



November 6, 2019

2020 Orange County Charter Review Commission

Dear Chairman Evans and Members of the Charter Review Commission:

The Co-Presidents of the League of Women Voters of Orange County (LWVOC) cannot attend tonight's Charter Review Commission (CRC). Please accept and read into the record this letter in lieu of our personal appearance.

The League supports the citizen initiative process as a means to amend the Orange County Charter. The Citizen Initiative amendment approved in 2016 is too restrictive. Therefore,

1. We feel strongly that the citizen initiative proposal put forth by CRC Member Vilchez-Santiago deserves further consideration and study, despite the memo sent to you by your General Counsel Cliff Sheppard.
2. We believe that a committee to consider citizen initiative proposals and their important role in our Orange County Charter should be created.
3. As the individual who has worked most in depth on this issue, we urge the CRC to appoint Member Vilchez Santiago to this committee and serve as the chair.

Thank you for accepting this letter in lieu of our personal appearance and commentary.

Sincerely yours,

*Gloria Pickar*

Dr. Gloria Pickar, Co-President

*Sandi Vidal*

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