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Citizen Charter Review Committee Seeking Citizen Input

The Leon County Citizen Charter Review Committee is seeking citizen input as it reviews the Leon County Charter on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010. The Committee will hold an evening meeting to provide greater access for citizen participation at the Leon Courthouse in the County Commission Chambers located on the fifth floor at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will also be webcast on the Leon County website, www.leoncountyfl.gov/charter.

Since its first meeting in November 2009, the 15-member committee has heard presentations from County Commissioners, staff, elected officials and Leon County residents.

“Citizens have the ability to shape how County government can impact our community,” said Committee Chairman Chris Holley.

In order to provide further information about the Charter, the County has also launched a charter review website, www.leoncountyfl.gov/charter. There, residents can access materials and documents related to the charter review process as well as view the meetings of the Committee online.

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 Board values citizen input,” said Commission Chairman Bob Rackleff. “We encourage more residents to take part in this important process.”

Residents are encouraged to visit the charter review website for the latest information. Comments and questions can be sent via email to 2010charter@leoncountyfl.gov or by phone to (850) 606-5300.

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