

**Charter Commission Work Session
March 31, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Minutes**

Attendance

Commissioners					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Amira Streeter	X		Debbie Kitchin	X	
Andrew Speer	X		Debra Porta	X	
Anthony Castaneda	X		Gloria Cruz	X	
Becca Uherbelau	X		Hanna Osman	X	
Brenda Ketah	X		Melanie Billings-Yun	X	
Bryan Williams Lewis	X		Raahi Reddy	X	
Candace Avalos	X		Robin Ye	X	
Dave Galat	X		Salome Chimuku	X	
David Chen	X		Vadim Mozyrsky	X	
David Knowles	X		Yasmin Ibarra	X	

Staff Present		
Julia Meier	Shoshanah Oppenheim	Diana Shiplet
Allison Brown (JLA)	Travis Rumohr (JLA)	

Welcome

Allison welcomed everyone and provided meeting logistics.

Approval of Minutes

Group gave thumbs up on the minutes of March 10 and March 15 as submitted.

Extension of Co-Chair terms

Group gave thumbs up on approving extension of term for Commissioners Kitchin and Castaneda to continue as co-chairs until end of April.

Release of public records request

Allison informed the group there was a public records request for the memo of March 2nd from the Attorney's office regarding multi- and single-subject ballot measures. Group did not raise any objections to the release of the memo.

Review Work Session & Identify Discussion Priorities

Co-Chair Castaneda provided an outline of the meeting agenda and reviewed the commission's current timeline. Co-Chair Kitchin provided a summary of the March 24 work session, including the areas of agreement and the topics currently lacking consensus. Group discussed which areas currently lacking consensus they wished to.

Public Input

Audrey Zunkell Decorsey – representing the League of Women Voters of Portland. Thanked the commissioners for their work. Encouraged the commission to consider five reforms: 1) establish council as a legislative body, 2) institute a city manager, 3) increase the number of council members to 10 – 12,

plus the mayor, 4) retain mayor and auditor as citywide positions, elected by ranked choice voting, 5) create multi-member districts elected by ranked choice voting. State that the League of Women voters support a system which elects a council which proportionally represents the people they represent.

Donovan Seymour – supports the current package of potential reforms. Supports multi-member districts, which brings local, community level conversations up to the city council level. This combined with ranked choice voting could lead to an easy voting process. Stated that the mayor should be an executive and have a collaborative relationship with the council. Encouraged the commission to ensure that council has input on the budget to ensure that their legislative priorities are being met.

Terry Harris – stated that the continued pursuit of multi-member districts remains a bad idea. Stated that with the other reforms Portlanders will think they have neighborhood scale representation, and one representative to call their own but that won't occur because the districts will be large, and residents will still have to figure out which of the representatives might return their calls. Stated that with multi-member districts might only bring increased representation to some. Encouraged the commission to instead recommend an increased size of council and single-member districts. Encouraged commission to figure out a process for determining how a Council President would be selected.

Ann Barkley – stated that she is in complete agreement with all proposals except for having four districts with three representatives each. This would lead to “group think” leading to poor decision making. Stated that she does not believe that Portlanders will support this decision. She stated that she is concerned about potential costs of this proposal and whether the commission has heard enough input to make a decision.

Babs Vanelli – is glad the commission is still working through determining the roles of the mayor and council. Stated that she was puzzled by ranked choice voting but after research agrees that is the best method for the commission to propose. Supports increases to size of council and addition of a city manager. Wondered if the commission has considered what mechanism should be in place to modify the system if any changes do not work?

Donna Cohen – Thanked the group for their work. Stated she is a supporter of multi-member proportional representation and of going boldly with the number of districts. Supports ranked choice voting. Believes we need to put funding toward educating the public on these proposals. Stated Portland is out of sync with the numbers of elected representatives (provided examples from Missoula, MT, Roseburg, Oregon). Stated there is a direct connection between higher representation and higher economic success.

Amy Rathfelder – representing the Portland Business Alliance (PBA). Stated the PBA supports agreements of the commission increasing size of council, district-based elections, but has no preference at this time on multi-member districts. The PBA encourages the commission to research the City of Baltimore's experience on multi-member districts. PBA also supports including a city manager who reports to the mayor and prefer ranked choice voting over STAR voting.

Hank Schottland – provided a slideshow regarding ranked choice voting. Ranked Choice Voting involves two components – voting and counting. Voting is simple, counting is not. He stated that explaining the counting process will not be easy and could cause it to be mis-represented or increase the likelihood that this change proposal will fail at the ballot. Suggested that the commission instead propose first three past the post voting and focus on full ranked choice voting reform in a later phase.

Anne-Marie Claire – stated it is most important for Portlanders to be able to vote on form of government and not have voting issues on the same ballot. Believes in geographic, multi-member representation. If elections changes are on the ballot, she believes a mechanism to modify it along the way may be necessary. Also recommends the city manager-form of government with a mayor who votes.

Indigo - representing 350 PDX. Here tonight to explain how climate justice may be impacted by this charter reform. Current commissioners are stretched too thin between constituent and managerial responsibilities. They have also seen institutional knowledge and project momentum lost due to frequent bureau reassignments. 350 PDX supports many preferences of the commission such as a city manager, allow council to act as a true legislative body, increasing council size, establishing multi-member districts, and ranked choice voting. Encourage commission to explore ways to move ahead with things such as participatory budgeting and a climate justice subcommittee in phase two.

Discuss and Refine Areas of Agreement

Co-Chair Castaneda reviewed the previously agreed upon desired outcomes for charter reform. He outlined the areas of discussion to help refine the areas of agreement. Allison led the group in a discussion of the following areas still needing agreement.

