



**King County**  
**Charter Review Commission Agenda**  
**King County Chinook Building**

**1st Floor Executive Conference Room 123**  
**401 5th Ave. Seattle, WA 98104**  
**Wednesday, November 6, 2019 | 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Purpose:**

- Review edits to full report draft.
- Finalize items to be recommended to the Council for further study.
- Determine final steps of CRC process and evaluation

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Attachments</b>
1. Welcome and Review Agenda	Co-Chairs	5 min	
2. Public Comment	Co-Chairs	As needed	
3. Approve 9-25-19 Meeting Minutes Approve 10-15-19 Meeting Minutes Approve 10-16-19 Meeting Minutes Approve 10-17-19 Meeting Minutes Approve 10-23-19 Meeting Minutes	Co-Chairs	5 min	9-25-19 Draft Meeting Minutes 10-15-19 Draft Meeting Minutes 10-16-19 Draft Meeting Minutes 10-17-19 Draft Meeting Minutes 10-23-19 Draft Meeting Minutes
4. Discuss potential additions to recommendations to council, and recommendations for further study (agreed upon at October 23 <sup>rd</sup> meeting): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition of recommendation for updated preamble language including adding the concept of “equity” in preamble</li> <li>• Review draft language clarifying protection for Sheriff as an appointed official, similar to public defender</li> <li>• Replacing “citizen” with “resident:” confirm feasibility of this change, and whether any instances of the term “citizen” are required for legal reasons</li> </ul>	Facilitator and Sub-committees	45 min	(Documents forthcoming)
5. Review and discuss edits received to date on report draft		30 min	<a href="#">Draft report to King County Council</a>
6. Determine process for post-mortem evaluation of CRC review process		15 min	
7. Scheduling and next steps	Facilitator	15 min	CRC Meeting Calendar

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## King County

### Charter Review Commission

September 25, 2019

### Meeting Minutes

#### **In Attendance:**

Louise Miller (Co-Chair), Tim Ceis, David Heller, Sean Kelly, Linda Larson, Toby Nixon, Nikkita Oliver, Rob Saka (via telephone), Beth Sigall (via telephone), Alejandra Tres (via telephone), Kinnon Williams and Sung Yang.

#### **Excused:**

Joe Fain, Elizabeth Ford, Ian Goodhew, Michael Herschensohn, Clayton Lewis, Marcos Martinez, Nat Morales, Brooks Salazar and Ron Sims.

#### **Council and Executive Staff:**

Calli Knight, External Relations Specialist, and Mac Nicholson, Director of Government Relations.

#### **Also in Attendance:**

Meeting facilitator Betsy Daniels, Co-President, Triangle Associates, Inc., and Mishu Pham-Whipple, Project Associate, Triangle Associates, Inc.

#### **Welcome and Call to Order**

Co-Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Williams moved approval of the minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

#### **Public Comment:**

The following persons provided public comment: Alex Tsimerman and George Cheung.

## **Discussion of Public Comment Letters received by Commission**

Discussion was held regarding public comment submissions and whether the Commission wants to take up any further topics based on those comments. In response to a question about translation of materials, it was noted that the town hall materials will be translated into nine languages. Public comment letters will be included as an appendix to the Commission's report. A letter from the Sound Cities Association was read to the Commission and will also be included.

*Commissioner Nixon moved that the letters be included in the report to provide content for the future Charter Review Commission to take up. The motion was adopted.*

Letters that arrived late in the process will be included with whatever is received at the town halls for consideration at the next meeting. A copy of any public comment submitted will also be available at the town hall meetings.

## **Review Commission decisions to-date and discuss remaining proposals for charter amendments**

A document outlining the decisions the Commission has already made was provided in the meeting materials. The anti-discrimination language recommended by the Equity Subcommittee was also provided.

Action: Staff will ask the Prosecuting Attorney's Office (PAO) for an opinion on whether anti-discrimination language related to discharge solely based on sexual orientation or gender identity would put any federal funding at risk. Also, the PAO will weigh in regarding immigration status and criminal history as protected classes.

