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Charter Change Proposal:

City Council Approval of Mayoral
Cabinet Appointees



What Positions Make Up the Mayoral Cabinet?

- Public Works
- Finance
- Parks & Recreation
- Environmental Health (DDPHE)
- Safety
- General Services
- Human Services
- Aviation
- Community Planning and Development
- City Attorney
- Excise & License



Do Other Strong Mayor Cities Do This?

SIGNIFICANT AUTHORITY

- Baltimore
- Seattle
- Tulsa
- Colorado Springs
- Denver (post-change)

LIMITED AUTHORITY

- Boston
- Philadelphia
- San Francisco
- Denver (current)



What Would the Process Look Like?

- Appointment would require majority Council approval
- Standard resolution with 30-day shot clock
- Appointment would go through on consent unless called out by a Council member
- If called out, Council interview would be conducted during a meeting of the supervising committee for that agency
- After interview, vote of full Council would occur at regularly scheduled Council meeting



Other Considerations

- Mayor retains sole dismissal authority
- Resolution calls for positions to be filled in a “timely manner”
- This proposal is part of the package which will go through the FINGOV Committee and to the voters in November 2020
- If passed, effective upon publication and filing with the Secretary of State (late 2020)



Questions

