# 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 <a href="https://fs12.formsite.com/qD2eXl/iuhwqufrj3/index">https://fs12.formsite.com/qD2eXl/iuhwqufrj3/index</a> and contact Luke Palmisano at <a href="mailto:Lucas.Palmisano@denvergov.org">Lucas.Palmisano@denvergov.org</a>.



#### **Flow Chart**

Proposer presents idea at Charter Review Committee



Proposer follows up on Committee and stakeholder questions



Proposer returns to Charter Review Committee to present on follow-up







Council moves proposal forward to oversight committee (public comment)



Proposal moves to Council vote & potential ballot referral

Council requests further information



## **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 9th, 2023
- November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- · January 15th, 2024

- February 12th, 2024
- March 11th, 2024
- April 8th, 2024
- · May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024



## 2024 Timeline

June 3, 2024

Last Charter Review Committee for 2024 ballot July 16/17, 2024

Last committee meeting date to approve ballot initiatives

Aug 5, 2024

Referred measures must be voted on by Council



# Questions & Discussion

