



CHARTER REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

Appointment of the City Auditor Overview of Issues August 2006 – December 2007

Office of the Independent Budget Analyst



Kroll Recommendations – August 2006

- Auditor General (City Auditor) to be appointed by the Mayor, subject to Council confirmation
- Report directly to the Audit Committee
- 10-year term and removal only by the legislative body



IBA Response – Report 06-35, September 2006

“The IBA supports the Kroll recommendation that the Mayor appoint the Auditor General (City Auditor), subject to confirmation of the legislative body, provided the Auditor reports directly to the Audit Committee and the Audit Committee members are appointed by the legislative body to ensure the Auditor’s independence from management.”



Charter Review Committee Recommendation – August / September 2007

- Appointed by the Mayor, in consultation with the Audit Committee, confirmed by the Council
- Reports directly to the Audit Committee
- Appointed for 10-year term
- May be terminated by the Audit Committee with 4/5th's vote and right to appeal to Council with 2/3rd's vote to override



Charter Review Committee Recommendation – August / September 2007 (cont'd.)

- August 23 – By unanimous vote, the item was tabled and returned to Financial Reform Subcommittee for further discussion along with the Audit Committee item
- September 21 – Subcommittee recommendation passes 7 – 6



Mayor's Response to Committee Recommendations - November 2007

- Mayor's comments in November 5, 2007, Memorandum to City Council:

"I support this Committee's recommendation. It allows the Auditor to have independence and strengthens the Audit Committee."



San Diegans for City Hall Reform - December 2007

- The City Auditor shall be appointed by the Audit Committee. (Under their proposal the Audit Committee would consist of 2 citizens appointed by the Mayor and 1 Councilmember.)
- The City Auditor shall serve a 10-year term.
- The Audit Committee may remove the City Auditor from office upon providing reasons in a written report to Council.



IBA Recommendation - January 8, 2008

- Support Charter Review Committee's recommendations for appointment of the City Auditor:
 - Appointed by Mayor for 10-year term, in consultation with the Audit Committee, confirmed by Council.
 - This support is predicated on the Auditor reporting directly to the Audit Committee and all Audit Committee members being appointed by the legislative body.
 - Given the above scenario, it would also be acceptable for the Audit Committee to appoint the City Auditor.