



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.**

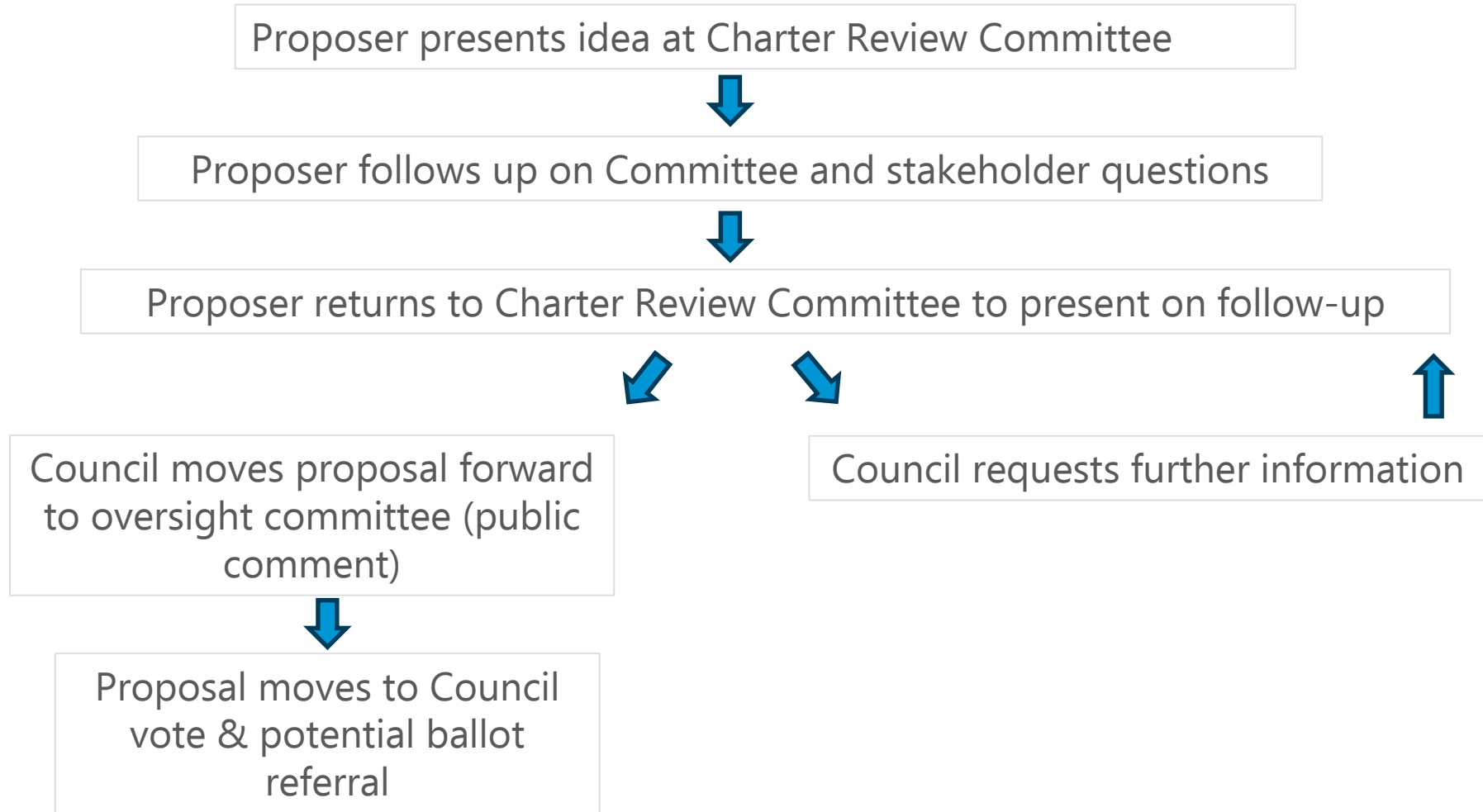
What Problem Are We Trying to Solve?

- **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/qD2eXI/iuhwqufrj3/index> and contact Luke Palmisano at 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 14th, 2023
- September 11th, 2023
- October 9th, 2023
- November 6th, 2023
- December 4th, 2023
- January 15th, 2024
- February 12th, 2024
- March 11th, 2024
- April 8th, 2024
- May 6th, 2024
- June 3rd, 2024

2024 Timeline



Questions & Discussion