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## MEMO

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**TO: Chair VanMoorlehem and Members of the Charter Commission**  
**FROM: Kori Land, City Attorney**  
**DATE: January 19, 2021**  
**RE: Mayor's Vote**

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**BACKGROUND:**

At its meeting on January 12, 2021, the Charter Commission discussed the Mayor's voting ability and asked for two versions of a Charter Amendment for Section 2.06 regarding the Mayor's vote. The first version of Charter Amendment 2.06 inserts an exception for the Mayor to vote when there are 3 affirmative votes on a matter that would result in a failed vote because it lacked 4 votes to pass.

Example:

Councilmembers A, B, C vote yes

Councilmembers D, E vote no

Councilmember F is absent

Motion fails on a 3-2 vote because all actions of the Council require 4 votes.

*If the Mayor votes in the affirmative, the motion passes on a 4-2 vote*

The second version of Charter Amendment 2.06 gives the Mayor full voting power and removes the Mayor's veto power.

If the Charter Commission supports one of the Amendments, it should adopt a motion approving the preferred Charter Amendment to Section 2.06 and recommend it for Council consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss both Amendments

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Charter Amendment Section 2.06 with Mayor's limited voting

Charter Amendment 2.06 with Mayor's full vote