Mayor votes with council

- From last meeting there appeared to be a majority for mayor voting with council, which functionally makes him the tiebreaker.
- People seem to be nervous about disfunction or slowing of decisions and so need mayor as a tie breaker could alleviate that nervousness.
- How does it make sense to have mayor in executive role but then break that structure so mayor can make a legislative decision? This prevents clear lines between legislative and executive functions. If we had a deputy mayor, then that person as tie breaker would make sense, but we don't. Having mayor break ties would politicize votes unintentionally.
- If mayor votes, they then have extra power in an already more powerful roll. Understand the concerns around not wanting disfunction but would rather maintain requirement that if you can't get to seven votes, the item doesn't pass. This forces council to negotiate and work together.

Straw poll on mayor votes with council – all but one commissioner agree to never.

Mayor veto authority

- What happens if council creates policy against Mayor's beliefs?

Group agreed that because last meeting 19 commissioners supported no veto authority, they will move ahead with that decision.

Authority to fire the city manager/administrator

- Absolutely believe that Mayor should be able to fire the city manager/administrator but want 2/3 of Council to also be able to have that authority.

- Agrees with the need for 2/3 Council to have ability to keep city manager/administrator and mayor from doing anything illegal together. It's not ideal to have a structure with only one way to fire a city manager/administrator.
- Prefer Mayor as only person able to fire, but willing to concede only if higher majority than 2/3 of council can make that decision. The threshold for this action needs to be as high as possible.
- Proposing three-fourths (3/4) threshold (9 out of 12 council members) - this would require approval from across all the city districts in some form.
- Appreciate the higher threshold, but 2/3 is actually a pretty high threshold. If 2/3 of council have already lost support of a city manager/administrator, they probably cannot effectively do their job.
- Comes down to perception and what authority the mayor and council have. Would need it to be three-quarters of Council to maintain mayor's authority.
- If want to have a strong mayor, need to give them the authority to hire and fire. Lots of other ways council can control actions of a city manager/administrator
- Agree with Mayor only authority or three-fourths of council.

Straw polls on authority to fire the city manager/ administrator – 16 commissioners indicated support for 'Mayor or 3/4 of council'.

Authority to hire and fire bureau directors

- If you want to have an effective city manager/administrator, they need ability to hire and fire but also need to consult with the mayor. Prefer city manager/administrator decision with input from mayor (i.e. consultation but not approval).
- City manager/administrator role, as we're currently proposing, has the assumption they will have mayor oversight and input because mayor hires/fires the city manager/administrator. Don't want to add additional requirements into the charter language.
- City manager/administrator naturally would contact mayor and council as a practical matter, no need to include additional language in the charter.
- It's important we are not overly proscriptive with charter language.
- We can't assume there will be an even exchange of decision making if we are giving administrative authority to city manager/administrator. Concerned with how much power we are giving to city manager/administrator even though they are meant to be an employee of the mayor.
- Community organizations have been interested in checks and balances on both city manager/administrator and bureau directors. Possibly we need to give direction or strongly encourage there being 360 evaluations with community on those positions.
- Reminder that the structure we're creating means that the city manager/administrator is not just an employee of the mayor – they do have to be approved by the council, which is a check on their authority. Hiring and firing is the only power of city manager/administrator. If we aren't careful, we will end up back with council involved in day-to-day management of bureaus. City manager/administrator should have the ability to hire and fire solo, because if they don't perform this well, they will lose their job.
- We have done a good job with checks and balances. Also, we want a city manager/administrator to focus on their skill set – maximizing their ability to manage a city – and leave the politics to the mayor and council. This authority to remain with the city manager/administrator alone.

- Only concern is the desire to have the city manager/administrator be accountable to the people. Concerned we're giving a city manager/administrator a lot of power without any ability of the people to hold them accountable.
- Struggling with the same concern of how to hold the city manager/administrator accountable but also don't want to politicize these decisions.
- Debate on checks and balances is not about input, it is about approval or not approval. Any city is going to have checks and balances from community because of elections. Could be okay with mayor approval but must have council remain out of the process.
- If Mayor approves it's a strong-mayor form of government - I am uncomfortable with it.

Straw poll – 18 agreed to city manager/administrator having authority alone (with lots of input from everyone) to hire and fire bureau directors.

Responsibility for budget preparation

- Since Mayor will not vote on council, recommend that the mayor proposes budget and council amends and approves.
- Mayor's budget proposal would be assisted by city manager.
- Ultimately want Council to build the budget based on mayor's proposal.
- Important that we are clear that the mayor presents a budget showing all the things that it takes to achieve council's policy decisions and functions of the city.
- Want to shift more of the power of budget preparation and discussion to the Council.
- Struggle with the notion of council disposing a budget, given the logistics of getting 12 members of a Council navigating the challenge of bringing budgets out of bureaus into a holistic, practical result. Prefer mayor proposes and council amends or approves.
- Don't want the mayor to propose without it being clear that the final product comes from the Council.
- Is it as simple as changing the language to "mayor proposes, council amends and approves"?
- Very concerned with the work done prior to the approval process. Want council to be more involved with shaping of the budget.
- When attorney creates the language based on our proposal, one of the powers of council will be budget approval and they will then determine their own procedures. We don't need to be so proscriptive.
- Amending a budget is a tremendously huge power and quite a check and balance on the mayor.
- Don't agree that just amending is the same as council having power to define the budget.
- Don't want to be too proscriptive but this is one of the ways to empower the council to respond to the needs of the community. Budgets are moral documents – they show what we prioritize and what we care about.
- Knowledge is power – how do we get council behind closed doors with directors to talk about outcomes and requirements. We should also raise participatory budgeting for a phase II discussion.
- Support trying to get better language to give council real authority.
- We likely will iterate with the City Attorney on this many times so these discussions are probably better suited to reacting to draft language.