Discussion regarding how comments submitted might be incorporated into the discussion. Written submissions from the public along with comments from the public forums will be addressed at the October 23, 2019, Commission meeting.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Ceis and seconded to accept the proposed anti-discrimination language. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Staff will include the anti-discrimination proposal as written. Handout will be updated and font corrected.

## **Review and approve amendment language and/or justification for each charter amendment**

Variations in the document language were discussed.

Action: The Draft Charter Amendments document will be updated to include the actual language that will be submitted for each item. Staff will send out an email with the updated document.

If there are any corrections or comments, Commissioners should send comments to staff.

Discussion was held regarding whether to include ranked-choice voting in the public handout. It was determined that it would not be included in the town hall handout, but would be included as a topic in the report to the Council. The subcommittee will need to provide some language regarding how that would be drafted.

### **Review outreach strategy and materials for October Town Hall meetings**

The Executive and County Councilmembers sent the outreach information out to their constituents via social media. Commissioners were also encouraged to share the information. Discussion ensued regarding the inclusion of ethnic media, contacting the Seattle Times regarding doing an editorial, utilizing radio and sending out press releases.

Action:

- Staff – will send out list of where they plan to advertise, along with the content that is going out through Council and Executive social media.
- Staff will draft and send out a press release.
- Staff – will ensure that local elected officials are aware of the town hall meetings.
- Calli – will send out social media toolkit with image descriptions.
- Sung – will reach out to Northwest Asian Weekly and the Seattle Times.
- Nikkita – will reach out to Crosscut, KUOW and KVRU.
- Tim - willing to be a contact on the press release.
- Toby - will reach out to the contact for the Reporter newspapers.

Media wishing to speak to a commissioner will be directed to staff who will determine Co-Chair Miller's availability to speak with them.

### **Scheduling and next steps**

The commission discussed the format for the town halls and the materials that will be available. It was requested that it be made clear that public comments can be submitted online in lieu of speaking at the town halls.

Town halls: October 15, 16, 17 and 23 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting: November 6.

Additional meetings: November 20 and possibly early December.

The Commission report is in progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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## King County

### Charter Review Commission Town Hall

Bellevue City Council Chambers  
450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
Bellevue WA 98004

October 15, 2019

### Meeting Minutes

#### **In Attendance:**

Louise Miller (Co-Chair), Tim Ceis, David Heller, Sean Kelly, Linda Larson, Clayton Lewis, Rob Saka, Beth Sigall and Kinnon Williams.

#### **Excused:**

Joe Fain, Elizabeth Ford, Ian Goodhew, Michael Herschensohn, Marcos Martinez, Nat Morales, Toby Nixon, Nikkita Oliver, Brooks Salazar, Ron Sims, Alejandra Tres and Sung Yang.

#### **Council and Executive Staff:**

Patrick Hamacher, Director of Legislative Analysis, and Mac Nicholson, Director of Government Relations.

#### **Also in Attendance:**

Meeting facilitator Betsy Daniels, Co-President, Triangle Associates, Inc. and Rosa Ammon-Ciaglo, Project Associate, Triangle Associates, Inc.

#### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Co-Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Bellevue City Council Chambers.

## 2. PowerPoint Presentation

Patrick Hamacher, Director of Legislative Analysis, briefed the public about the history of the King County Charter and the Charter Review Commission and its review process.

## 3. Public Comment

The following persons spoke:

1. Alex Tsimerman
2. Frederik Schaffalitzuy

Supports ranked choice voting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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## King County

### Charter Review Commission Town Hall

Shoreline City Council Chambers  
17500 Midvale Ave N  
Shoreline, WA 98133

October 16, 2019

### Meeting Minutes

#### **In Attendance:**

Louise Miller (Co-Chair), Michael Herschensohn, Linda Larson, Clayton Lewis, Toby Nixon, Nikkita Oliver, Kinnon Williams.

#### **Excused:**

Tim Ceis, Joe Fain, Elizabeth Ford, Ian Goodhew, David Heller, Sean Kelly, Marcos Martinez, Nat Morales, Rob Saka, Brooks Salazar, Beth Sigall, Ron Sims, Alejandra Tres, and Sung Yang.

