

**RESOLUTION NO. 070497**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A 2010 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE TO MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CHARTER.**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo County Charter section 801 provides that the Board of Supervisors shall convene a Charter review committee within eight years of the last complete Charter review and that said committee shall review the Charter and, after public hearings, make appropriate recommendations for amendment or revision to the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the last Charter review committee convened by this Board was in 2002, and this Board has determined that a committee should be convened to review the Charter in 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires that any recommendation of the Charter review committee to amend the Charter be received by June 30, 2010 in order to allow the Board adequate time to consider the recommendations and to further consider whether to place any amendments to the Charter on the November 3, 2010 election ballot:

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED AS  
FOLLOWS:**

1. A 2010 Charter Review Committee of 17 members is hereby established, the membership of which shall be selected as follows: (1) each member of the Board

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shall appoint two residents from his or her Supervisorial District; and (2) one person shall be designated by each of the following seven organizations for appointment to the Committee by the Board of Supervisors: the Council of Cities, County School Boards Association, League of Women Voters, Central Labor Council, SamCEDA, Sustainable San Mateo County, and Youth Commission.

2. The Committee shall appoint a Chair to preside over meetings of the Committee, and a Vice Chair to preside in the absence of the Chair.
3. The Committee will comply with the open meeting and other requirements set forth in the Ralph M. Brown Act.
4. Nine members shall constitute a quorum of the Committee and shall also be the voting requirement for approval of recommendations.
5. The County Counsel and County Manager, or their designees, shall provide staff support for the Committee.
6. The Charter Review Committee should submit to the Board, no later than June 30, 2010, such recommendations, consistent with the State Constitution and other provisions of State law, which in its opinion are appropriate.
7. In its review of the Charter, the Committee should specifically address the recommendations regarding Board member elections and filling Board vacancies, issued by the 2008-09 Civil Grand Jury in its report entitled "Appointment vs. Election: How Should the Vacated Board of Supervisor Seats Be Filled?", and its June 30, 2009 advisory letter recommending that the Charter Review Committee consider changing the method of electing members of the Board of Supervisors from the current "at large" system to a "by district" system, and should further consider consolidation and reorganization of departments and other organization improvements requiring a Charter amendment.

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Regularly passed and adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

AYES and in favor of said resolution:

Supervisors:

MARK CHURCH

CAROLE GROOM

RICHARD S. GORDON

ROSE JACOBS GIBSON

ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

NOES and against said resolution:

Supervisors:

NONE

Absent Supervisors:

NONE



President, Board of Supervisors  
County of San Mateo  
State of California

Certificate of Delivery

I certify that a copy of the original resolution filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County has been delivered to the President of the Board of Supervisors.



Marie L. Peterson, Deputy  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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