Straw Poll – Assume that Mayor proposes the budget and council approves, so do you agree that the intention is that council has more power than the mayor on budget? All commissioners agreed.

Number of Districts

- Already a majority of commissioners support four districts and three representatives.
- Would like more than four districts to provide more options for the way districts are drawn, but willing to accept four.
- Don't think four districts is enough, it will be interesting creating the boundaries. It won't serve our goals as well as we want but is better than where we're at now.
- Suspect that once people realize this system is do-able, they will want more than four districts.
- That long view puts me at ease on four districts, even though ideally there should be more.

Straw poll – Are you okay with four districts? All commissioners agreed.

Straw poll – Do you want five districts? 6 commissioners agreed.

Council size

- Appreciate desire for more districts but constraint is that polling has shown 12 is the preferred council size. More districts and more representatives does align with our desired outcomes but concerns were lower with a council size of 12.
- Agree, but this is all incremental and we need to remain aware of desires stated by the community.
- Is anyone else concerned with unintended consequences of these choices, such as large numbers of people running for office which could increase costs of running for office which are publicly funded, or the need for people to run in a coalition to be elected?
- Have thought about how many people would be running for office, but we don't yet have budget analysis, which will be part of future discussions. Part of what we're desiring is to have a more robust democracy, with more people from different backgrounds being able to run for office. It's a tradeoff worth those concerns.
- Always concerned with the governance side and with this new form of government, there are opportunities to find efficiencies which may actually mean there aren't massive increases in costs. Four districts with three representatives both gives more opportunities for people to run and more opportunities for district offices to better interact with community.
- What we're proposing is new and novel in much of America, but it is common around the world.

Straw poll – if you are okay with 12 members – all commissioners agreed

Preliminary Package of Reforms

1	Executive authority	Mayor
2	Mayor is a member of council	No
3	Mayor votes with council	Never
4	Mayor veto authority	No
5	Authority to hire city manager/administrator	Mayor nominates, council approves
6	Authority to supervise city manager/administrator	Mayor
7	Authority to fire city manager/administrator	Mayor or 3/4 of the Council
8	Authority to hire and fire bureau directors	City Manager/Administrator
9	Responsibility for policy development	Council

10	Responsibility for budget preparation	Mayor proposes, council amends & approves, with intention to empower council in process
11	Number of districts	4
12	Number of elected leaders per district	3
13	Council size	12
14	Voting method	Ranked choice voting
15	Timing of elections	Staggered every two years, November only
16	Districing process	Community body with criteria, redistricting every 10 years

Summation of majority view on current refined agreements of mayor and council authorities

Yes - 20	No - 0
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Next Steps

Co-Chairs Kitchin and Castaneda thanked the group for their work and outlined the next steps. The proposed reform package will be sent to the City Attorney’s office for initial drafting of charter amendments. These will be brought to the commission’s next meet for review and amendment.

Meeting adjourned, 8:45p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Diana Shplet, Executive Assistant to the CAO and CFO

Meeting Chat

17:24:14 From Salome Chimuku to Hosts and panelists:
yooooo

17:24:41 From Salome Chimuku to Hosts and panelists:
jeeeyyy

17:24:46 From Salome Chimuku to Hosts and panelists:
from Mexico

17:27:18 From Diana Shplet, she/her, staff to Salome Chimuku(Direct Message):
And you also look fabulous - vacation life must suit you!!

17:28:05 From Salome Chimuku to Diana Shplet, she/her, staff(Direct Message):
thank you!!!!

17:31:43 From Candace Avalos to Hosts and panelists:
HAHHHAHAHAH

17:32:04 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:
I am here, just eating a quick bite to get me through this exciting night!

17:32:19 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Me too-snacking real quick

17:34:09 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Can we turn on closed-captioning?

17:37:32 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:



17:37:39 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:



17:37:42 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:



17:38:04 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:



17:38:18 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:

Yup

17:38:19 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:



17:38:22 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:



17:38:24 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:



17:38:31 From Robin Ye to Everyone:

quick before they change their minds

17:38:59 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:



17:39:42 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:

no objection

17:39:53 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:

None here

17:40:06 From Gloria Cruz (they/them) to Everyone:

No objections

17:40:19 From Dave Galat to Everyone:

none

17:47:31 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

a lot did say mayor alone

17:47:56 From Julia Meier to Everyone:

This is the final straw poll content from the 3.24 work session.

17:48:08 From Anthony Castaneda to Everyone:

Please use + and a few words to indicate what you are supporting. It's difficult to go back through the chat when we don't indicate what we are commenting on.

17:49:05 From Robin Ye to Everyone:

+ with 70 minutes I think we'll have plenty of time to knock these out. I think several just need wordsmithing is all

17:49:22 From Robin Ye to Everyone:

+1 adding firing city administrator

17:49:22 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:

Robin+1 17:50:51 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

ok I understand now

17:50:53 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:

I would like to discuss Mayor's veto authority, very briefly

17:55:20 From Allison Brown (she/her), facilitator to Everyone:
Public comment coming up: after Audrey, we've got Donovan, then Terry, Ann and Todd

17:56:49 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
Thank you to all of the volunteers in the League of Women Voters!

