

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE  
CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE

September 26, 2008

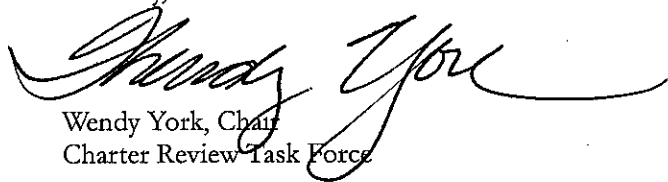
To All Interested Parties:

In August of this year, the Albuquerque City Council passed an ordinance that created a 15-member task force to review the Charter of the City of Albuquerque and make recommendations for proposed revisions. The Charter Review Task Force has now started its work and has developed the enclosed work plan to guide its review of the Charter. The Task Force has reserved four dates during which it will seek public comment from organizations and members of the community on issues related to the Charter. These four dates are October 2nd, October 16th, January 15th, and March 19th, and the meetings on those dates will be held in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers in the basement of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Center.

The Task Force will also be accepting written comments throughout the review process which concludes in April 2009. A website has been set up at [www.cabq.gov/council/current-projects-studies/charter-review-task-force](http://www.cabq.gov/council/current-projects-studies/charter-review-task-force). The website includes information regarding the ordinance, work plan, agendas, meeting minutes and Task Force members. In addition, the website contains a comment form for those who wish to send comments electronically.

Thank you in advance for your interest in addressing the Charter Review Task Force. Please contact Crystal Ortega, the Clerk of the Albuquerque City Council at 768-3100 or [cortega@cabq.gov](mailto:cortega@cabq.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Wendy York, Chair  
Charter Review Task Force

Enclosure

# Charter Review Task Force Work Plan

## **September 18, 2008**

- Work Plan Schedule
- Approval of Work Plan
- Approval of Task Force Dates
- Discuss Articles:
  - I – General Declaration of Incorporation and Power to Legislate
  - VI – How the Charter is Amended
  - XIV – Severability of Charter Provisions

## **October 2, 2008\*\***

- Public Comment
- Vote on Articles from last meeting (Articles I, VI and XIV)
- Discuss Articles:
  - VIII – Prohibition of Discrimination & Protection of Human Rights,
  - IX – Protection of the Environment
  - XV – Electricity Franchises
- Speakers on Forms of Government

## **October 16, 2008\*\***

- Public Comment
- Vote on Articles from last meeting (Articles VIII, IX and XV)
- Discuss Articles:
  - IV – Council
  - V – Mayor'
  - VII – Annual Budget Process
  - X – City Employees
  - XI – Enactment and Veto Process for Legislation
- Discuss Issues of Independent Officials: City Attorney, City Clerk & Others
- Discuss Issues of Administrative Law Judges

## **November 6, 2008**

- Continue Discussion on Articles from last meeting (IV, V, VII, X, and XI)
- Continue Discussion on Independent Officials and Administrative Law Judges

## **November 20, 2008**

- Discussion on Articles from last meeting (IV, V, VII, X, and XI)
- Discussion on Independent Officials and Administrative Law Judges

## **December 4, 2008**

- Articles (IV, V, VII, X, and XI) and issues from last meeting – possible vote

**December 18, 2008**

- Discuss Articles:
  - II – Municipal Elections
  - III – Public Power
  - XII – Code of Ethics
  - XIII – Election Code
  - XVI – Public Financing Procedure (Open and Ethical Elections)
- City Clerk Report/Presentation on Elections & Public Financing

**January 15, 2009\*\***

- Public Comment
- Ethics & Elections: II, III, XII, XIII, XVI (Section II will be discussed)
- Partisan/Non-Partisan

**January 29, 2009**

- Vote on Ethics & Elections: II – Municipal Elections
- Discuss Ethics & Elections: III – Public Power

**February 5, 2009**

- Vote on Ethics & Elections: III – Public Power
- Discuss Ethics & Elections: XII – Code of Ethics

**February 19, 2009**

- Vote on Ethics & Elections: XII – Code of Ethics
- Discuss Ethics & Elections: XIII – Election Code

**March 5, 2009**

- Vote on Ethics & Elections: XIII – Election Code
- Discuss Ethics & Elections: XVI – Public Financing Procedure (Open and Ethical Elections)

**March 19, 2009\*\***

- Public Comment
- Vote on Ethics & Elections: XVI – Public Financing Procedure (Open and Ethical Elections)
- Wrap Up

**April 2, 2009**

- Discuss and Approve Report

\*\*Public comment will be taken at these meetings and televised live on GOV16.