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PowerPoint – Charter History

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Charter History City of Sacramento

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City of Sacramento – Governance Structure

- 1848 – Common Council (10 years): Mayor and Nine Councilmen
- 1858 – Consolidated City/County Board of Trustees (5 years): Eight Board Members
- 1863 – Board of Three Trustees (31 years): Ex-officio Mayor, Street Commissioner and Superintendant of Water
- 1894 – Mayor-Trustee System (18 years): Mayor and Nine Trustees
- 1912 – City Commission (9 years): Five Commissioners with one selected as President
- 1921 – Council-Manager System (88 years): Mayor and Eight Councilmembers. City Manager as Chief Executive Officer



City of Sacramento – Amendments to Current Charter

- First modern Charter established the City Council-Manager form of government was voted in 1920
- Fifty-four elections held between 1933 and 2002 which modified various Charter sections, hundreds of subsections
- Nine Charter amendments in 22 years (since 1987)
- Eight initiated by the Council
- One by initiative petition (binding arbitration for Police)
- Full time Mayor started as an initiative petition, then Council



City of Sacramento – Use of Charter Commissions

- 1849 - Common Council formed committee to draft the City's Constitution . Two officials were appointed.
- 1898 - Mayor-Trustee System formed committee to review an amendment to the Charter. Individuals were appointed.

Council-Manager System

- 1920 to 1978 - Used standing “Charter Amendment” committee. Appointed Councilmembers.
- 1980 - Law & Legislation and Personnel & Public Employees Committees
- 1988 - Local Government Reorganization Commission
Sacramento Ad Hoc Charter Commission (City/County Merge)
- 1990 - No record of Charter Commission by act of Council



City of Sacramento – References

City of Sacramento Legislative History Index

City of Sacramento Charter Documents

Golden Notes dated April, 1956 Vol. 2, No. 3 published by the
Sacramento County Historical Society