17:59:36 From Allison Brown (she/her), facilitator to Everyone:
Ann next, then Babs, Donna and Amy

18:09:59 From Allison Brown (she/her), facilitator to Everyone:
Following Amy, we'll have Hank and Anne-Marie. Indigo, I think you're here as 350PDX.
If that's true, raise your hand and you'll follow Anne-Marie!



18:10:11 From Allison Brown (she/her), facilitator to Everyone:
Thanks!

18:11:04 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
Donna--I would be interested in your references. I am melanie.billings-yun@portlandoregon.gov.


18:17:42 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
Thanks Hank! Always grateful for the time you put into giving us good information to consider.


18:22:28 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
Thanks for all of the work you and 350PDX do to care for our city and planet's future.


18:22:47 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
Thank you for all your great work!

18:23:09 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
 

18:24:06 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:
sounds great

18:24:48 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
I got my second booster today. Think I'm getting a fever. 

18:26:55 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
oh snap it's second booster time?? 

18:27:22 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Melanie 

18:27:40 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Ya I will be getting mine soon

18:28:19 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
For over 50 or immunocompromised.

18:30:01 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Yup, that's me...lol

18:32:04 From Diana Shplet, she/her, staff to Melanie Billings-Yun(Direct Message):
Hope you feel better soon!

18:32:42 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Diana Shplet, she/her, staff(Direct Message):
Thanks. I'm sure I will. but I swoon in the meeting just yell real loud and wake me up!

18:33:14 From Diana Shplet, she/her, staff to Melanie Billings-Yun(Direct Message):
LOL

18:33:21 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
that's pretty metal of you to get a shot on a commissioner meeting night, Melanie

18:33:33 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:


18:33:39 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:
I'm back

18:33:40 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
Beats the party night!!!

18:33:40 From Vadim Mozyrsky to Hosts and panelists:
I'm here

18:33:46 From Gloria Cruz (they/them) to Everyone:
here

18:33:53 From Hanna Osman to Everyone:
Here

18:34:17 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Here!

18:34:38 From Dave Galat to Everyone:
here

18:37:36 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:
I change my vote to 'never' on this one.

18:37:58 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
My preference would be never but I won't die at tie-breaker

18:38:37 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
my preference is never but can concede to tie breaker. Though I do strongly feel the answer should be never but I won't hold us back if I'm outvoted on this.

18:39:03 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Same sentiments with Comm. Avalos

18:39:32 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:
I will accept the mayor voting as a tie breaker or never.

18:39:42 From Vadim Mozyrsky to Hosts and panelists:
Preference to vote, but okay with tie breaker.

18:40:12 From Hanna Osman to Everyone:
+ Salome

18:41:12 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:
Purely on the separation of Executive and Legislative powers for me.

18:41:56 From Andrew Speer to Everyone:
I lean more towards 'never', but also open to 'tie-breaker'

18:42:21 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
That's a good point

18:43:14 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:
For me it was council size that led to me getting to this place. With the mayor having executive power and 12 council members then tie breaker, if 13 or more councils members than never. Also wanting to separate powers for legislative and executive powers.

18:43:40 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:

+1 with Comm. Avalos, Chimuku and Streeter

18:44:11 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
I'm willing to move to "never"

18:44:26 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
To answer Terry - it's a council elected president is the answer. That's what we've discussed but it's not on the screen.

18:45:13 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
put it in the chat...

18:45:14 From Dave Galat to Everyone:
leaning toward never

18:45:20 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
my vote is never.

18:45:27 From Andrew Speer to Everyone:
never

18:45:38 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
Never

18:45:39 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:
Never

18:45:40 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
My vote is never

18:45:41 From Becca Uherbelau to Hosts and panelists:
I lean never but also open to tie breaker.

18:45:42 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Never

18:45:43 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
Can you draw up a spreadsheet so we can track?

18:45:45 From Gloria Cruz (they/them) to Everyone:
Changing my vote to never

18:45:45 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
Never

18:45:54 From Yasmin Ibarra (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:
never open to tie breaker

18:45:55 From David Knowles to Everyone:
Never

18:45:58 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:
Never

18:45:59 From Hanna Osman to Everyone:
Never

18:46:05 From Anthony Castaneda to Everyone:
Lean towards tie breaker but okay with never

18:46:05 From David Chen to Everyone:
Never

18:46:10 From Vadim Mozyrsky to Hosts and panelists:
tie breaker

18:46:14 From Debbie Kitchin to Everyone:
Leaning to never but open to tie breaker

18:46:22 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
I accept never

18:46:23 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:
never open to tie breaker

18:48:31 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
Commissioner Streeter asked for discussion

18:49:02 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
request to modify the spreadsheet as we go along? ie change 3 to unhighlighted and never

18:49:28 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
+1

18:49:58 From Diana Shippet, she/her, staff to Everyone:
Candace - we're updating the final spreadsheet for when you vote so it will be 100% at that time.

18:51:47 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Melanie+1

18:51:59 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Comm. Chen+1

18:52:26 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
I think it's justifiable with the legislative intent to be an anti-corruption check and balance

18:52:35 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
Good points, David. Look at the Thomases.

18:52:42 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
^what's that mean Robin

18:52:59 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
Er, having city council having some threshold to remove the city administrator

18:53:16 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
I can agree with that to Melanie and David C.

18:53:23 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:
I am open to that.

18:53:24 From Gloria Cruz (they/them) to Everyone:
I would be open to such a backstop with a higher threshold than 2/3

18:53:48 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
3/4?

