



## 2020 ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC)

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### Committee Recommendation

#### Number and Composition of County Commission Districts, and Full Time/Part Time Commissioners

Committee Members:

Jack Douglas, Chair<sup>1</sup>  
Russell Drake  
Anthony (Tony) Suarez  
Dotti Wynn  
Matthew Klein

#### Summary of Recommendation

Beginning on July 24, 2019, the Number and Composition of County Commission Districts Committee (the “Committee”) held [redacted] public meetings to hear public input and consider proposals relating to expanding the membership of the Orange County Commission. Additionally, on November 6, 2019, with the approval of the 2020 Orange County Charter Review Commission, the Committee’s area of inquiry expanded to include analyzing whether the charter should be amended to expressly provide that county commissioners are full-time county officials. The Committee reviewed the work of a similarly-tasks committee of the 2016 CRC, historical population information, and anticipated costs of implementing proposals for expansion. The Committee further heard from county officials in writing and as invited guests, including Mayor Demings, Commissioners VanderLey, Gomez Cordero, Moore, Bonilla, and Uribe, County Administrator Byron W. Brooks, Supervisor of Elections Bill Cowles, Orange County Chief of Staff Roseann Harrington, and Office of Management and Budget Manager Kurt N. Petersen. The Committee also heard from members of public as to their respective concerns relating to the responsibilities, representativeness and responsiveness of current county commission districts.

After careful consideration of the information presented, the Committee voted [redacted] to [redacted] to recommend to the full CRC [no amendment] [an amendment to the Orange County Charter. . . .].

**[IF RECOMMENDING AMENDMENT BE ADDED]** The specifics of the proposal provide that . . . .

**[IF RECOMMENDATION IS THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN]** – Based on the lack of substantial public comment concerning any need for additional single-member or at-large commissioners, the comments of current Commissioners, the Mayor, and other county officials, the estimated cost of increasing the number and composition of districts in 2020, and other data presented, the Committee recommends that no amendments to the County Charter be made with respect to the

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<sup>1</sup> The Committee’s original chair resigned from the 2020 Orange County Charter Review Commission and, thereafter, Jack Douglas was appointed as the Committee’s chair.

number and composition of commissioner districts or to the full or part-time status of commissioners.

**Reasons for Recommendation**

**[Number 1 Reason for Recommendation]**

[Basis]

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**[Number 2 Reason for Recommendation]**

[Basis]

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**Arguments Against [Recommendation]**

**[Number 1 Reason Against Recommendation]**

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**[Number 2 Reason Against Recommendation]**

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**Financial Impact Statement (If recommending an amendment).**

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