

**City of South Euclid 2015 Charter Amendment Proposals for Consideration
As of March 2, 2015**

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Article/Section	Proposal	Benefits/Reasons	Comments/Status
1. Fiorelli Article II. – Council Section 2. Qualifications	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>	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.	
2. Fiorelli Article XI. – Amendments to Charter	Proposal to change italics to read: <i>signed by qualified electors which equal in number at least ten percent (10%) of the total votes cast for Mayor at the last regular mayoralty election</i>	This change is consistent with State Constitution. It would further disclose more reliable and accurate date to the community.	Legal basis provided 3-2-15
3. Gelfand Throughout	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."		
4. Gelfand Article 5 Section 7	Civil Service Commission. Currently, Mayor appoints all 3 members. I want to change this to the Mayor appointing 2 and Council appointing 1. Alternatively, the Mayor continues to appoint all 3 but add "with advice and consent of City Council."		
5. Gelfand Article 5 Section 9	City Planning Commission. Currently, Mayor appoints 4, Council appoints 1. I want to change this to the Mayor appointing 3 and Council appointing 2. Alternatively, Mayor appoints all 5 with advice and consent of Council.		
6. Gelfand Article 5 Section 11	Zoning and Building Standards Board of Appeals. Currently, Mayor appoints all 5 members. I want to change this to the Mayor appointing 3 and Council appointing 2.		

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	Alternatively, Mayor continues to appoint all 5 with advice and consent of Council.		
7. Gelfand Article 5 Section 12	... 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 st of the year of appointment. Failure by Council to confirm or reject the appointee by January 31 st of the appointment year shall result in automatic confirmation of the Mayor's appointee		Amended 2-15-15
8. Gray Article XIII Ethics and Standards Section 4. Disclosure of Private Interest in Legislation	Public officials shall be required to submit in writing to City Council any prior business relationships with individuals to be hired by the city or contracted to provide goods and/or services to the city of South Euclid. City Council shall have the responsibility to review and approve, so as to avoid impropriety or the appearance thereof.	More transparency	
9. Gray Article XIII Ethics and Standards Section 4. Disclosure of Private Interest in Legislation	There must be full and immediate public disclosure to council when a vendor whose company is owned by or employs a City employee or the City's employee's family.	More accountability	
10. Gray Article IX-A Tax Limitation	There will be no tax increases and no tax credits shall be repealed without a prior vote of consent of the people.	More citizen involvement	

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<p>11. Icové Article XI – A: Charter Review Commission.</p>	<p>The Charter Review Commission (“CRC”) shall consist of 11 commissioners. The Mayor and President of City Council are ex-officio members of the CRC, and neither can serve as chairperson. Nine additional commissioners are elected by the voters as at-large members.</p>	<p>1. Guarantees that at least three members of the CRC will not hold some other elected public office in the City. 2. Guarantees that the people holding the two most important City political positions will be on the CRC.</p>	
<p>12. Icové Article V –Administrative Departments and Commissions.</p>	<p>The Finance Director shall be nominated by Mayor and confirmation shall be the same as we use for the Law Director—four affirmative votes by Council members. The reconfirmation process will be the same too.</p>	<p>1. Institutes a needed system of checks and balances between the executive and legislative branches of government, which almost all other municipalities in our County now have in place. 2. Promotes good government and transparency.</p>	
<p>13. Icové Article V –Administrative Departments and Commissions.</p>	<p>The Service Director, Building Commissioner, Housing Manager, and Economic Development Manager are nominated by the Mayor, and take office upon confirmation by Council. There is no reconfirmation process.</p>	<p>1. Institutes a needed system of checks and balances between the executive and legislative branches of government, which almost all other municipalities in our County now have in place. 2. Promotes good government and transparency.</p>	
<p>14. 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>Rational: 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>15. Welo/Romeo Article II – The Council Section 2. Qualifications</p>	<p>No member of Council shall hold any other public office or public employment during his term except as otherwise provide in this Charter and further excepting the office of Notary public and membership in the National Guard or Reserve Corps and the office of Precinct Committer Person once affirmed by the voters in the November 3, 2015 election.</p>	<p>A person elected to serve as a ward and or at large council person should not hold a position that is in direct conflict to their representation of the City of South Euclid.</p>	

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<p>16. 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 merger with the Lyndhurst Regional Court. The Lyndhurst Court operates on the court costs they collect and returns all City fines to the municipalities.</p>	<p>Amended 2-16-15</p>
<p>17. Welo Article XI-A Charter Review Commission</p>	<p>At the general election of November of 2013 and every tenth year thereafter, a Charter Review Commission of nine members shall be elected.</p>	<p>Change is not to have CRC on local election year. It would make the process independent of local election cycle.</p>	<p>Added 2-16-15</p>