18:54:47 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
I like Mayor or Council majority - holds City Manager accountable

18:54:55 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Say that example again Comm. Avalos..?

18:55:45 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
I understand the nonprofit analogy but I think there are some important differences too

18:55:49 From Debbie Kitchin to Everyone:

I would support Mayor OR 75% of city council vote

18:56:10 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
That said, I also support a higher threshold

18:56:16 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
4/5 is better

18:56:18 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:
+1 Robin

18:56:26 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
but I can concede to 3/4

18:56:51 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
I'm okay with that. Just want a solid number.

18:56:56 From Debbie Kitchin to Everyone:
I agree with Robin

18:57:07 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
and a specific Roberts rules note is it's 3/4 of SEATS not of people present

18:57:31 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
what's the number of councilors on 2/3?

18:57:33 From Anthony Castaneda to Everyone:
A 2/3 threshold is 8 of 12 councilors

18:57:38 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
^thx

18:57:43 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
I'm open to 8 or 9, I think it's a great discussion tho!

18:58:01 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
8 of 12 is 3/4

18:58:16 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
no, 9 of 12 is 3/4

18:58:21 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
thanks all. 3/4 is the number i'd prefer.

18:58:31 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Oh duh...lol

18:58:41 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Out of 15?

18:58:50 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Why am I doing math at the end of the day? 😊

18:58:54 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
Out of 12

18:58:57 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
we don't have to use fractions, just say how many councilors out of 12 do you want as the threshold

18:59:19 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Number out of 15?

18:59:34 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
I don't want a strong mayor.

18:59:39 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
yes but robin if they increase council in 10 yrs, 3/4ths eliminates a reconfiguration being necessary

18:59:39 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:
number out of 12

18:59:41 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
I am not sure the consensus goal is a strong mayor

19:00:06 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
If it' out of 15 council members, 2/3 is 10 people, at least 3/4 majority is 12 people

19:00:18 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
2/3 is fine with me

19:00:42 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
more chat straw polls please - one at a time

19:01:05 From Andrew Speer to Everyone:
Mayor

19:01:36 From David Knowles to Everyone:
Mayor alone

19:01:39 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:
mayor OR % city council

19:01:39 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Option 2+1

19:01:39 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
Mayor or % of council

19:01:40 From Becca Uherbelau to Everyone:
Mayor OR 3/4 (9)

19:01:43 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
CHAT STRAW POLL: #1 mayor alone, #2 mayor OR council

19:01:47 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
We ready!

19:01:51 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
#2

19:01:51 From Andrew Speer to Everyone:
Mayor alone

19:01:52 From Becca Uherbelau to Everyone:
Option #2

19:01:56 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
#1

19:01:56 From David Chen to Everyone:
2

19:01:58 From Anthony Castaneda to Everyone:
Option #2

19:01:58 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Option 2

19:01:59 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:

Mayor or supermajority of council
19:02:00 From Hanna Osman to Everyone:
#2
19:02:00 From Vadim Mozyrsky to Hosts and panelists:
mayor alone
19:02:00 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
Mayor or 2/3 of council
19:02:01 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:
#2
19:02:05 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:
Mayor alone
19:02:06 From David Knowles to Everyone:
option 1
19:02:06 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
Option 2
19:02:07 From Debbie Kitchin to Everyone:
Mayor OR council supermajority
19:02:07 From Yasmin Ibarra (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:
#1
19:02:12 From Dave Galat to Everyone:
2
19:02:12 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
2
19:02:24 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:
Mayor or council with 2/3 or higher
19:02:34 From Gloria Cruz (they/them) to Everyone:
1
19:03:36 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
14 for Option #2
19:03:37 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
you counted me twice
19:03:55 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:
Too much math!
19:05:13 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:
I am also open to 3/4 if needed
19:05:38 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
I can move to 3/4
19:06:01 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:
my video is unable to be turned on.
19:06:29 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
she meant raise hand feature btw
19:06:31 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
doesn't need camera
19:07:28 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

are options 2/3 or 3/4

19:07:30 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
2/3 or 3/4

19:08:14 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Raise your hand so it's easier to count

19:09:49 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
OPTIONS: #1 mayor only #2 mayor or 3/4 of council

19:13:39 From Julia Meier to Everyone:
This slide doesn't capture the entirety of the work session discussion. It is the final straw poll at the end of the final work session.

19:13:56 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Got it thank you 👍

19:14:54 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:
I thought we were trying to keep the Councilors out of these kind of administrative duties? Or perhaps there are certain high level bureau directors that should have Council input, as mentioned in public comment?

19:16:39 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
Brenda, I think the question right now is "to what extent" we want a Mayor's formal approval for city administrator's decisions on bureau heads

19:16:44 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
It was discussed at some point

19:17:35 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
1. City manager only
2. City manager with Mayor input
3. City manager with Mayor approval/confirmation
4. City manager decision, confirmed by City Council?

19:18:07 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
To me, I'm hoping the debate stays between Option 2 & 3

19:18:12 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
if I'm the mayor, and the city manager fired someone and I was mad at them for it, I'mma fire the city manager...

19:18:12 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Are we clear that consultation is not express approval?

