

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: YSS 4

ISSUE CATEGORY: Youth & Senior Services

SOURCE: Staff

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS:

Letter, November 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Create a Department of Youth and Senior Services.

The City shall create a Department of Youth and Senior Services. The department shall seek to realign services within local government for coordinated use by youngsters and senior citizens. More emphasis shall be paid to multi-generational services including the rearrangement of the daily schedules of employees and services in recreational areas and senior citizen programs. The Youth and Senior Services Department shall provide services including:

(A) Publish an annual account on the conditions of youth and senior citizens in Detroit. The publication shall have statistical support and contain recommendations to improve city services.

(B) The report shall be published by a Youth and Senior Citizens Advisory Board with representation from each ward or district within the City. The Advisory Board shall be staffed by representatives of the department. The Advisory Board shall be made up of the top seven child protection agencies, the Detroit Area Office on Aging, or private foundations devoted to youth and senior service delivery.

(C) The youth and senior citizens report shall be published and transmitted to the Detroit City Council at the beginning of the budget cycle for considerations in the city's budget deliberation process.

RATIONALE:

ANALYSIS: On May 15, 2002 the Mayor proposed an amendment to the Executive Organization Plan which eliminated the Youth Department. Its at-risk youth programs were transferred to the Human Services Department Child Development Division and its Programs were transferred to the Recreation Department After-School Programs. [ASCERTAIN REASON FOR CONSOLIDATION AND HOW IT'S WORKING]

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: