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### Public Feedback on the Citizen Advisory Committee on Governance Recommendations to City Council

Action:

Receive public comment on the Citizen Advisory Committee on Governance Recommendations to City Council.

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#### Explanation

- At the November 2, 2020 City Council Strategy Session, the Citizen Advisory Committee on Governance (CACG) presented its final report, including recommendations for Council's consideration.
- Recommendations by the CACG include:
  - Staggered four-year terms;
  - Two-term limit contingent on four-year terms;
  - Implement four-year terms through a Citizens' Referendum;
  - Hold non-partisan elections;
  - Increase Mayor and City Council compensation to be comparable to that of the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners;
  - Keep the number of council members at 12 (11 council members and the Mayor);
  - Reassign one of the at-large representative seats as a new district representative seat; and
  - Factors to consider in redistricting such as districts must have substantially equal population, should be reasonably compact, and district boundaries may follow neighborhood boundaries or the boundaries of areas containing residents sharing similar interests.
- Public input is being requested on the recommendations to City Council developed by the CACG on the current City of Charlotte government structure.

#### Background

- In January 2020, the CACG was established to review the current structure of the Charlotte City Council.
- The CACG is an ad hoc committee charged with the detailed consideration of and recommendation for council action on, the following issues:
  - Mayor and City Council terms of office, as well as method of implementation,
  - Mayor and City Council full- or part-time positions and related compensation, and
  - Updated policy guidelines and principles for City Council redistricting resulting from the results of the 2020 census.
- The CACG developed its recommendations for City Council with the following considerations:
  - The overall best desired outcome for Charlotte residents,
  - How to best help elected officials be more prepared to serve residents, and
  - How to encourage more voter turnout.
- Additional information can be found on the city's website at

<https://charlottenc.gov/Mayor/Pages/Citizen-Advisory-Committee-on-Governance.aspx>.

**Attachment(s)**

CACG Recommendations Overview

November 2, 2020 Strategy Session Presentation

CACG Final Report