19:18:27 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
4 is hard no from me

19:18:58 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Agreed Candace-I think that is the check on the City Manager

19:19:06 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
for the record, I was mayor with input - not approval from mayor

19:19:11 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
+1 Comm. Kitchin

19:19:17 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
+1

19:19:20 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:

Agreed Debbie

- 19:21:02 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
yes Amira, but the mayor OR city council can fire that person so there's a check!
- 19:21:33 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
And it will be the only real power the City Administrator will have.
- 19:22:00 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
^true
- 19:22:06 From Dave Galat to Everyone:
I am for city manager alone
- 19:22:08 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
we can only do so much to define a power in a charter, and then continue to talk about our legislative intent to breathe life into the reality
- 19:22:22 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
+1 Robin
- 19:22:45 From Debbie Kitchin to Everyone:
Yes - agree Robin
- 19:22:46 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
+1 Becca
- 19:24:17 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
True Debra
- 19:24:30 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
+Debra
- 19:24:35 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
Thanks for that clarification, Debra
- 19:24:44 From Debbie Kitchin to Everyone:
Good points Debra
- 19:24:51 From Robin Ye to Everyone:
+1 Debra, we do have checks
- 19:24:55 From Gloria Cruz (they/them) to Everyone:
+1 Debra
- 19:24:58 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
✅✅✅✅✅✅ all around!!
- 19:25:04 From Becca Uherbelau to Everyone:
+1 Debra
- 19:25:07 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:
+1 Debra
- 19:25:26 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
That is so important Debra!
- 19:25:28 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
Debra for charter commission messenger!!! 🤗
- 19:26:24 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
🗣️ drop it Debra!
- 19:27:44 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

literally everything is political....even a millionaire slapping another is political lmao

19:29:55 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
I appreciate this healthy debate, truly!

19:31:35 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Robin+1

19:32:10 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
lolol Amira

19:32:40 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
I can't say I know how it'll shake out, but I can say that I feel we've been thoughtful and thorough in our discussions around this

19:32:46 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
and we will continue to be

19:33:08 From Shoshanah Oppenheim to Joseph Santos-Lyons and all panelists:
Are you following this from across the globe?

19:33:15 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
☀️ Robin lovin' your sunshine

19:33:29 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
Yes to a hard no on council weighing in!

19:34:38 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
I'm a no to mayor approval. There's enough checks to deal with a rogue CM.

19:34:52 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
YES exactly Melanie that's well put

19:34:53 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Candace+1

19:34:59 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Melanie+1

19:35:06 From Gloria Cruz (they/them) to Everyone:
+1 Melanie

19:35:20 From Dave Galat to Everyone:
firing a bureau director is a big deal I don't think the CM would take it lightly

19:35:26 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Just wondering about accountability on the CMA and the powers of Bureau Directors. Goes back to a "tribunal" discussion we had a long time ago... I'm not suspicious, but I'mma little spicious

19:36:07 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
@Amira, we should definitely flag this for continued research. Tonight is still preliminary and we have more time to investigate

19:36:20 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
Option 1: manager alone (will always get input from lots of people) option 2: mayor has to approve manager's fire/hire decisions

19:36:24 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Option 1

19:36:53 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
Friday eve!

19:37:00 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
it's Thursday

19:37:17 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
I'm honestly torn!

19:38:33 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Willing to let it go to the majority

19:39:03 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Hire/Fire

19:40:37 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
Mayor proposes and council amends and approves

19:40:39 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
mayor proposes, council disposes

19:40:45 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:


19:40:54 From Andrew Speer to Everyone:
I agree with Robin

19:41:26 From Debbie Kitchin to Everyone:
Mayor proposes and city council amends and approves

19:41:31 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
functionally, yes I think a ton of people will be involved

19:42:43 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
Thanks, Salome!

19:42:46 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
What about the current language doesn't work?

19:42:52 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Agencies create base budget based on revenue forecast - Governor develops budget based on agency input - Legislature approves parts and amends parts

19:43:04 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Legislature passes the budget

19:43:08 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
^that

19:43:08 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Thanks Comm. Streeter

19:43:22 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
+1 Raahi

19:43:50 From Yasmin Ibarra (she/her) to Everyone:
yes Raahi

19:43:54 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Comm. Reddy+1

19:43:58 From Andrew Speer to Everyone:
+1 Raahi

19:44:12 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:
+1 Raahi

19:44:40 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:

If it's helpful to think about, I think about how the City Budget will be bill to be passed.
And the City Council passes bills

19:45:13 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
+1 Raahi's point

19:45:36 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
City frame - Mayor develops budget, Council amends or approves and also puts together their own packages. There is a review process

19:45:50 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
I'm feelin fancy ok 😊

19:46:05 From Dave Galat to Everyone:
works for me

19:46:32 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
It may be fancy, but disposes sounds like they throw it in the garbage!

19:46:51 From Diana Shilet, she/her, staff to Allison Brown (she/her), facilitator(Direct Message):
be back in just a minute

19:47:21 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
🗑️

19:47:32 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
how about refurbishes lol

19:47:48 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
One thing to note, because we are removing the power of direct oversight of bureaus to Council members, they might be limited in their budget proposals to only add or take away from a base budget

19:47:48 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
change either to "and"

19:47:51 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
nooo Andrew that's what I'm tryna avoid...

19:48:13 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
So what is the right word for "send it back to do better"?

19:48:29 From Gloria Cruz (they/them) to Everyone:
lol, do better

19:48:38 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Lol..well...yeah

19:48:39 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
I don't think we have to name where the information/good ideas for budget come from

19:50:07 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
lol debra I wish we could add gifs in here :)

19:50:43 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Lol..right!

19:50:48 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
don't make me pull out the student fee committee example again lol

19:51:12 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Oh lord...not the SFC!

19:51:25 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
hahaha you know the SFC Debra??? let's talk haha

19:51:26 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
This is all great commentary to add to our legislative intent

19:51:52 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
I don't wanna make it complicated but I do wanna make council's power very super duper clear!

