

Secession Plan for Communities to opt-out of San Jose

Brenda Dohmen <[REDACTED]>

Wed 10/20/2021 8:48 PM

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Please add a recommendation to the Charter Review for secession from the City of San Jose.

If a community wants to pull away from the city and reform their own town or city government to better serve residents because the city is ignoring a specific communities needs or is overly biased against its citizens then it should be a part of the city charter. Call it the city secession process or plan for dissatisfied or marginalized communities to break away.

If a petition is circulated within a specific community with 5% of residents residing within the community signing with a preference to secede then it should be put on the ballot for a vote by that specific community in a specific geographic area.

If majority of the residents from that particular community vote to secede such as 51% of a specific geographic community then that community should be allowed to split off from the City of San Jose to plan and form their own government and secure its own new city services and resources for the community including community funding by the country, state and local sales taxes.

It should not be put to a city wide vote, only community voters.

It should be done in the most cost effective way possible with the least amount of punishment for withdrawal from the city gracefully, fairly and equitably and for community success.

San Jose has gotten too big and is failing its citizens, city departments and staff are politicized and biased towards residents, it's time to allow some communities to spin-off and better manage their own civic affairs, elections, government relationships and provide a better quality of life for community members.

Respectfully,

Brenda Dohmen
San Jose Resident

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Subcommittee meeting why is Toni Taber city telling subcommittees NOT TO RECORD

tessa woodmansee <[REDACTED]>

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This is not open government !

We need to do now like city of berkley does and have all subcommittees open to the public.

Below is The response to me from Toni Taber city clerk in BOLD!

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President garden alameda village association

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Blair Beekman. Sunday October 24, 2021.....City Charter Commission. Jones And Jimenez memo. Affordable housing, based on neighborhood equity, reimagine, green sustainability, & Ohlone traditions.s.

b. beekman <[REDACTED]>

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From all of this, to note, the affordable housing component, of the city commission process, may simply take, a bit more time to work on. And that, it can possibly incorporate, many ideas & concepts.

As we will be considering the words, language, and direction, of the recent Jones/Jimenez memo, I ask city council & city govt. staff, at this time, in this process, of negotiation, dialogue, and compromise, to begin to consider, that a portion, of the city charter process, be allowed to continue, until early or mld spring,

For within the framework, of the affordable housing initiatives, there can still be much dialogue & conversation, about the concepts of equity, reimagine, green sustainability, and Ohlone practices, traditions, and their own land use issues, within the future, of the San Jose City charter.

sincerely,
blair beekman

i will send this letter, to councilperons Jones & Jimenez, tomorrow.

Climate Emergency, Climate Crisis Code Red for Humanity

tessa woodmansee <[REDACTED]>

Mon 10/25/2021 10:22 AM

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Dear Citizens of San Jose,

I wanted to make a few more comments on the critical reasons for having the CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION address our climate crisis:

*. The charter is the people's agenda and can truly meet the role of our government which is to protect the people from harm WHEREAS our politics are deeply connected with economic gain and thereby corrupted.

*. The current charter review commission climate crisis suggestions are to create and include the inputs from the scientific community and the public to create a Climate Crisis Action Team.... unlike the city's Environmental Services CLIMATE SMART this proposed Climate Crisis Action team will guide the policymakers to make necessary choices for our species survival to get our greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2030 or earlier the better.

*. We are NOT, SAN JOSE IS NOT, DOING ENOUGH AND WE must do MORE reductions in greenhouse gases and the charter review commission is looking at the more...ALL HANDS ON DECK IS what is needed to solve this Wicked Problem: CLIMATE AND PLANETARY CRISIS AND EMERGENCY:

*. Our Levels of climate-heating gases in the atmosphere hit record levels in 2020, despite coronavirus-related lockdowns, the UN's World Meteorological Organization has announced. The concentration of carbon dioxide, the most important greenhouse gas, is now 50% higher than before the Industrial Revolution sparked the mass burning of fossil fuels. Methane levels have more than doubled since 1750. All key greenhouse gases (GHG) rose faster in 2020 than the average for the previous decade and this trend has continued in 2021, [the WMO report](#) found.

*THE Bay Area AND SAN JOSE'S climate change event THIS WEEKEND that brought flooding AND MUDSLIDES after a megadrought are the issues that San Jose is NOT addressing enough or protecting the people enough so this is why we need INTENSE CLIMATE ACTION IN THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE... TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE... PEOPLE OVER PROFIT!

It is worth noting that this exact situation--an extremely strong atmospheric river bringing brief period of record rainfall in midst of severe and temperature-amplified drought--is what we expect to see in California with [#ClimateChange](#). [#CAwx](#) [#CAwater](#)

Warm REgards,

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Blair Beekman. Monday, October 25, 2021.....The city charter review commission & Jones/Jimenez memo.

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To conclude, I also feel, it is important, to better learn & develop, what can be, good minded, open public practices, for the possible subcommittees, of these, 3 future commissions, as well.

sincerely,
blair beekman

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Charter Review Memo for submission to public record

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

Please submit the attached memo report to all charter review commissioners and include in the public record of the charter review commission.

Brett Bymaster
Executive Director, Healing Grove Health Center



<https://www.healinggrove.org/>

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HEALTH CARE, SOUL CARE & CULTURE CARE

10/26/2021

MEMO FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSION

To: San Jose Charter Review Commission

From: Healing Grove Health Center

RE: San Jose Charter Review Commission recommendations

Dear Charter Review Commission,

Healing Grove Health Center's Madre-A-Madre team has collected data on Spanish speaking San Jose resident's opinions on the San Jose Charter. Attached you will find a full analysis of 326 Spanish speaking Latino family's responses. Healing Grove's Madre-A-Madre trained more than 20 Spanish speaking immigrants on the San Jose Charter options. Those volunteers, in turn, trained their neighbors on the options, and then collected data, providing a large sample of critically important information to inform the charter commission about governance and election options.

Conclusions:

- **Two-Thirds of Spanish speaking Latinos prefer to have the SJ Chief of Police appointed by the vote of the City Council instead of by the City Manager.**
→ **Recommendation: SJPD Chief should be hired & fired directly by the majority of City Council.**
- Two-Thirds of Spanish speaking Latinos pick Council-Manager (Weak Mayor) form over Mayor-Council (Strong Mayor).
- Latinos are split on 50/50 on the question of moving the mayoral elections from midterm years to presidential elections.
- Latinos think the most significant issues in San Jose are 1) Bad treatment by police, 2) City's slow response, 3) Conditions of Roads and Parks.
- Please see the attached interim report with all of the details, including helpful charts summarizing the Charter options.

Sincerely,

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Current Charter:

Council-Manager (Weak Mayor)



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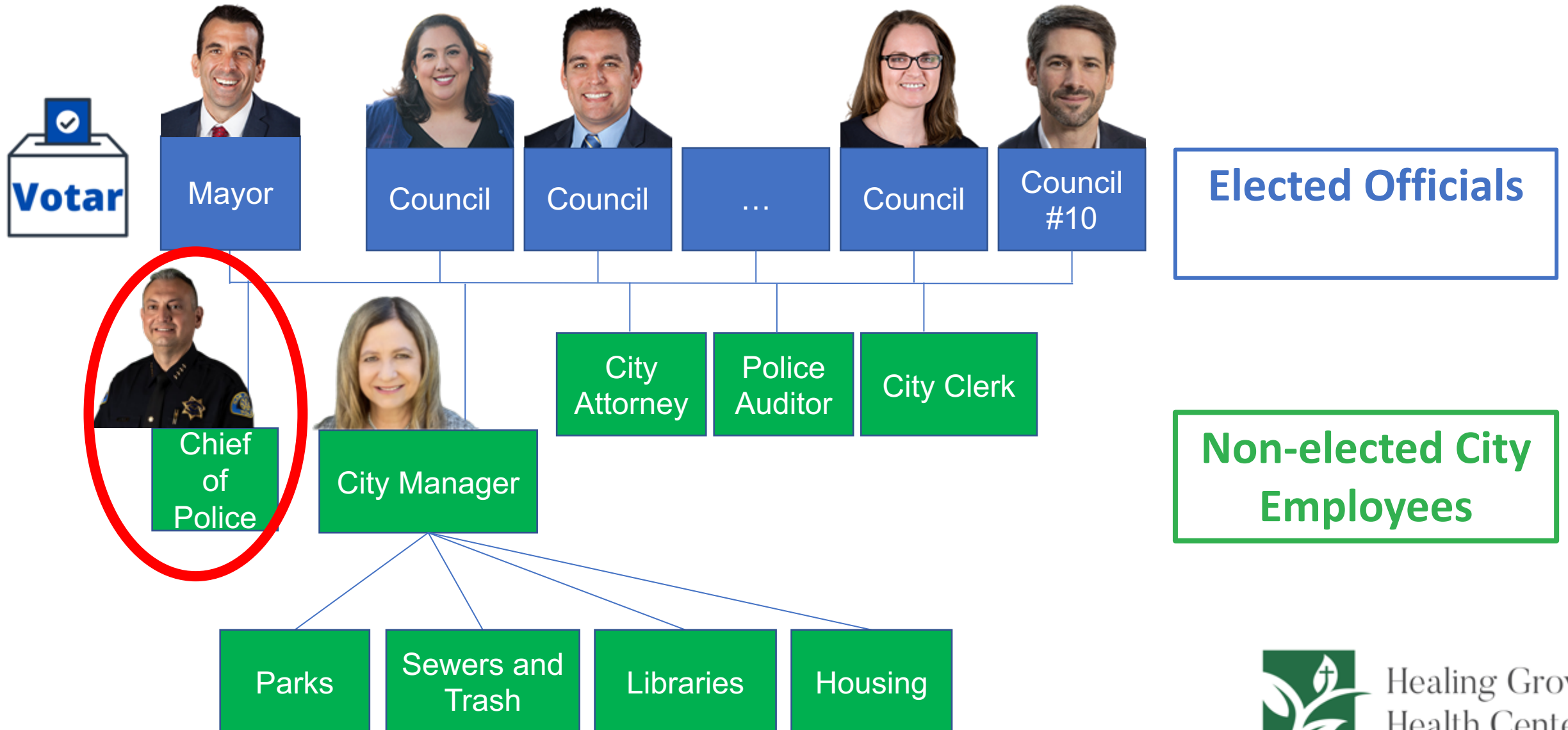
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Proposed Change to charter

(With Police Chief appointed directly by council)





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San Jose Charter Review study of Latino Families

By Healing Grove's Madre-A-Madre
program



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Study Design



326 responses (with collection continuing)



100% Spanish speaking Latinos



Average family size: 4.5



Surveyors are Madre-A-Madre trained & trusted volunteers living in apartments with a high density of Spanish speakers



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Key Questions



Which system would best serve Spanish speaking Latinos?

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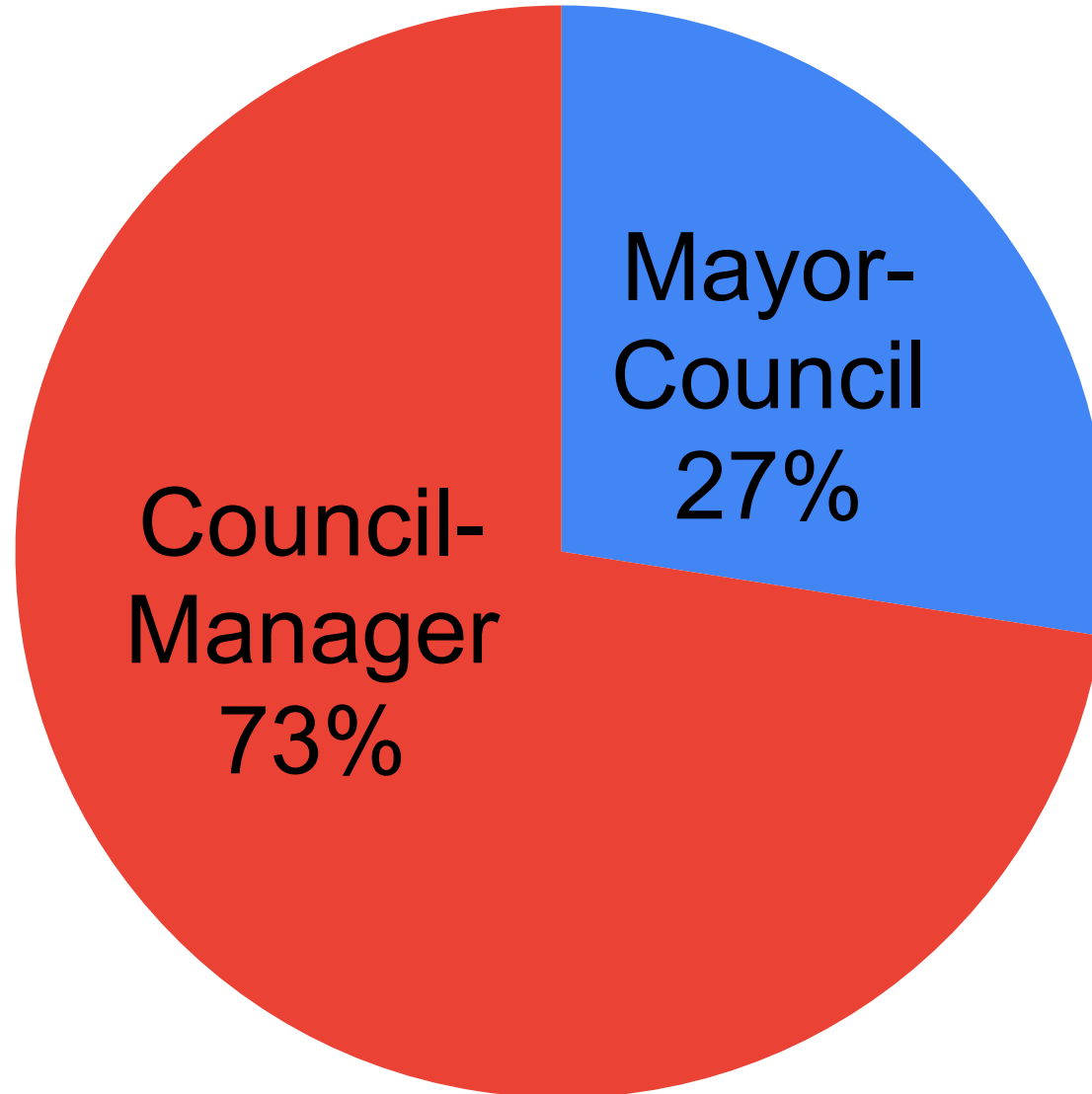
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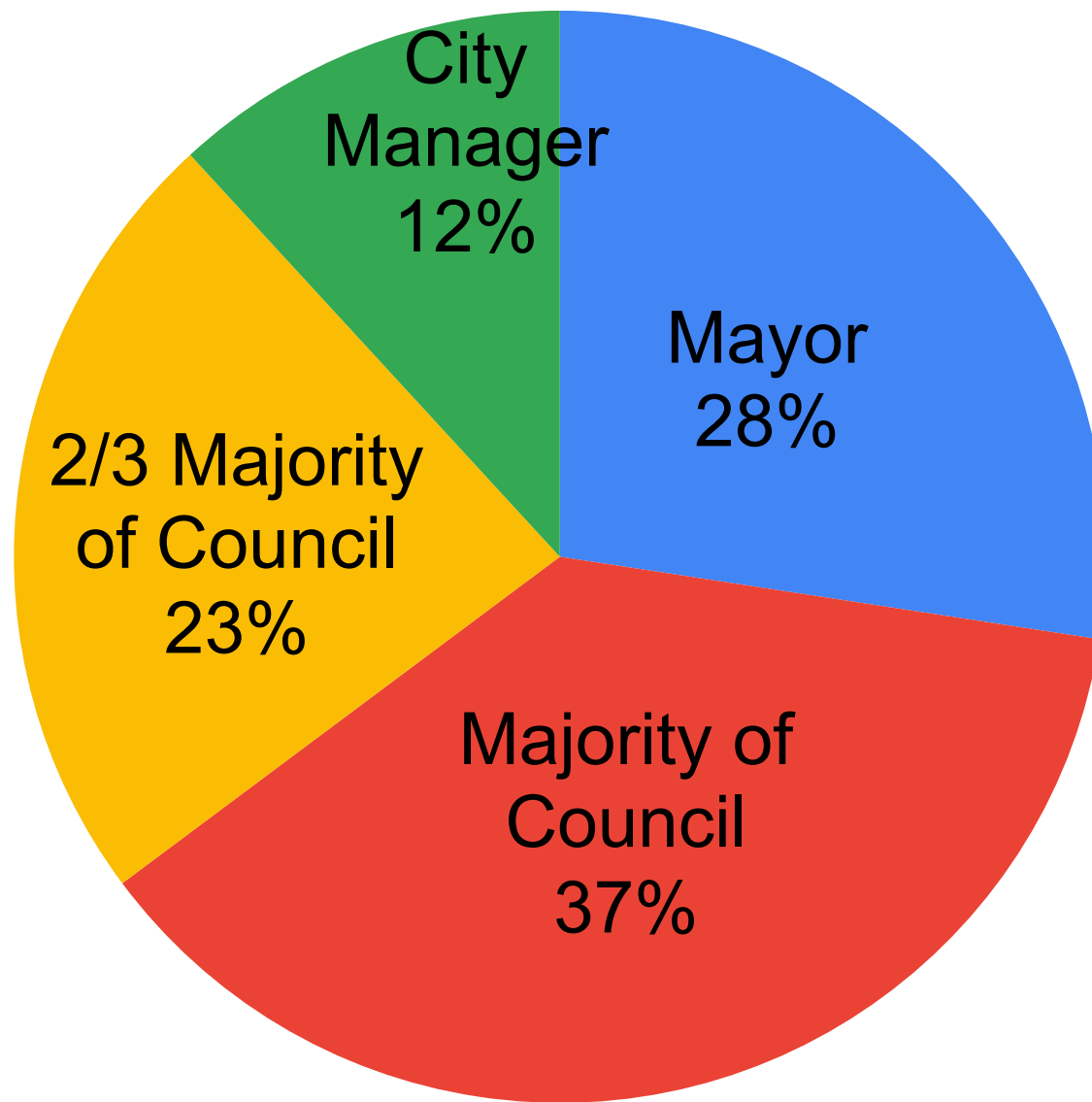
Which charter option will best serve Latinos in San Jose?



