

# Sacramento Charter Review Committee

## Panel Presentation Format

June 4, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

### **Governance/Budget Panelists**

Henry Gardner, Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments  
Gerald Newfarmer, CEO and President, Management Partners, Inc.  
Daniel Whitehurst, Consultant/Former Mayor, City of Fresno

### **Format**

1. Panel presentation will begin with brief introductory comments from each of the speakers on their background.
2. Next, the Chair will guide the panelists through a series of questions. After a question is answered by all panelists, the Chair will invite Committee questions related to the testimony on that question before moving on to the next question.
3. Questions:
  - a. Benefits/limitations of unified vs. separated executive and legislative branches in local government (impact on policy development, leadership, accountability, etc. from a practitioner's perspective). What are your experiences?
  - b. Why do cities convert to/from unified vs. separated governmental structures? What have been their/others' impressions after the change? Are there some examples you are familiar with and what do they look like?
  - c. Appointment powers - What effect does the governmental structure have, if any, on civil service recruitment and administration of the City? Why?
  - d. Pros/cons of Mayor vs. City Manager proposed budget from a practitioner point of view?
4. Other General Questions From Committee Members for Panelists?
5. Speaker Closing Comments