19:52:07 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
I think its making it CLEAR

19:52:31 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
no that's not what I'm saying David

19:52:35 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
I don't want that either

19:52:53 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
Mayor proposes a budget, and council will approve a budget

19:53:01 From Debbie Kitchin to Everyone:
I agree with David K, - what should go in the charter vs. procedures

19:53:03 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
(and it doesn't have to be the same)

19:53:04 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
errggg look I won't fight it if yall think that language is enough but I'mma be hella pissed if the mayor just gets to have similar power they have now!

19:53:35 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
@ Candace - to be fair, the current language does sound like the process they are doing now. I agree with you

19:53:39 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
don't councilors currently have amendment power tho?

19:53:48 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
^ yes

19:53:48 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
and yet they don't have as much power as the mayor....

19:53:58 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
^ exactly

19:53:59 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
yes, but because they are executives in charge of their bureau budgets, and they need other commissioners to pass their budgets

19:54:07 From Debbie Kitchin to Everyone:
Yes commissioners can propose and vote on amendments

19:54:38 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Comm. Avalos, I think that is what makes this complicated. What you are articulating (to my mind) is an attempt to address the fact that, we know all of these things on paper, but political dynamics don't always support that check and balance

19:55:13 From Dave Galat to Everyone:
yes

19:55:16 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Mayor proposes base budget with council input and approval and disposes as needed?

19:55:23 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
the difference is that in our system the mayor does not have a vote in the approval

19:55:27 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
^ in consultation with CMA

19:55:28 From Diana Shiptet, she/her, staff to Everyone:
And currently commissioners as executives of bureaus send their budget proposals to the mayor/budget office who use that information to propose the budget and then they circle back to make those amendments/approvals.

19:55:33 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
we need language tonight that we can agree to, with the understanding that we've now articulated, and we can amend the language later if we find the best

19:55:45 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
True Melanie but they do have a powerful pulpit

19:55:53 From Andrew Speer to Everyone:
Through the clarity of roles for the Mayor, I think that gives clarity to council that they are the final approver (given that the mayor does not vote)

19:56:20 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
As well as the most direct contact with the rest of anyone actually putting the budget together-something that council will not

19:56:21 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
^ Yes, but you don't want to set up a system where the Council members think they aren't allowed to make changes

19:56:24 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
I think we have some time to do more research for better language than this—we may just not get to it tonight. But we should pursue this further.

19:56:36 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
as long as we're all clear that our INTENT is for council to have more budget power, then write it however and make sure the lawyers understand the intent and we can tweak the language.

19:56:46 From Gloria Cruz (they/them) to Everyone:
+1 Raahi

19:56:50 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
I believe that by having districts, it will greatly reduce the mayor's pulpit.

19:57:00 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Comm. Avalos+1

19:57:08 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
+1 Candace

19:57:15 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Potentially Melanie

19:57:31 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
+1 Comm. Lewis

19:57:32 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:

Comm. Lewis+1

19:57:55 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:

Right now the mayor represents the city and the council represents bureaus. Now the bureau answers to the people, so they will have authority.

19:58:30 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:

+1 Comm. Uherbelau

19:58:30 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

+1000 Becca - exactly exactly

19:58:50 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:

we've done a great job at stating intent for the record. +1000 everyone

19:59:25 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

yes to PB

19:59:33 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:

+1 🍌

19:59:43 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:

+1000 Comm. Uherbelau

19:59:50 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:

On PB

20:00:09 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:

What's PB?

20:00:26 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:

Participatory budgeting

20:00:26 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

participatory budgeting Melanie sorry

20:01:01 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:

PB ❤️

20:01:08 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

before we leave this topic I'd love a raise hand poll to make sure everyone agrees council has more power than mayor on budget :) and then we can just put whatever language for lawyers to fidget with

20:01:55 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:

^ Yes! Have the counsel help us write language that gets us to a system that we are envisioning

20:03:08 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

auditor is phase 2 but right now we're keeping it same - at large, rcv would be applied to them

20:05:17 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:

Council has ultimate authority to pass the budget; meaning that it does not require the mayor's input (but a functioning city would have everyone's input)

20:05:47 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:

I would say both

20:07:19 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

for the final two I don't have anything to say other than my vote is 4 districts and 3 each equaling 12 and I'm a hard need on that :)

20:07:54 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
I would like to see 4-5 districts with 3 each

20:08:03 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
(and I'm a no on more than 12, per polling and other reasons)

20:08:34 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
raise hand if people want more than 4?

20:08:42 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:
Yes for straw poll

20:08:48 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
lol I gotchu

20:08:50 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:
I want 5 with 3 each but ok to settle on 4

20:08:51 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
I would like five but can totally back four w/3 councilors=12

20:09:06 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:
now would be the time to vote your conscience

20:09:53 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
+1 Comm. Chimuku

20:10:20 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:
^+1

20:10:26 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
I land on 4 people I don't want 1 or 2 people per district, minimum of 3. 4x3 being 12 and 12 is high and I don't want more than 12 right now

20:10:28 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
Additionally, we aren't having the Mayor as a tie-breaker - so even number

20:10:41 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:
I would say that based on the polling and stakeholder meetings that there isn't a lot of public support for more than 12 on Council. So I guess it depends on how many you want per district?

