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# Charter Review Committee

# Agenda

- Brief history of Denver's Charter
- Problem we are trying to solve
- Process of Charter Review Committee
- Dates and Timeline
- Questions for Committee on Charter Changes

# Brief History

- The City of Denver was founded in 1858 and first incorporated in 1861. It became the capital in 1867.
- The City and County of Denver was established in 1902 by constitutional amendment.
- The first Mayor-Council charter was adopted in 1904. This established our current strong-Mayor and Council government.
- 1916 Speer Amendment centralized authority in executive branch and laid out the responsibilities for the government.

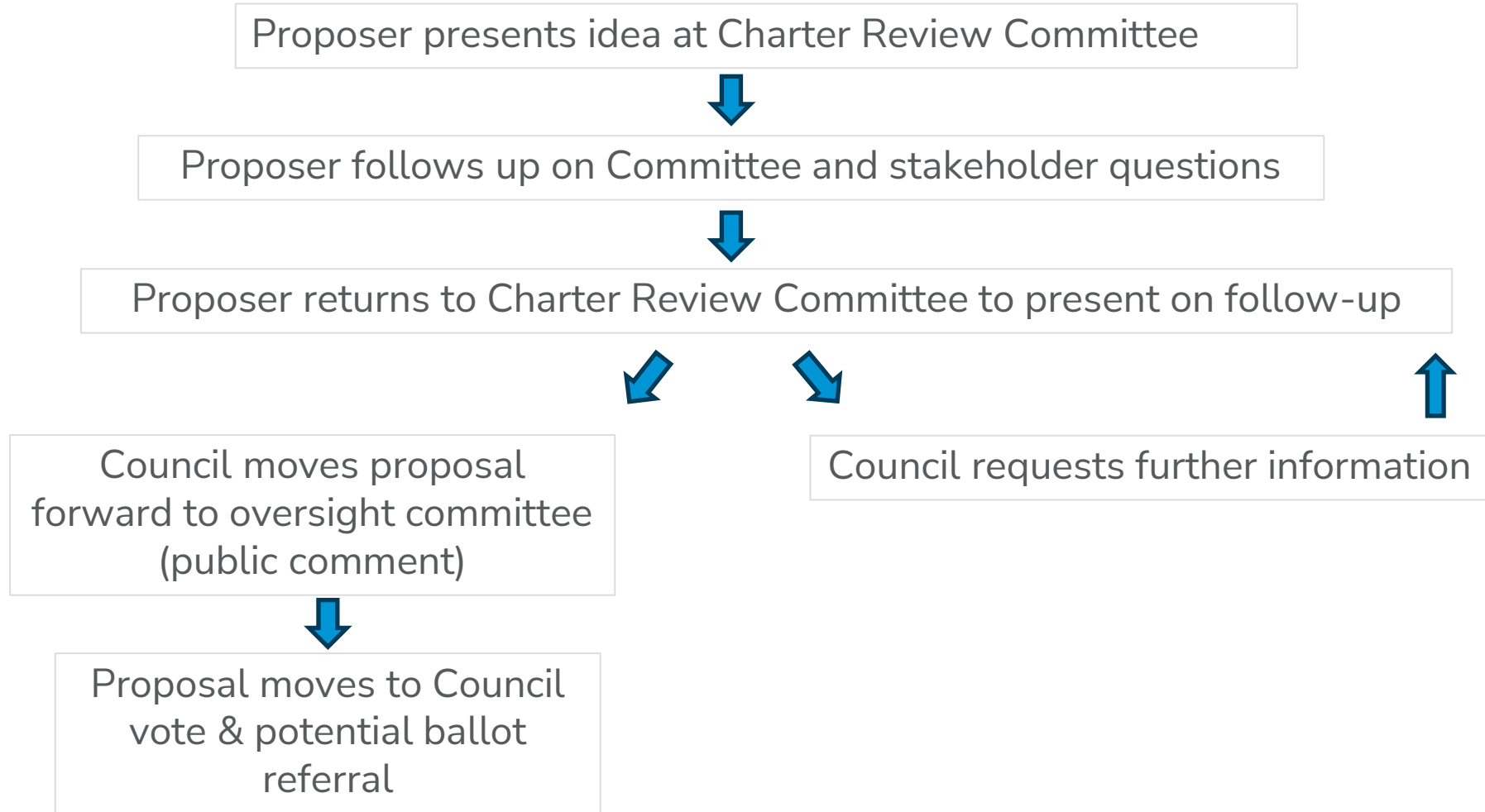
# What Problem Are We Trying to Solve?

- The Charter of the City and County of Denver is extremely prescriptive which does not allow for flexibility as the city grows and technology advances.
- Changes to the Charter would help to correct these issues to modernize our local government and to help make it more efficient for taxpayers.

# Process

- Charter Review Committee will be a committee of the whole and will meet monthly.
- During this the Committee will hear two to three proposals for Charter changes. This will allow ample time for each presentation and questions.
- Fully vetted proposals may be referred to the 2024 ballot.
- To schedule a presentation please fill out the Sharepoint Form <https://fs12.formsite.com/qD2eXl/iuhwqufrj3/index> and contact Luke Palmisano at [Lucas.Palmisano@denvergov.org](mailto:Lucas.Palmisano@denvergov.org).

# Flow Chart





# Questions for Committee

- What is the topic of this Charter Change?
- What is the purpose of this Charter change?
- Is a Charter change the best way to achieve this goal?
- Who are the internal and external experts we need to analyze the issues?
- Who are the stakeholders that need to be engaged?
- What are the fiscal impacts?
- Are there examples of this in other cities?
- What are the pros and cons?
- What are the unintended consequences?
- Has this been vetted by the City Attorney's Office?

# Dates of Charter Review Committee

- August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024



# 2024 Timeline



# Questions & Discussion