



Date: October 23, 2017

To: Charter Review Committee

From: City Manager's Office

Subject: Informational Memo: Future Presentations and Agenda Items

At its August 7, 2017 meeting, the Ethics Committee had directed the Charter Review Committee to review and prioritize future work plan items related to the City's Charter. At the October 5, 2017 Charter Review Special Meeting, the Committee was tasked with prioritizing potential charter amendments, as suggested by members of the community and Committee, to be forwarded to Council for review and approval. In order to complete the prioritization, Committee Members expressed interest in hearing more information about the current accountability mechanisms and the oversight of elected officers in the City of Santa Clara. The Committee's interest in conducting a thorough analysis is commendable. If the committee chooses to hear from past and current elected officials, it is recommended to also seek independent review of elected positions for a comprehensive and objective analysis.