recommendations to the City Council.

I'd like to also express my dismay at hearing a member of this Charter Review Committee interjecting their personal opinion related to their perception of one City Council Member's opinion being discounted during the first item discussed tonight. There is no place in the purview of this important and serious Committee to interject a subjective perspective not related to this task at hand, which is to thoroughly review specific aspects of our City Charter, discuss and debate the merits of each, and vote for a recommendation. Thank you for your hard work.