

On Jul 23, 2022, at 11:23 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

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Dear Sirs and Ma'ams, upon reviewing the subject amendments to be discussed and voted upon at the 26 July 2022 council meeting I've discovered what I believe to be an illegal attempt to defraud the citizens of Chula Vista of their right to vote on changes to their charter. Specifically, our current charter section 602 (d) requires all members of boards and commissions in the city of Chula Vista to be qualified electors in the city of Chula Vista with the exception of Youth Commissioners. The City Council may appoint non-electors of the city to boards and commissions which are advisory only and whose duties involve regional issues.

The revised proposed Charter amendments being presented to you have removed the qualified elector requirement and substituted "must be residents" in lieu of "qualified elector." This is a significant alteration of the eligibility requirement to serve on city boards and commissions. Our current charter requires qualified electors to serve on the Planning, Library of Trustees, Civil Service, Parks and Recreation, etc. boards and commissions. This unannounced alteration to our charter removes the requirement to be a legally registered voter of Chula Vista and allows non legal residents to be appointed to our boards and commissions supplanting legal voting residents. This proposed alteration (amendment) to our charter requires a vote by our legal resident citizenry to take effect. The attempt to slip this alteration into the charter without the approval of a majority of voting citizens supporting the alteration is a clear violation of ethics and the rights of the citizens of Chula Vista.

Respectfully,

Tom O'Donnell

(Former member of the City of Chula Vista Charter Review Commission)