

CITY COUNCIL CONSENSUS _____

A CONSENSUS DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AND DRAFT THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF ALLOWING VOTERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TO AMEND THE TULSA CITY CHARTER TO PROVIDE THE SAME FILING REQUIREMENTS ON INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES AS PARTISAN CANDIDATES.

WHEREAS, the City Council created an Election Reform Taskforce consisting of all City Councilors, interested parties, and citizens to review the election process for City of Tulsa officials;

WHEREAS, after reviewing existing laws, receiving comments and considerable deliberation, the Election Reform Taskforce made several recommendations to change the City of Tulsa's election process;

WHEREAS, many of the changes recommended by the Election Reform Taskforce require a vote of the citizens of Tulsa to amend the City Charter. One of the items being brought forward at this time is whether Independent candidates will have the same filing requirements as partisan candidates, allowing either a filing fee or a petition with the required number of signatures;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council that these changes be set for a special election on the November 2, 2010 election date; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that proper documents be prepared by the City Attorney's Office for calling a special election to present the proposed charter amendments to the voters.

THEREFORE; BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TULSA:

Section 1. The City Council requests the City Attorney's Office to prepare the proper documents for calling a special election to present the following proposed charter amendments to the voters:

1. Independent candidates will have the same filing requirements as partisan candidates, allowing either a filing fee or a petition with the required number of signatures.

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Chairman of the Council

ATTEST:

Secretary of the City Council

Approved:

Approved as to form:

Council Attorney

City Attorney