



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** September 18, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Discussion of Home Rule

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Direction from the Board is sought with respect to further, if any, action.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Last December, Commissioner Chang expressed interest in exploring Home Rule. Staff provides the below as an overview of the process:

Initiation of Process: BOCC Resolution submitted to the County Clerk, or Petition signed by sufficient number of electors (approx. 8800 necessary)

Clerk: If BOCC Resolution, Clerk gives written notice to persons authorized to make appointments to the Charter Committee; If Petition, Clerk verifies signatures and if sufficient number of signatures, certifies same to the BOCC and provides written notice to persons authorized to make appointments to the Charter Committee

Appointments to Charter Committee: BOCC appoints 4 members; State Senators and State Representatives representing the County appoint 4 members; BOCC appointees and State Senator/Rep appointees appoint 1 member

Charter Committee Members: -Must be electors of County; -No member of appointing authority may be a member of Charter Committee; -Within 80 days of appointment the Charter Committee members meet to organize and adopt rules for operation of the Charter Committee; -Public is permitted to attend all Charter Committee Meetings; -Members serve without pay; -County obligated to pay expenses of Charter Committee and to provide office space and assistance of County staff

Proposed Charter: -Charter Committee must hold at least 1 public hearing to allow public review and comment on the proposed Charter; -Charter Committee must submit its proposed Charter to the Clerk at least 90 days prior to the election at which the proposed Charter is to be voted on.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

Uncertain.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Admin

Legal