

City of Piedmont  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: July 16, 2018

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Paul Benoit, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Consideration of Options Regarding Direct Arguments and Rebuttal Arguments Relating to Proposed Amendments to the Charter on the November 6, 2018 Ballot

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RECOMMENDATION

Consider the authorization of one or two councilmembers to prepare and sign direct arguments in favor of the measures proposing amendments to the Charter as well as rebuttal arguments to direct arguments opposed to the measure (should any be filed).

BACKGROUND

The deadline for direct arguments related to the proposed Charter amendment on the November 6, 2018 ballot is August 17, 2018. If the Council wishes to put a direct argument on the ballot, it has two options:

1. Authorize one or two Councilmembers to prepare and sign direct arguments in favor of the measures proposing amendments to the Charter on behalf of the City Council, allowing other interested parties to sign the arguments. If the Council chooses this route, it should also authorize the same members to write a rebuttal to any direct arguments opposed to the measures (if filed) at the same time.
2. Pass resolutions approving the text of direct arguments in favor of the proposed Charter amendment measures and have each member of the Council sign them. The Council would need to consider the arguments no later than its regular meeting of August 2<sup>nd</sup> to ensure placement in the voter information guide. If the Council chooses to write the direct argument as a body, it should also authorize two members to write a rebuttal to a direct argument opposed to the measure (if one is filed) at the same time as there will not be enough time for the Council to consider a rebuttal argument prior to the August 24<sup>th</sup> deadline for rebuttal arguments.

By: John O. Tulloch, City Clerk