

MOTION

SUPPORTING A SINGLE CHARTER REFORM PLAN

Both the *Elected* Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission and the City of Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission have given tentative approval to a single, unified City Charter proposal to be placed before the voters on the June, 1999 ballot.

The elected commission has as its goal, "One City. One Charter." It seeks a Charter that will "provide for a representative, responsive, accountable and flexible city government to meet the changing needs of the city through the next century." The goal of the appointed commission is to find consensus for a single set of Charter proposals "that clearly defines responsibility and accountability while providing the flexibility necessary to a changing society." It's goal is "Write History. Right Future."

But charter reform is about more than slogans and catchy phrases. It's about an historic body of work that has been produced by more than three dozen volunteer commissioners who have given countless hours to shape what now appears to be a single, consensus plan. It's about their staffs toiling day and night, and on weekends and holidays, to make it all fit together. It's about thousands of residents, and leaders from business, labor, government, education, and the non-profit sector who have actively participated in the evolution of the new Charter.

To be sure, no one got all of their proposals incorporated into plan. And no one will like every provision that has been included. But it represents a consensus. A consensus for change. Real change.

Once the commissions finalize their decisions, the City Council should respect the extraordinary effort that has been put into the development of the consensus proposal by endorsing it in its entirety and place it as presented on the next municipal ballot.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, through adoption of this motion, take the necessary steps to place on the June, 1999 ballot, the single, unified City Charter proposal adopted by both the *Elected* Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission and the appointed City of Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission.

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Seconded by: _____

To be formally submitted to the City Council on 1-29-99. Contact: Greg Nelson, Councilman Wachs' Office, 213.485.3391.

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