

memo

To: Julie Gibbons, Clerk of Toledo City Council

From: Peggy Mattimoe Sturgeon, Chair, Toledo Charter Revision Committee

Date: May 31, 2024

Re: Recommendation of the Charter Revision Committee

Pursuant to the Charter Revision Committee's duties under Section 239 of the Charter, the Charter Revision Committee ("the Committee") submits to Council the attached recommended revision to the Charter. This revision is a proposed amendment to Section 26 which would require Council to periodically review the size and composition of Council. This recommended change was approved on April 18, 2024 by at least the required 2/3 vote of all members of the Committee. We submit this amendment to Council for consideration and action pursuant to Section 239 of the Charter.

In addition to this amendment, the Committee reiterates its support for the amendments that it proposed in 2022 and that were on the November 8, 2022 ballot. Those amendments were presented as one ballot issue and that issue (Issue 21) did not pass. Since that time, the Committee's recommended change to Section 209 of the Charter was placed on the November 7, 2023 ballot as a stand-alone issue (Issue 24) and passed. The Committee stands by its recommendation of the other amendments that were included in Issue 21 and urges Council to place those amendments on a future ballot. The Committee believes that the recommendations would be best presented to the electorate if placed on the ballot as separate issues or at least as bundles of issues with common themes or topics.

We ask that you please forward this memo and the attached proposed Section 26A to the members of Council for their consideration.