#### **Council and Executive Staff:**

Patrick Hamacher, Director of Legislative Analysis, and Mac Nicholson, Director of Government Relations.

#### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Co-Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Shoreline City Council Chambers.

#### **2. PowerPoint Presentation**

Patrick Hamacher, Director of Legislative Analysis, briefed the public about the history of the King County Charter and the Charter Review Commission and its review process.

### 3. Public Comment

The following persons spoke:

1. Alex Tsimerman
2. Lisa Ayrault

Supports ranked choice voting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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## King County

### Charter Review Commission Town Hall

Federal Way City Council Chambers  
33325 8th Ave. S  
Federal Way, WA 98003

October 17, 2019

### Meeting Minutes

#### **In Attendance:**

Louise Miller (Co-Chair), Elizabeth Ford, David Heller, Michael Herschensohn, Toby Nixon, Rob Saka, Alejandra Tres.

#### **Excused:**

Tim Ceis, Joe Fain, Ian Goodhew, Sean Kelly, Linda Larson, Clayton Lewis, Marcos Martinez, Nat Morales, Nikkita Oliver, Brooks Salazar, Beth Sigall, Ron Sims, Kinnon Williams and Sung Yang.

#### **Council Staff:**

Mac Nicholson, Director of Government Relations.

#### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Co-Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Federal Way City Council Chambers.

#### **2. PowerPoint Presentation**

Mac Nicholson, Director of Government Relations, briefed the public about the history of the King County Charter and the Charter Review Commission and its review process.

### 3. Public Comment

The following persons spoke:

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|------------------------|--|
| 1. Bob Zimmerman       | Supports the sheriff as an elected position  |
| 2. Dana Holloway       | Supports the sheriff as an elected position  |
| 3. Anna Patrick        | Supports the sheriff as an elected position  |
| 4. Allison Taylor      | Supports the sheriff as an elected position, and questions the inquest process         |
| 5. Lydia Assefa-Dawson | Supports selling county property for less than full value to use as affordable housing |

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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## King County

### Charter Review Commission Town Hall and Commission Meeting

King County Council Chambers  
516 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Room 1001  
Seattle, WA 98104

October 23, 2019

### Meeting Minutes

#### **In Attendance:**

Louise Miller (Co-Chair), Tim Ceis, Elizabeth Ford (via telephone), David Heller, Michael Herschensohn, Linda Larson, Clayton Lewis, Toby Nixon, Rob Saka, Beth Sigall, Kinnon Williams and Sung Yang.

#### **Excused:**

Joe Fain, Ian Goodhew, Sean Kelly, Marcos Martinez, Nat Morales, Nikkita Oliver, Brooks Salazar, Ron Sims and Alejandra Tres.

#### **Council and Executive Staff:**

Patrick Hamacher, Director of Legislative Analysis, and Mac Nicholson, Director of Government Relations.

#### **Also in Attendance:**

Meeting facilitator Betsy Daniels, Co-President, Triangle Associates, Inc. and Rosa Ammon-Ciaglo, Project Associate, Triangle Associates, Inc.

#### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Co-Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the King County Council Chambers.

## PowerPoint Presentation

Patrick Hamacher, Director of Legislative Analysis, briefed the public about the history of the King County Charter and the Charter Review Commission and its review process.

### Public Comment:

The following persons spoke:

1. Alex Tsimerman
2. Mitzi Johanknecht                      Supports the sheriff as an elected position

### Discussion regarding the Report to the County Council

A handout was provided that summarized public comment and letters received to date. A letter from Commissioner Oliver dated October 23, 2019, was also distributed.

The following items were raised for potential further discussion at the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Tonight is the opportunity to propose anything further.