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Results

Who should hire or fire the Chief of Police?



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Glossary



City Council: 10 people elected by vote each representing approximately 100,000 people in San José



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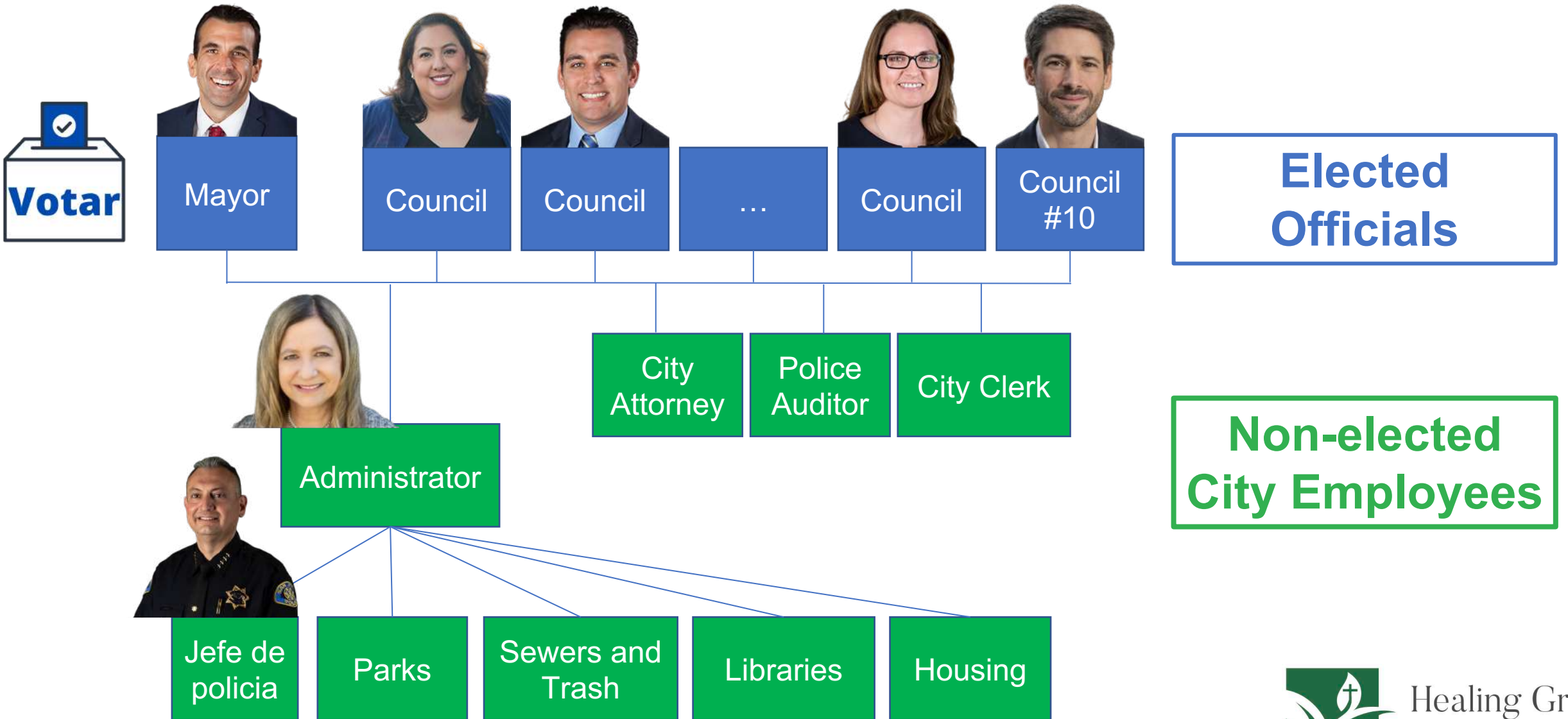


