

**City of South Euclid 2015 Charter Amendment Proposals for Consideration  
As of March 16, 2015**

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Article/Section**

**Proposal**

**Benefits/Reasons**

<p>1. Fiorelli Article II. – Council Section 2. Qualifications</p>	<p>Proposal to change italics sentence to read: <i>Council shall NOT allow, nor take any action to permit, any public employment that is or maybe in conflict with the best interests of the residents of South Euclid and ensuring South Euclid will receive maximum consideration in discretionary matters. All judgments shall error on the side of the residents of South Euclid.</i></p>	<p>This change will help ensure the interests of South Euclid will be protected from conflicts. It will also help clarify what is expected and reduce judgments.</p>
<p>2. Fiorelli Article XI. – Amendments to Charter</p>	<p>Adopt the State Constitution standard: The percentage of electors required (10 percent) to sign shall be based upon the total vote cast at the last preceding general municipal election.</p>	<p>This change is consistent with State Constitution. It would further disclose more reliable and accurate data to the community.</p>
<p>3. Gelfand Throughout</p>	<p>Currently, throughout the charter, pronouns refer to the male gender, e.g., "he", "him." I want to change the language of the charter to reflect gender neutral pronouns, or where possible, to eliminate the pronoun. E.g., replace "he" with "he or she", or replace "he" with "the Mayor."</p>	
<p>4. Gelfand Article 5 Section 12</p>	<p>... The head of each department shall be a director appointed by the Mayor who shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. However, the appointment of the Law Director shall be for a term concurrent with that for which the Mayor is elected for the full term beginning January 1, 2016. The newly elected (or re-elected) Mayor shall nominate a Law Director by January 1 of the full term commencing and Council shall confirm or reject the Mayor's appointment no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of appointment. Failure by Council to confirm or reject the appointee by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the appointment year shall result in automatic confirmation of the Mayor's appointee</p>	
<p>5. Gray Article XIII Ethics and Standards Section 4. Disclosure of Private Interest in Legislation</p>	<p>Conflict of Interest Statement Public officials shall not engage in activities which might tend to impair his or her independence of judgment, seek unwarranted privileges influenced or have an interest in enterprises which might be influenced by decisions he or she make on behalf of the City. He or She shall act in accordance with any existing or future standards or codes of ethics. No Public officials shall have an unlawful interest in a public contract (See ORC. 2921.42).</p> <p>Beginning on 2 January 2016, all public officials of South Euclid must complete and sign a Conflict of Interest statement by the 2nd council meeting of February. This process will occur each year following implementation. Any and all conflicts that may affect your decisions or conduct (vote, recommendations for hire, bidding contracts, professional services) must be disclosed in writing and presented to council. All signed Conflict of Interest documents will be part of public records.</p>	<p>More transparency</p>

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<p>6. Icové Article XI – A: Charter Review Commission.</p>	<p>The Charter Review Commission (“CRC”) shall consist of 11 commissioners.</p>	<p>Guarantees that at least three members of the CRC will not hold some other elected public office in the City.</p>
<p>7. Romeo Article XI-A – Charter Review Commission</p>	<p>(Second Paragraph at the end) – Each member of the Charter Review Commission shall be a qualified elector of the City, shall have resided continuously therein for not less than three years next preceding his election and shall continue to reside therein during his term in office.</p>	<p>Charter Review Commission members should be aware of what impact the City Charter has had on the community to help make a rational review and decision regarding the charter. Being a resident for three years would hopefully allow a member to be well informed regarding the charter.</p>
<p>8. Welo Article VII</p>	<p>The City of South Euclid City Council shall sponsor a Resolution requesting the merging of the South Euclid Municipal Court with the Lyndhurst Regional Court once affirmed by the voters in November 2015.</p>	<p>To allow the City of South Euclid Independent Municipal Court to merge with the Lyndhurst Regional Court. The Lyndhurst Court operates on the court costs they collect and returns all City fines to the municipalities.</p>