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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 14, 2021

TO: Charter Review Commission

FROM: Commission Staff

SUBJECT: Additional Document for 12/20/2021 Charter Review Commission Agenda

BUSINESS

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Discussion and possible action on proposing a Charter amendment relating to Council Districting.

- Table of Proposed Charter amendments relating to Council Districting.

Table of Comparison of Charter Amendments regarding Districting Proposals

Districting Proposals	Details
<p>3x2+1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 councilmembers per district (14, 15, 16) • 1 at large <p>Proposed by: Jonathan Jay</p>	<p>Island-wide voting for all candidates.</p> <p>Adopt 3 existing state-designed constitutionally valid, equal-population house districts.</p> <p>Maintain 7 seats on council. Highest vote recipient island wide is elected at-large, and then top 2 vote recipients by each district elected to fill the other 6 seats.</p> <p>Maintain existing island residency requirement for all candidates. Require district residency for voters, voters can choose their councilmember from the entire island wide slate of candidates.</p> <p>Foster a wider group and encourage and promote a new generation to engage in representational politics by reducing campaign expenses.</p>
<p>7 District Councilmembers</p> <p>Proposed by: Bert Lyon</p>	<p>Seven Districts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Haena-Hanalei-Princeville-Kilauea-Moloa'a-Anahola 2. Kapa'a-Kealia 3. Wailua Houselots-Wailua Homesteads 4. Hanamaulu-Lihue-Puhi 5. Koloa-Poipu-Kukuiula 6. Kalaheo-Omao-Lawai 7. Eleele-Hanapepe-Kaumakani-Waimea-Kekaha-N'iihau <p>Any reapportionment commission, which would be required to implement any number of Council districts other than three (3), should be able to produce acceptable district boundaries according to the census tract data provided by the 2020 Census. I believe that any additional expense required in order to implement a 7-district Council election would be well worth the cost, by creating districts that clearly represent those issues concerning each community. As a result, at least one Councilmember would live near the area concerning any issue coming before the Council, so he/she would then likely be familiar enough with that issue to better explain it to the full Council.</p> <p>Furthermore, having smaller Council districts would make it easier and cheaper for new candidates to campaign for a Council seat, likely resulting in more candidates.</p>

Districting Proposals	Details
<p>4-4yr Full-time Councilmembers At-large</p> <p>3-2yr Part-time Councilmembers one per District 14, 15, 16</p> <p>Proposed by:</p> <p>Felicia Cowden</p>	<p>The 4 top vote recipients will serve at-large</p> <p>Next 3 votes will fill regional seats</p> <p>As a councilmember, I value representing the entire island(s). I believe it strengthens my ability to represent the north shore's interests as I actively engage the needs of all the communities. I prefer at-large to districting.</p> <p>My observation is eight years is an inadequate amount of time for skilled execution of the job requirements.</p>
<p>9 council members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 councilmembers per district (14, 15, 16) <p>Proposed by:</p> <p>Norma Doctor Sparks</p>	<p>9 councilmembers (per testimony submitted 6/21/2020)</p> <p>For the same reasons why the Hawaii Constitution scheduled three representatives for three Hawaii state representative districts on Kauai, the County Council should have nine members. With three members elected from each of three council districts, corresponding with Hawaii state representative districts as apportioned under the Hawaii Constitution, the people of Kauai will have stronger representation that will integrate the issues of the districts at the County and State levels.</p>