

Sacramento City Charter Proposals

The City of Sacramento Charter Review Committee’s September 16 draft report provides an alternative to the “strong mayor” certified initiative that was prepared by the Sacramentans for Accountable Government. The initiative will go **exactly as written without any modification** on the ballot in June 2010. The city council will decide in coming months to place a competing measure on the ballot. This chart outlines the city’s current structure and the two proposed changes.

	Current Charter	Review Committee Proposal	“Strong Mayor” Certified Initiative
Mayor’s Role	Mayor serves as a member of the City Council.	Mayor serves as a member of the City Council.	Mayor is CEO of the city. Mayor assumes the City Manager’s powers.
Veto Power	Mayor cannot veto City Council decisions.	Mayor cannot veto City Council decisions.	Mayor has authority to veto City council decisions. Some expectations apply. Six or more council votes to overturn.
Appointment of City Manager	Council appoints City Manager.	Mayor appoints City Manager.	Mayor appoints City Manager.
Appointment of City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Attorney	City Council appoints these officials.	City Council appoints these officials.	Mayor appoints these officials.
Appointment of Department Directors and Exempt Management Appointments	City Manager appoints these 800 +/- employees.	City Manager appoints these 800 +/- employees.	Mayor appoints all heads or directors of departments. Majority concurrence of City Council required. All other 800 +/- employees serve at the discretion of the Mayor.
Budget Powers	City Manager makes budget recommendations to Council and Mayor.	Mayor develops policy priorities for the budget that are subject to City Council review. City Manager make budget recommendations to Council and Mayor.	Mayor creates budget. City Council can vote to modify it.
Term Limits	None	None	None