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Citizen Charter Review Committee Meets Tuesday *County Launches Charter Review Website*

On Oct. 13, 2009, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners established the first Citizen Charter Review Committee, appointing 15 local residents. The Committee is charged with reviewing the County Charter and proposing any changes for the 2010 General Election. The Committee will meet for 120 days to review and evaluate the County Charter and provide recommendations that will shape the role and function of County government.

In 2002, the citizens of Leon County adopted a Home Rule Charter with the belief that governmental decisions affecting local interests should be made locally and that County government should be reflective of the people. The Charter governs the County's structure, organization, and relationship with other local agencies. Every eight years, the County Commission is required to establish a Citizen Charter Review Committee one year prior to the next general election. The County Commission has held a number of workshops and discussions in preparation for the charter review process.

The committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the Leon County Courthouse in the Commission Chambers, located on the fifth floor, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The initial meeting will also be shown on Comcast Channel 16 and webcast on the Leon County website.

In order to provide greater access and information to all citizens, the County has also launched a charter review website available at www.LeonCountyFL.gov/CharterRev. There, residents can access materials and documents related to the charter review process, as well as view the Committee meetings.

"Local government is the government closest to the people, and nothing exemplifies that more than this process," said County Commission Chairman Bryan Desloge. "It gives citizens the ability to shape how County government will impact our community in the near future."

Residents are encouraged to visit the charter review website for the latest updates. Comments and questions can be sent via email to 2010charter@LeonCountyFL.gov, or they can call (850) 606-5300 for more information.

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