

## Hadley, Steven

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**From:** SD Charter Review  
**Subject:** FW: proposed amendment-sec 77

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**From:** Mel Shapiro  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 13, 2015 12:47 PM  
**To:** Kantner, Maureen  
**Subject:** Re: proposed amendment-sec 77

I want the council to empower themselves by amending this section. Plus it should allow the mayor to put his recommendation in his budget.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Kantner, Maureen  
**To:** Mel Shapiro  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 13, 2015 12:03 PM  
**Subject:** RE: proposed amendment-sec 77

Mr. Shapiro –

I will add this to the list of Charter sections to be evaluated – to clarify, are you looking to amend this section, i.e. changing the voting requirement/amount of votes needed to transfer funds/moving this section from the Charter to the Municipal Code? Or are you looking to remove this section and any reference to it completely?

Thank you for the input. Please let me know if you have any other potential items to review.

Thanks,

**Mo Kantner**

*Consultant for the Committee on Charter Review*

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**From:** Mel Shapiro  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 10, 2015 1:54 PM  
**To:** Kantner, Maureen  
**Subject:** proposed amendment-sec 77

This section restricts use of funds from sale of land. It takes away the power of the mayor and the council. Cannot use funds for public safety.

I see no reason for this .

Please show this to the Committee.

**Hadley, Steven**

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**Subject:** FW: Charter Review

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**From:** Derek Hofmann  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:56 PM  
**To:** Councilmember Sherri Lightner  
**Subject:** Charter Review

Dear City Council President Lightner,

Please prohibit regressive taxes. I think user fees are fair even when they're regressive (Article 13C Section 1 in California's constitution explains the difference between a tax and a fee), but regressive taxes are inexcusable.

Sincerely,  
Derek Hofmann  
San Diego, CA 92126

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**From:** SD Charter Review  
**Subject:** FW: People's Ordinance

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**From:** Edward Flom  
**Sent:** Friday, January 16, 2015 7:33 PM  
**To:** Councilmember Sherri Lightner  
**Subject:** People's Ordinance

Is the Charter Review Committee also looking at the People's Ordinance to consider putting it on the ballot to repeal it?

Beryl Flom  
La Jolla

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**Subject:** FW: Charter Review

**From:** Louie Cook

**Sent:** Friday, January 16, 2015 6:13 PM

**To:** Councilmember Sherri Lightner

**Subject:** Charter Review

Dear Council President Lightner;

Free trash pick-up has got to be costing the city of San Diego millions of dollars, perhaps tens of millions of dollars every year. They should remove that from the charter and have residents pay for trash pick-up, like every other city does.

When we lived in Phoenix, AZ the city of Phoenix would bill for trash pick-up on the monthly water bill.

Also, why does the city of San Diego water bill come out every two months? Every other bill I get is paid monthly and it's a struggle to attempt to pay a huge water bill when it's two months' worth of charges vs just one single month.

Not sure if that's in the charter, but if it is, that should be changed as well.

Thank you,

Louis and Tim Cook

**Hadley, Steven**

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**Subject:** FW: Referendum Change

**From:** Alvin Fulcher

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2015 2:26 PM

**To:** Councilmember Sherri Lightner; CouncilMember Lorie Zapf; Councilmember Todd Gloria; Councilmember Myrtle Cole; Councilmember Mark Kersey; CouncilMember Chris Cate; Councilmember Scott Sherman; CouncilMember David Alvarez; CouncilMember Marti Emerald

**Subject:** Referendum Change

It doesn't matter what laws the City Council passed and the mayor signed, a handful of the wealthiest people in this town can pay to overrule it.

The referendum process is an honored tradition in a direct democracy, and is meant to elevate the people's priorities. The wealthy special interest have used it to subvert the will of the people, and drown out the voices of everyday San Diegans. The law should be changed.

