





SECTION I  
INTRODUCTION

This Report is provided pursuant to Section 6.03 o

## SECTION II

### CRC Members and Staff

Dr. James Olliver, Chair	Seminole	Public At-Large
Thomas Steck, Vice Chair	St. Petersburg	Public At-Large
Larry Ahern	St. Petersburg	Pinellas Legislative Delegation
Johnny Bardine	St. Petersburg	Public At-Large
Keisha Bell	St. Petersburg	Public At-Large
Sandra Lee Bradbury	Pinellas Park	Elected City Official
Ken Burke	Seminole	County Constitutional Officer
Ashley Caron	Largo	Public At-Large
Barclay Harless	St. Petersburg	Public At-Large
Janet C. Long	Seminole	County Commissioner
Todd Pressman	Oldsmar	Public At-Large
Dr. James Sewell	St. Petersburg	Public At-Large
Joshua Shulman	St. Petersburg	Public At-Large

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Diane Meiller & Associates, Inc. of Orlando, FL, provided consulting and facilitation services.

Sara Brady Public Relations, working with Diane Meiller & Associates, handled media relations.

Wade Vose of Vose Law Firm LLP of Winter Park, FL, served as legal counsel.

Mary Scott Hardwick, Intergovernmental Liaison and the staff of the County

Meetings of the CRC were recorded and minutes prepared by the staff of the Board Records Department of the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

SECTION III

SUMMARY OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION ACTIONS

Discussion//Research: The CRC agreed that the Charter should contain language giving constitutional officers a role in the hiring and firing process.

Result



4. Protection of Human Rights: A discussion on Section 2.02 was held regarding changing language from  
'with consideration for



7. Partisan/Non-Partisan Elections:

a. Change election of constitutional officers to non-partisan:

Discussion/Research: This topic was discussed during the 2010 Charter Review Commission





18. Increase Amount of Time the Public Can Speak During Public Comment:

Discussion/Research: After brief CRC review, there was not sufficient interest to pursue any charter amendments in this area.

Result: No amendment is recommended in this area.

19. Base Pay of County Commissioners:

Discussion/Research: After brief CRC review, there was not sufficient interest to pursue any charter amendments in this area.

Result: No amendment is recommended in this area.

20. Require Each County Commissioner to Acknowledge

22. Reclaimed Water Variance: A citizen expressed a concern about reclaimed water and water rights.

Discussion/Research: After questions were asked by the CRC, the citizen clarified that his intent was solely to bring awareness to the issue of reclaimed water and water rights at any public forum possible.

Result: Withdrawn

## SECTION IV

### Amendments Approved by the 2015-2016 CRC

### To Be Voted On In The 2016 General Election

[Lowering Signature Percentage and Expanding Time Period for Petition Drive to Propose County Charter Amendments](#)

[Financial Impact Statement for Proposed Charter Amendment](#)

[Creation of County Redistricting Board](#)

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[Charter Review Commission Members Residence Requirements](#)

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LOWERING SIGNATURE PERCENTAGE AND EXPANDING  
TIME PERIOD FOR PETITION DRIVE TO PROPOSE COUNTY  
CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to lower the number of signed petitions necessary to propose an amendment to the Pinellas County Charter from ten (10) percent of the registered voters in the county







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CREATION OF COUNTY REDISTRICTING BOARD

Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to create a County Redistricting Board, appointed by the County Commission every ten years after the Census, to provide advisory recommendations to the County Commission on redrawing county commission districts, and providing parameters for such recommendations, including not favoring political parties or incumbents, not denying racial or language minorities equal opportunity for political participation, and where feasible, consideration of unincorporated areas and municipal boundaries?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

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(a) After each decennial census, no later than thirty (30) days after the U.S. Census provides redistricting data to the State of Florida pursuant to Public Law 94-171 or its successor, there shall be established a county redistricting board composed of eleven (11) members. The members of such board shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners of Pinellas County from the following groups:

(1)



\_\_\_\_\_ The ballot title and summary for Question #4 are as follows:

SELECTION, TERMINATION, AND ANNUAL REVIEW OF  
COUNTY ATTORNEY BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND  
CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to provide that the County Attorney shall be selected by, serve at the pleasure of, and be subject to annual review by, a committee consisting of the seven county commissioners and the five county constitutional officers (sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, and clerk of the circuit court and comptroller), rather than the board of county commissioners alone?

\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_ No

\_\_\_\_\_ Section 4.02(a) of the Pinellas County Charter is amended to read as follows

- (a) There shall be a county attorney selected by ~~the board of county commissioners~~ a county attorney oversight committee, consisting of the county commissioners and the sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, and clerk of the circuit court and comptroller, who shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~board~~ county attorney oversight committee. The office of county attorney shall not be under the direction and control of the county administrator but shall instead be responsible directly to the board of county commissioners, and shall be subject to annual review by the county attorney oversight committee. The county attorney as of the effective date of this amendment shall not be

assistant county attorneys, on either a full-time or part-time basis, as may be necessary, upon approval of the board of county commissioners.

- (c) The office of county attorney shall be responsible for the representation of county government, the board of county commissioners, the county administrator, constitutional officers and all other departments, divisions, regulatory boards and advisory boards of county government in all legal matters relating to their official responsibilities. The office of county attorney shall prosecute and defend all civil actions

\_\_\_\_\_ The ballot title and summary for Question #5 are as follows:

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEMBERS RESIDENCE  
REQUIREMENTS

Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to specify that each of the seven county commissioners shall nominate to the Charter Review Commission a member who resides in the commissioner's district?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

\_\_\_\_\_ Section 6.03(a) of the Pinellas County Charter is amended to read as follows

- (a) Not later than August 1 of the year 2015 and every eight (8) years thereafter, there shall be established a charter review commission composed of thirteen (13) members. The members of the commission shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners of Pinellas County from the following groups:
- (1) One (1) member from the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation residing in Pinellas County;
  - (2) One (1) constitutional officer;
  - (3) One (1) member from the elected city officials;
  - (4) One (1) member from the elected board of county commissioners;
  - (5) ~~Nine (9)~~ Seven (7) members from the public at large, each of whom shall be nominated by a commissioner from among the residents of that commissioner's district, and none of whom shall be an elected official;
  - (6) Two (2) additional members from the public at large, neither of whom shall be an elected official.

Vacancies shall be filled within thirty (30) days in the same manner as the original appointments.

\_\_\_\_\_ The ballot title and summary for Question #6 are as follows:

PINELLAS CHARTER CLEANUP AMENDMENT

Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to remove certain provisions found unconstitutional by court ruling, remove certain transitional provisions that have since occurred, revise certain references to be consistent with Florida Statutes, and remove references to certain organizations that no longer exist?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

- (e) Development and operation of public health or welfare services or facilities in Pinellas County.
- (f) Operation, development and control of the St. Petersburg-



however, a municipal ordinance shall prevail over a county ordinance in the event a municipal ordinance provides for a less intense land use or a lesser density land use within the corporate boundaries of the municipality than that provided by county ordinance.

~~(t) All powers necessary to establish by ordinance the exclusive method and criteria for v~~

with three of the seven commissioners being nominated and elected at large. Each of the three at-large commissioners shall reside one in each of three districts, the three districts together covering the entire county and as nearly equal in population as practicable. ~~Initial redistricting shall be accomplished by the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 1(e) of Article VIII of the Florida Constitution.~~ The election, term of office, and compensation of members shall all be in accordance with general law.

- (b) This document shall in no manner change the status, duties or responsibilities of the following boards, authorities, districts and councils: Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority,