



# City of Charlotte

## Mayor/Council Four Year Terms

Strategy Session  
December 3, 2018



# Committee Referral: Four year Terms

## Charge from Mayor:

- ✓ *“Review the Attorney's memo”*
- ✓ *“Assess the consequences of the implementation of four-years terms, including prior review of prior recommendations on the composition of Mayor and Council terms and any other applicable research”*
- ✓ *“Provide a recommendation for consideration by the full Council on the length and cycle for Mayor and Council terms and election cycle”*

# Committee Recommendations



1. Committee recommends that the Mayor and City Council transition from two-year terms to four-year terms. (Vote 3:2)
2. Committee recommends decision to transition from two-year to four-year terms will be subject to a referendum. (Vote 4:1).
3. \*Committee recommends the referendum should occur in line with a potential September election. (Vote 5-0)
4. Committee recommends staggered terms. (Vote 5-0)

*\*City Attorney Bob Hagemann later advised that the law has changed recently which would require such a referendum, in an odd numbered election year, must be held during a November general election*