- Ranked-Choice Voting – the report drafted by Commissioners Nixon and Heller will be put in the form of the rest of the report and included as a recommendation to the Council to create a task force to look at this more in depth and then consider it further.
- Revisit Appointment of sheriff based on public comments received – include layer of protection that prevents removal at whim. See if the language used for the Director of Public Defense can be adapted for an appointed sheriff. This item will be addressed further on November 6<sup>th</sup>
- Preamble language - “Racial equity”. This item will be addressed further on November 6<sup>th</sup>
- Replace “citizen” with “resident” throughout the Charter. This item will be addressed further on November 6<sup>th</sup>
- Replace the “Office of Citizen Complaints” with a “Community Advocate”. This item will not be addressed further. Will be recommended to Council for further consideration.
- Section 840, Antidiscrimination language. This item will not be addressed further.
- Director of Public Defense language to protect independence. This item will not be addressed further.
- Antidiscrimination, add protective hairstyles (authenticity statute). Will be recommended to Council for further consideration.
- Charter Review Commission Process. These items will be addressed further on November 6<sup>th</sup>:
  - Onboarding.
  - Engagement process using deliberative democracy to select members of the Charter Review Commission.
  - Refer amendments straight to ballot rather than to the County Council.

Prior to the next meeting a full draft report will be provided, to be discussed at the first meeting in November. The nine confirmed items are all in ordinance form, however the summary of the justification for each needs to be addressed by the Commission. The Preamble item will not be included in this version of the report. Included in the report will be items the Commission encourages the Council to further consider.

All of the comments received, including a summary of the comments, will be included in the report to the Council.

The November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be for discussion of the items talked about tonight, and the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be to finalize the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Date Created:	<b>May 8, 2019</b>
Drafted by:	<b>Patrick Hamacher</b>
Sponsors:	<b>Charter Review Commission</b>
Attachments:	

1 ..Title

2 AN ORDINANCE proposing to amend the Preamble to the  
3 King County Charter to include among the charter goals,  
4 equitable government, a strong urban and rural economy,  
5 and superior quality of life; to replace the word “citizen”  
6 with “public;” and to make a grammatical correction; and  
7 submitting the same to the voters of the county for their  
8 ratification or rejection at the November 3, 2020 general  
9 election.

10 ..Body

11 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

12 SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for  
13 their approval and ratification or rejection, at the November 3, 2020 general election, an  
14 amendment to the Preamble to the King County Charter, as set forth herein:

15 **Preamble.**

16 We, the people of King County, Washington, in order to form a more just,  
17 equitable and orderly government for all, establish separate legislative and executive  
18 branches, ~~((insure))~~ ensure responsibility and accountability for local and regional county  
19 governance and services, enable effective ~~((citizen))~~ public participation, preserve and  
20 enhance a healthy rural and urban environment and economy, promote a superior quality  
21 of life including recreational, arts and cultural opportunities and secure the benefits of

22 home rule and self-government, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of  
23 Washington, do adopt this charter.

24 SECTION 2. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the director  
25 of elections, in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or  
26 modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

27 Shall the Preamble of the King County Charter be amended to include among the  
28 charter goals equitable government, a strong urban and rural economy, and  
29 superior quality of life to replace the word “citizen” with “public” and to make a  
30 grammatical correction?

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1 ..Title

2 AN ORDINANCE proposing to amend the King County  
3 Charter to change references to citizen to either public or  
4 resident where applicable in the king county charter;  
5 amending the Preamble and Sections 260 and 800 of the  
6 King County Charter; and submitting the same to the voters  
7 of the county for their ratification or rejection at the next  
8 general election to be held on November 3, 2020.

9 ..Body

10 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

11 SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for  
12 their approval and ratification or rejection, at the November 3, 2020 general election, an  
13 amendment to the Preamble and to Section 260 and Section 800 of the King County  
14 Charter to read as follows:

15 **Preamble**

16 We, the people of King County, Washington, in order to form a more just and orderly  
17 government, establish separate legislative and executive branches, insure responsibility and  
18 accountability for local and regional county governance and services, enable effective  
19 ~~((citizen))~~ public participation, preserve a healthy rural and urban environment and economy  
20 and secure the benefits of home rule and self-government, in accordance with the  
21 Constitution of the State of Washington, do adopt this charter.

