

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GOS 55

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Operations & Structure

SOURCE: City Council,

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §4-103 (Selection of Council President)

Letter dated December 2, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Council selects the President and President Pro Tempore from the four (4) at-large members. President Pro-Tempore's absence or vacancy is filled by selection of City Council.

Sec. 4-103. Selection of council president.

The President and President Pro Tempore of the City Council ~~shall be selected, by majority vote of members serving, from the at-large membership of the body for the four (4) year term.~~

~~If a vacancy or an absence occurs in the position of city council president the president pro-tempore shall succeed to the position of president. If a vacancy or an absence occurs in the position of the president pro-tempore, the city council shall then select a president pro tempore for the remainder of the unexpired term or until the absence ends, as the case may be, by majority vote.~~

RATIONALE: "Language has been added to provide for city council's election of its leadership from the (4) at-large members, again to avoid increased competition among the district membership. Election of council leadership from the at-large membership is consistent with the provision adopted by the voters in 2009.

"Language clarifying that the president returns to his/her city council position after temporarily succeeding to the office of the mayor is included in section 5-109."-City Council's Rationale, Letter, dated December 13, 2010.

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES:

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Deleted: the absence (sic) for any reason of the President of City Council or in case such office becomes vacant for any reason, the President Pro Tempore shall become President of City Council, and in the absence for any reason of the President Pro Tempore of the City Council, or in case such offices shall become vacant for any reason, the member of the City Council who received the highest number of district votes at such election to such absentee or to the person who held such vacated office, shall be President Pro Tempore of the City Council, as the circumstances of the case may require. ¶