




City of San Diego
MARK KERSEY
CITY COUNCILMAN, FIFTH DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 5, 2015
TO: Council President Sherri Lightner, Chair, Charter Review Committee
FROM: Councilman Mark Kersey 
RE: Charter Review 2015

Thank you for the opportunity to submit recommendations for the Special Issues Committee on Charter Review, per your December 18, 2014 memorandum. I look forward to a comprehensive work plan with suggestions from the Council, City Attorney, Independent Budget Analyst, City Auditor, City Clerk, Department Directors, and members of the public.

As with the Open Data Policy we partnered to create last year, this Committee provides a chance to use technology to improve transparency and accountability in government and to facilitate public collaboration with City Hall. Thus, I respectfully request that the Committee create an online tool that allows all San Diegans to offer input on Charter revisions in an open, organized way.

To identify an appropriate program, my office engaged Open San Diego, a volunteer organization dedicated to “using technology to make government and civil society better and promote open government, open data, and civic participation.” They recommended the online publishing service *Medium*, and I concur that it is ideal for this project. *Medium* is easy to use, supports line-by-line comment on the text of the Charter, and there is no cost to either the City or public participants.

I look forward to maximizing the potential of the Charter review process through broad public input.

cc: Honorable City Council Members