

Meeting Date
April 13, 2016



Section	New Business
Item No.	Proposal #14

**2015-2016
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

SUBJECT:	Charter Review Commission
DEPT/OFFICE:	Citizens Request/Kathy Wall
Requested Action:	
<p>Consider abolishing all constitutional county offices with the attendant duties and functions of such offices be transferred to specified elected departments created by the County's Home Rule Charter and to include all departments operate under a unified budget and financial system, be subject to financial, performance and compliance audits and all elected department officers' compensation be established by the Charter.</p>	
Summary Explanation & Background:	
<p>The Brevard County's Home Rule Charter was approved by the voters in 1994. However, the County's constitutional county offices retained the duties, powers and functions prescribed by the State Constitution and general laws of Florida.</p> <p>It is important to note that the County's FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget, the constitutional county offices total appropriate is \$110 million. This represents 54 percent of the County's general fund operating revenues.</p> <p>If approved by the voters, this amendment to the County's Home Rule Charter would provide the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All funding for elected departments would be determined locally and go through the same process as others requesting funding from the Board of County Commissioners. 2. The funding allocated to the elected departments would be based on the elected department's need as opposed to a funding formula or scheduled transfers. 3. Performance and compliance audits may be performed on the operations of all county departments. 4. All county departments would be on the same budget and financial system. This would provide greater transparency to the public. 5. Salaries of the elected department officers would be determined by the County's Home Rule Charter. 	
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