



City of Tucson  
Charter Review Committee  
Legal Action Report

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015  
**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** El Pueblo Neighborhood Center  
101 W. Irvington Road  
Tucson, Arizona

1. **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Chair Nye. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Richard Miranda  
Kasey C. Nye  
Stephanie Healy  
Edna Meza-Aguirre  
Diana Rhoades  
Tom Prezelski  
Lenny Porges  
Bonnie Poulos  
Tannya R. Gaxiola  
John A. Springer  
Moon Joe Yee.  
Randi Dorman  
D. Grady Scott  
John Hinderaker  
Mark Crum

Appointer:

City Manager's Office  
Mayor  
Mayor  
Ward 1  
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Members Absent

Staff Present:

Deborah Rainone  
Stephanie Montoya  
Alma Armendariz-Murrieta

Representing:

Chief Deputy City Clerk  
City Clerk's Office  
City Clerk's Office

2. **Introduction of Committee Goals and Tentative Decisions by Chairperson Kasey Nye**

Introductory comments were provided by Chair Nye. He explained the goals and recommendations of the committee.

(Mr. Hinderaker arrived at 5:12 p.m.)

(Mr. Springer arrived at 5:17 p.m.)

3. **Public Hearing - Committee Goals and Tentative Decisions**

Chair Nye opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke at the Public Hearing:

Bill Beard spoke in favor of recommending one question to the voters instead of bundling issues together.

Bill Berk spoke in favor of increasing the sales tax cap, and devoting some of it towards early childhood education (K-12).

Jim Glock spoke in favor of embedding funding for arts into the Charter and not in the preamble.

Richard Hernandez spoke in favor of eliminating the City Manager and having the Mayor run the City; Department Directors work at will for the Mayor; the Mayor only votes in the event of a tie; every Department Director is selected by the Mayor and endorsed by the City Council; the Mayor should not have veto power; all ward elections; Department Directors must live within the City limits; create an ombudsman for the City; reprioritizing the City's finances; and would like to see the Mayor and Council meetings located in different locations around the City.

Robin Stirling spoke in favor of increasing the sales tax cap and adding education to the preamble.

Marty Cortez commented on the audience not being able to hear the committee members and suggested including the committee members background in the written materials.

Ryan Lynn spoke in favor of ward only elections, for accountability, and a strong Mayor.

Minverva Navarro submitted a written comment in support of increasing the sales tax cap for early education.

Essie Lee submitted a written comment in support of increasing the sales tax cap for early education.

Misty Maxwell submitted a written comment in support of increasing the sales tax cap for early education.

James Lavery submitted a written comment regarding his concern in the omissions and clean-up issue under the Charter's enumerated power and recommended adding job creations to improve the Tucson economy.

Michael Biancuzzo submitted a written comment in support of increasing the sales tax cap to help with education.

Wendy Wallace submitted a written comment in support of increasing the sales tax cap for early childhood education.

It was moved by Ms. Poulos, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15-0, to close the public hearing.

4. **Adjournment 6:34 p.m.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Charter Review Committee will be held Thursday, March 12, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. in the Morris K. Udall Regional Center, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Road, Tucson, Arizona.