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Hi City Clerk: I am interested in getting public awareness of the meetings out to the general public. I would like to know how the commissioners were selected and what their qualifications are to review the city charter. I see that you have members from each district who all seem to be affiliated with various organizations with special needs and political agendas but I see no representation for the general public. Wouldn't it be more transparent and equal if you have someone from the general public on the committee?

The workings of our city government seems very secretive and non inclusive by the very nature of the commissioners chosen. You need to broaden the representation for at least one private citizen from each district to have a vote. The commission is not balanced. Please let the public have a seat at the table and not the political cronies of the city council members. Sound fair?

Thank you for your consideration of my request and I await your response and information of the make-up and backgrounds of these very powerful people who will chart the future of a city that is in desperate need of common sense solutions and public driven goals; not the city councils favorite go to's.

Ruth A Callahan

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As time progress, I would like to see more San Jose City Councilmembers.

Currently, there are 10 elected officers for the City Council position. I would like to see this number change from 10 to 20.

From what I remember, the 10 member City Council was enacted back in the early 90s. However, since the 90s, our City population has 2x to even 3x in residents. Yet, the number of City Council members has remained the same...

Not only does this ensure that our elected officials represent our community, but this ensures that each community has a voice and fair representation on local matters.

Logically speaking how does one person truly know the will of 100k residents in a district? Honestly, I can't remember that last time I even saw my local council member. Better yet, I am confident that I haven't even seen them for the last almost 8 years. (These folks are supposed to represent me, but how could you represent us if you don't even interact with us?).

With this City Charter Review & City Re-Districting Activity coming up, I think this is a good opportunity for the City to restructure – in terms of the # of council members we have, and in terms of how many residents each council members should oversee.

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See the attached pdf for information about how to learn more about the current process to review the San Jose City Charter and how to comment on possible changes.

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