



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 3
File #: 16-405

Board Meeting Date: 7/25/2017

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Don Horsley, President
Subject: Appointment of Subcommittee to Develop Recommendations for 2018 Charter Review Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for the appointment of President Horsley and Vice President Pine to an ad hoc subcommittee for the purposes of developing and presenting recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the creation of the 2018 Charter Review Committee.

DISCUSSION:

Section 801 of the County Charter provides as follows:

“The Board of Supervisors shall convene a Charter review committee within eight years of the last complete Charter review. The committee shall review the Charter and, after public hearings, make appropriate recommendations for amendment or revision to the Board.”

The County’s last Charter Review Committee (CRC) was convened in 2010. Therefore it is appropriate for the Board to begin the process of convening a new CRC which would develop potential Charter amendments for the Board’s consideration. As in past years, the CRC would submit its final recommendations to the Board by June 2018 in order to provide the Board adequate time to consider such recommendations and to further consider whether to place any amendments to the Charter on the November 6, 2018 election ballot.

The ad hoc subcommittee will present recommendations to the Board regarding the constitution of the CRC including the number of CRC members, and issues for the CRC’s consideration, if any. In order for the full Board to appoint CRC members by January 2018, the ad hoc subcommittee will present its recommendations to the Board in or about October 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The convening of an ad hoc subcommittee will not result in any net County cost.