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Citizen Charter Review Committee Holds Public Hearings

Public Comment on Proposed Amendments to be Taken Beginning Next Week

The Leon County Citizen Charter Review Committee will hold the first of three public hearings on proposed amendments to the Leon County Charter on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. The committee recently completed its decision phase at which time it considered proposed charter amendments for elevation to the public hearing phase. Since November, the committee has received presentations and comments from the public, County Commissioners, staff, local organizations, and other elected County and City officials on ways to enhance the effectiveness and efficiencies of County government through the charter.

During the public hearing process, the public will have the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed amendments that have been identified for addition or revision to the County charter. The amendments include a revision on the petition threshold for charter amendments and ordinances, the establishment of a citizen utility advisory board and the limitation of campaign contributions in County elections.

The committee will hold a total of three public hearings – February 18, March 4 and March 18. All meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Leon Courthouse in the County Commission Chambers located on the 5th floor. At the final public hearing scheduled for March 18, the committee will vote on each proposed amendment to be forwarded to the Leon County Board of County Commissioners. A two-thirds vote of the committee membership will be required for each amendment to be transmitted to the Board.

As always, the committee is encouraging citizen input during this process. The meetings will be broadcast on the Leon County Charter Review website at www.leoncountyfl.gov/charter . Residents can also access the agenda for these meetings and other materials related to the charter review process as well as view past committee meetings. Comments and questions can be sent via email to 2010charter@leoncountyfl.gov or addressed by phone at (850) 606-5300.

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