22           **Section 260 Office of ~~((Citizen))~~ Public Complaints.**

23           The county council shall establish by ordinance an office to receive complaints  
24 concerning the operation of county government and shall grant it sufficient power to permit  
25 it quickly and efficiently to investigate and to make and publicize recommendations  
26 concerning its findings, including the power to subpoena witnesses, documents and other  
27 evidence and to administer oaths. The subpoena power of the office of ~~((citizen))~~ public  
28 complaints shall be limited to matters under written complaint by a ~~((citizen of the county))~~  
29 member of the public, and any witness shall have the right to be represented by counsel. Any  
30 individual who is the subject of a complaint shall have the right to present witnesses in the  
31 individual's own behalf.

32           **Section 800 Charter Review and Amendments.**

33           At least every ten years after the adoption of this charter, the county executive shall  
34 appoint a ~~((citizen))~~ resident commission of not less than fifteen members whose mandate  
35 shall be to review the charter and present, or cause to be presented, to the county council a  
36 written report recommending those amendments, if any, which should be made to the  
37 charter. Appointees shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the county  
38 council. This ~~((citizen))~~ resident commission shall be composed of at least one  
39 representative from each of the county council districts. The county council shall consider  
40 the commission's report and recommendations and decide at an open public meeting how to  
41 proceed on each of the commission's recommended charter amendments, as provided by  
42 ordinance.

43           The county council may propose amendments to this charter by enacting an ordinance  
44 to submit a proposed amendment to the voters of the county at the next general election

45 occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of the ordinance. An ordinance  
46 proposing an amendment to the charter shall not be subject to the veto power of the county  
47 executive. Publication of a proposed amendment and notice of its submission to the voters  
48 of the county shall be made in accordance with the state constitution and general law. If the  
49 proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, it shall  
50 become effective ten days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is  
51 specified in the amendment.

52           SECTION 2. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the director  
53 of elections in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or  
54 modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

55           Shall the Preamble and Sections 260 and 800 of the King County Charter  
56           be amended to replace citizen with public and resident where appropriate?

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**King County**

## **Charter Review Commission**

**November 6, 2019**

### **Agenda Item No. 4 Appointed Sheriff Ordinance which includes Additional Protections**

**This document will be distributed prior to  
the meeting**

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# KC-CRC SCHEDULE PLANNER 2019-2020

PROJECT	CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION	Calendar for Charter Review Commission Sub-Committees, full Commission Meetings and Final Report development.
VERSION	6 MONTH EXTENSION V3-20-19	

PROJECT PHASE	STARTING	ENDING	SUB-COMMITTEES:
1. SUBC: PURPOSE + LEGAL	March 27 to	May 21	EQUITY FOR ALL
2. CRC EARLY ACTION PROPOSALS	April 24	April 24	TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
3. CRC DETERMINE AMENDMENT PROPOSALS	May 22 5:30-8:30PM	May 22 5:30-8:30PM	ACCESS
4. SUBC: BUDGET+FEASIBILITY +OUTREACH	May 23 to	June 25	REGIONAL COORDINATION
0. CRC STATUS REPORT OUT MEETING	June 26 and	September 11	
5. SUBC FINALIZE AMENDMENT TEXT	June 27 to	September 11	
6. CRC DRAFT AND FINAL REPORTS	Sept 25, Oct 9	Oct 23, Nov 6, Nov 20	<b>OUTREACH - TOWN HALLS</b>

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**Key Dates:**

- April 24<sup>th</sup>** Vote on proposals that would be sent to Council for consideration for this year's Ballot.
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>** (Extended Meeting) Vote to determine proposals that will move forward for further consideration by the Commission.
- June 26<sup>th</sup>** Status report from Sub-Committees on budget, feasibility and outreach results for each proposal. Deadline for proposals from subcommittees to staff to develop amendment language.
- September 11<sup>th</sup>** Review staff proposed amendment language for each topic.
- September 25<sup>th</sup>** Materials for town hall meetings in October.
- October 9<sup>th</sup>** CRC discussion of full Draft Report and preparations for Town Halls.
- October 23<sup>rd</sup>** CRC discussion of feedback from Town Hall regarding full Draft Report.
- November 6<sup>th</sup>** Final Draft Report reviewed and completed by Commission.
- November 20<sup>th</sup>** Final Report completed by Commission.