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REPORT TO COUNCIL

January 5, 2012

To: City Council
From: Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade on behalf of the Charter Review Commission
Subject: Propose Measures for Charter Amendments at the May 2012 Primary Election

On Wednesday, December 21, 2011, the Portland Charter Commission voted to submit nine housekeeping amendments to the voters at the May 2012 Primary Election. Present for the vote were 17 of the 20 Charter Review Commission members, and all nine amendments were supported by an affirmative vote of at least fifteen members.

The proposed measures amend the following sections of City Charter:

- Amend Charter Section 1-106
- Amend Section 2-105(a)(14)
- Delete Charter Section 2-105(a)(50)
- Delete Charter Section 2-105(a)(51)
- Delete Charter Section 2-105(a)(54)
- Amend Section 2-108
- Amend Section 2-206(b)
- Amend Section 13-301
- Delete Chapter 14

Please see Exhibit A for the specific amendments.

The City Attorney shall now prepare the ballot title and explanatory statement for each measure, and following the ballot title challenge process, the City Auditor shall file the measure with the county elections officers for the May 2012 Primary Election. The measures shall be considered referred as soon as the measures are certified to the ballot.

City Charter Section 13-302:

“All Charter amendments proposed by the Charter Commission supported by an affirmative vote of at least fifteen (15) members of the Charter Commission, after a public hearing process prescribed by the Council, shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Portland at the next primary or general election that is at least 120 days after the date the recommendations are presented to the City Council.”

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January 13, 2012

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Please find the attached Report to Council, as approved at the January 11, 2012 City Council meeting, along with the Exhibit A, the charter amendments as referred by the Portland Charter Commission to the May 2012 Primary Election.

Per Portland City Code, 2.04.110, "within five business days after receiving the measure from the Auditor, the City Attorney shall prepare and transmit to the Auditor the ballot title and explanatory statement."

As I am submitting the measures to you on Friday, January 13, 2012, the ballot title and explanatory statements for the nine measures shall be returned to the City Auditor by 5:00pm on Monday, January 23, 2012.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Ryan Kinsella
City Elections Officer

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