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# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CHARTER UPDATE COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item No. 6  
February 16, 2010

**TO:** HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE CHARTER UPDATE COMMISSION

**FROM:** Cathy Standiford, Project Manager  
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM THE WEST NEWPORT BEACH ASSOCIATION TO  
REVIEW CHARTER SECTION 400 – CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss the request received from the West Newport Beach Association and determine whether the request should be forwarded to the City Council for review and approval.

### **DISCUSSION:**

In creating the Charter Update Commission, the Newport Beach City Council has identified a variety of issues for the Commission to consider. The Commission may recommend that additional issues be addressed; however, the City Council must approve any expansion of the Commission's work program.

The Commission has received correspondence from the West Newport Beach Association asking that an amendment to Charter Section 400 be considered to change from "at large" to "district only" elections. A copy of the letter from the West Newport Beach Association is attached.

Should the Charter Update Commission wish to have this issue added to its work program, staff will transmit it to the City Council for consideration.

Submitted by:



Cathy Standiford  
Project Manager

Attachment: Letter from West Newport Beach Association



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714/556-0800

January 29, 2010

**REVISED AND CORRECTED 12:00 NOON**

**Via Email and Regular Mail**

Mayor Keith Curry  
and City Council Members  
City of Newport Beach  
3300 Newport Blvd.  
Newport Beach, CA 92663

Re: Charter Review Process

Dear Mayor Curry and Members of the City Council:

In our haste to add this to your agenda, we realize the first letter may be misconstrued to believe that the West Newport Beach Association ("WNBA") has taken a position on this matter. To clarify, WNBA has not taken an official position; the first letter was to request the issue be placed on the agenda only. We briefly discussed the subject of district only elections at our January 27, 2010 Board of Directors meeting and need to devote more time to this issue. Although we have not taken a position either for or against this issue, we believe it is appropriate for the Commission to consider the issues in its forthcoming deliberations.

Therefore WNBA hereby respectfully requests the inclusion of an item to be placed on the agenda for review in the upcoming Newport Beach Charter Review being conducted by the Charter Update Commission as follows

- Changing to "District Only Elections" from present method of "At-Large Elections".

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 949/675-4630

Best regards,

*Craig Batley*  
Craig Batley, President  
West Newport Beach Association

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cc: WNBA Board of Directors (via email only)  
Marian Bergeson, Chair, Charter Update Commission (via email only)  
Leilani Brown, City Clerk (via email only)