20:11:01 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
^and agree that polls and folks talking to us don't feel good with more than 14

20:11:02 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
+Brenda

20:11:02 From Andrew Speer to Everyone:
+1 Brenda

20:11:09 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
I mean 12 *

20:11:14 From Gloria Cruz (they/them) to Everyone:
+1 Brenda

20:11:32 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
I don't think the polls asked about 15

20:12:35 From Andrew Speer to Everyone:
chance is incremental (as much as some of us cringe at that fact)

20:12:54 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:

True that Comm. Speer
20:15:03 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
I would just because wanting more isn't the sword I would fall on
20:15:13 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
Imao
20:15:56 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
that's fine
20:16:01 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
a vote for if you want 5?
20:17:20 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
hard stop at 12 for me.
20:18:05 From Becca Uherbelau to Everyone:
+1 Robin
20:18:06 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:
brb need to get a charger for my computer
20:18:12 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
+1Robin
20:18:23 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Robin+1
20:18:28 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
we triplin'!!!
20:18:49 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:
+1 Robin
20:18:49 From Debbie Kitchin to Everyone:
Agree Robin.
20:18:53 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:
Agreed +1 Robin
20:20:38 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Costs to run, by definition, would be less in a district than in a city-wide
20:21:19 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
I'm not comfortable being so precise on the number right now. I loike the language we
had before - at least 4 and at least 12
20:21:21 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:
*like
20:22:09 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:
More people running is something I want. Greater diversity in candidates, more people
who haven't ran deciding to run.
20:22:31 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:
Comm. Chimuku+1
20:22:49 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:
+1 Chimuku
20:22:57 From Andrew Speer to Everyone:
I think being precise is helpful at this point for community engagement purposes, if we
have an exact number, then community can weigh in directly vs. talking about a range. Hearing

feedback on 12, gives us value in hearing those direct comments as we move forward in the process

20:23:24 From Hanna Osman to Everyone:

Great point Andrew

20:24:06 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:

Yes, but there are possibilities available

20:24:50 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

+1 Andrew

20:25:10 From Anthony Castaneda to Everyone:

I remember this research now

20:25:18 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:

Thank you Melanie

20:25:20 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

especially bc there's was a change in how people felt when it went from 12 to 15. So we need to give them a number to react to



20:25:30 From Andrew Speer to Everyone:

+1 Melanie


20:25:52 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:

+1 Melanie


20:26:29 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

  Robin droppin facts!

20:27:01 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:

+1Robin 

20:27:06 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:

Robin is a facts pro 

20:27:14 From Gloria Cruz (they/them) to Everyone:

+1 Robin!!!!

20:27:23 From Hanna Osman to Everyone:

+Robin

20:28:15 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

I gotta go to the bathroooooom I need 1 min

20:29:04 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:

after 1.5 years, what's another 20 minutes

20:29:30 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:

+Robin!!

20:29:43 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:



20:29:58 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

im back

20:34:12 From Gloria Cruz (they/them) to Everyone:

Thank you, Dave for being here tonight.

20:34:23 From Diana Shiplet, she/her, staff to Allison Brown (she/her), facilitator(Direct Message):

Missed Kitchin

20:36:12 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:



20:37:00 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:

I will put my thanks and appreciation over here! Well done team!

20:37:27 From Hanna Osman to Everyone:

Well done y'all

20:37:53 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

Soooo grateful to staff for helping us get to this point, along with our community partners and all the amazing community members who have engaged with us, shared their knowledge with us, and also put in the work of researching too! Appreciate everyone so very much.

20:38:08 From David Chen to Everyone:

For the record, I updated my views on the 4 districts/3 member arrangement after I was provided the MGGG study from July 2021 (thank you Robin Ye), the conclusions of which were essentially confirmed by their supplemental study that was provided on March 31, 2022.

20:38:46 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:

100% true, Raahi! Especially in this political atmosphere, this has been inspiring!

20:38:59 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:

True that Melanie

20:40:51 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

ROBIN LOL

20:41:34 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

Yessss Gloria, David, and David!!! Thank you!!!

20:41:35 From Dave Galat to Everyone:

...also grateful for all the public input

20:41:53 From Hanna Osman to Everyone:

Thank you Robin.

20:42:04 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

FINAL STRAW POLL - who comin to party tomorrow

20:42:18 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:

Will try!

20:42:19 From Robin Ye (he/him) to Everyone:

if someone bet on this outcome they'd be a millionaire

20:42:22 From Yasmin Ibarra (she/her) to Everyone:



20:42:30 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:

Yeeshawww!

20:42:33 From Hanna Osman to Everyone:

I don't say much but very proud of us.

20:42:36 From Raahi Reddy to Everyone:

Wow!

20:42:53 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

LOOK AT WHAT WE (US, COMMUNITY, STAFF, PARTNERS, ETC) DID. WE ROCK

20:42:57 From Melanie Billings-Yun to Everyone:

I have a lump in my throat

20:43:25 From Andrew Speer to Everyone:

Not done, but I'm really proud of our work and collaboration!

20:43:32 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:



20:43:40 From Amira Streeter to Everyone:



20:44:47 From Comm. Salomé Chimuku (She/Her) to Everyone:

I am so sorry everyone but I got to go. My internet is closing down for the night.

Goodnight yall. gotta get back to vacation.

20:45:00 From Debra Porta (She/Her) to Everyone:

Night!

20:45:06 From Brenda Ketah to Everyone:

Thanks Salome, enjoy!

20:45:23 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:

see yall at the party tomorrow woow woowoo!

20:45:27 From Allison Brown (she/her), facilitator to Everyone:

SHout out Commissioner Avalos for the support!!

20:45:37 From Candace Avalos to Everyone:



20:45:51 From Bryan Lewis to Hosts and panelists:



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