Alvin Fulcher

San Diego, CA 92114

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**Subject:** FW: Museum School - Request for a Meeting  
**Attachments:** Letter to Council President Lightner.pdf

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**From:** Phil Beaumont  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2015 11:16 AM  
**To:** Councilmember Sherri Lightner  
**Cc:** Hadley, Steven; Demorest, Erin; Kearns, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Museum School - Request for a Meeting

Good Morning Councilmember Lightner,

I hope this finds you well.

I am writing in hopes of introducing you to the Museum School, a high-performing, tuition-free, public charter school that serves students from all over San Diego in Kindergarten through 8th grade. I am also writing in hopes of getting a chance to meet with you to discuss the possibilities of how your Charter Review Committee might, with one small change to our City's governing document, expand access for education in Balboa Park.

The Museum School offers a robust and diverse curriculum that encourages students to become independent thinkers; self-directed learners; problem solvers; creative, healthy individuals; productive workers; and responsible citizens! With a focus on active learning experiences, our students engage in their studies through projects, study trips and arts-based programming that enhances the rigorous core curriculum of Math, Science and Language Arts. We are especially proud to be able to offer this diverse curriculum at a time in education when so many of these experiences are considered extracurricular—and have been cut from traditional public schools.

In addition, since its inception in 1998, the Museum School has worked closely with museums, businesses and educational institutions to expand learning opportunities for all of our students. In doing so, our students' educations extend well beyond the classroom, opening doors to new ideas and extensive opportunities. Utilizing museum galleries, zoo exhibits, and restaurant kitchens as temporary classrooms, our students gain an insight not available in any text book, making connections that are relevant and readily accessible.

In particular, our students and teachers utilize the wealth of resources found in Balboa Park, a short walk from our school in Banker's Hill. Our school has outgrown our current site and we are exploring the possibility of re-locating all or some of our students to another site in close proximity to the park. We have the very real possibility of some significant funding available to make this occur within the next year or two. As part of our exploration, we have considered the possibility of actually locating within the park itself. Currently, the city's charter limits Balboa Park to 'park, recreation or cemetery purposes'. I believe that our park can, and does, offer much more than that. Museums already have educational components built in to them, camps and classes are offered throughout the park. With the current review of the city charter, there is a possibility for a small change that could open up a big idea.

Imagine a possible educational complex located on the outskirts of the park that could serve not only the Museum School, but also other organizations already located in the park. A site that could serve public school students during school days, and the community at night, weekends and during school breaks. I think a City-school partnership of this kind could also help alleviate some of the deferred maintenance needs and revitalize some of the buildings in Balboa Park at a time

when I know the City is working to address infrastructure challenges. With the potential funding behind us to support this idea, I would like to meet with you to explore it with you. While it is still just an idea, I truly believe there is a magnificent opportunity that could become a true asset for our city.

Sincerely,

Phil Beaumont  
Executive Director, Museum School

cc: Erin Demorest, Jennifer Kearns, Steven Hadley  
Letter attached.

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Council President Lightner  
City Administration Building  
202 C Street, MS#10A  
San Diego, CA 92101

January 26, 2015

Dear Councilmember Lightner,

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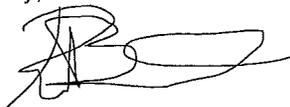
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Executive Director, Museum School

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**From:** SD Charter Review  
**Subject:** FW: City Charter Revision

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**From:** Kate Yavenditti  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 10:19 AM  
**To:** Kantner, Maureen  
**Subject:** City Charter Revision

I work with two organizations that are interested in the proposed city charter revision: Women Occupy San Diego and the National Lawyers Guild. Our particular interest involves the reform of the Citizens Review Board. We have been informed that you are the designated staff person at Ms. Lightner's office that is handling this issue. We would like to meet with you and Ms. Lightner to discuss our ideas about reforming the Citizens Review Board. Please contact me about this request. I may be reached at this email or at 619 531-9300. Thank you.