

May 16, 2025

Mayor Hughson and City Council Members:

The 2025 Charter Review Commission, held a series of 7 meetings to consider possible amendments to the San Marcos City Charter. The Commission conducted a section-by-section review and also considered provisions recommended by the city council. We have concluded our work, and we present this report to you with recommendations for amendments to the City Charter to be submitted to City voters for consideration at the November 4, 2025 election.

We studied the charter and recommended changes that are intended to:

- Update terminology, clarify language, improve syntax and punctuation
- Create added efficiency and transparency
- Encourage broader participation of the citizenry
- Promote integrity in public service and ethics in city government

Attached is a list describing each proposed amendment, including a notation of the vote taken on each amendment, and a marked up copy of the charter showing each proposed text amendment.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and the citizens of our community through the Charter review process.

Respectfully submitted,

John Thomaides, Chair

Charter Review Commission