

Sacramento Charter Review Committee

Panel Presentation Format

June 15, 2009
6:15 p.m.

Governance/Budget Panelists

Russell Fehr, City Treasurer, City of Sacramento
Matthew Hymel, County Administrator, County of Marin
Jay Goldstone, Chief Operating Officer, City of San Diego

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/Background: This Committee is studying the differences of the budget development process in different governmental structures including an Executive Mayor-Council governmental structure and a unified Council-Manager form of government.
 - a. Describe the strengths and limitations of the budget development processes you have experience with (including roles, responsibilities and authorities). What influence, if any, does the governmental structure have on the process?
 - b. What are the pros/cons of a Mayor vs. City Manager proposed budget?
 - c. If you had the opportunity to design an organizational structure to promote effective fiscal management, budget development processes and public policy development, what would such a structure look like and why?
4. Other questions from Committee Members for panelists?
5. Speaker closing comments