



Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: February 19, 2010

To: Elections Committee

Subject: Charter Commission request for staff support regarding redistricting task force

Recommendation: Direct the City Clerk's Office, City Attorney's Office, and Second Ward Council Office to provide staff support to the Charter Commission's Redistricting Task Force, (including but not limited to research into the history of the current Minneapolis Charter provisions concerning redistricting, redistricting procedures and processes in other jurisdictions, and the available literature on best practices for redistricting), to support the development of a charter amendment proposal to be presented to the Charter Commission by May 5th, 2010.

Department Information

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Approved by:

Presenters in Committee: CM Cam Gordon

Financial Impact

- Action is within the Business Plan

Supporting Information

In January, Council Member Gordon made a presentation to the Charter Commission on potential changes to the redistricting process in Minneapolis. The Charter Commission formed a Redistricting Task Force, which has requested support from City staff in developing a proposal for a Charter amendment regarding the redistricting process. On February 3, 2010, the Charter Commission approved correspondence to Council Member Gordon requesting that the Elections Committee direct staff to provide the Charter Commission Task Force with staff assistance.

See letter from Charter Commission Chair Jim Bernstein attached.