Chief of Police: 1 person who is a city employee (not elected) who is the chief of police



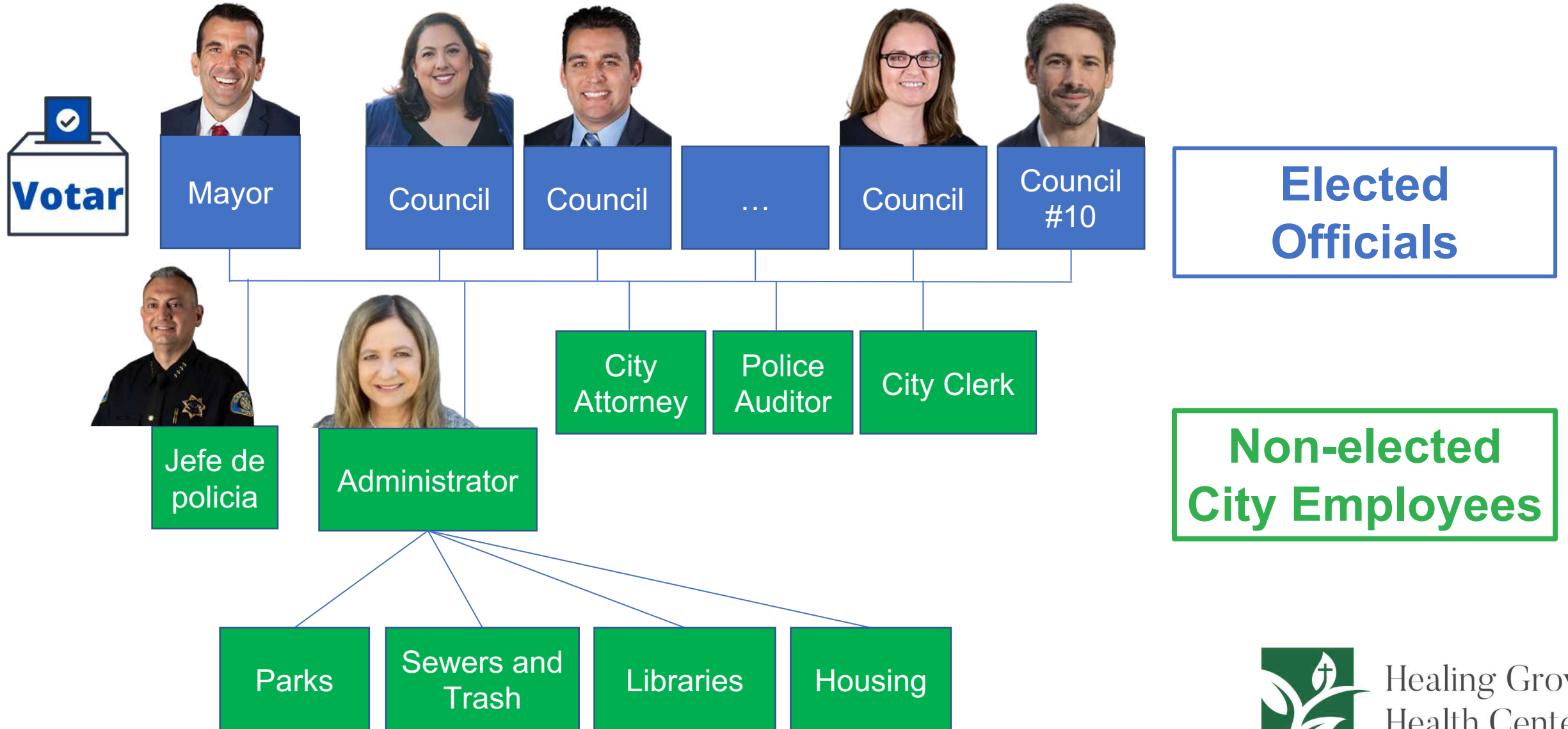
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Option #1 – Council-Manager (Weak Mayor)

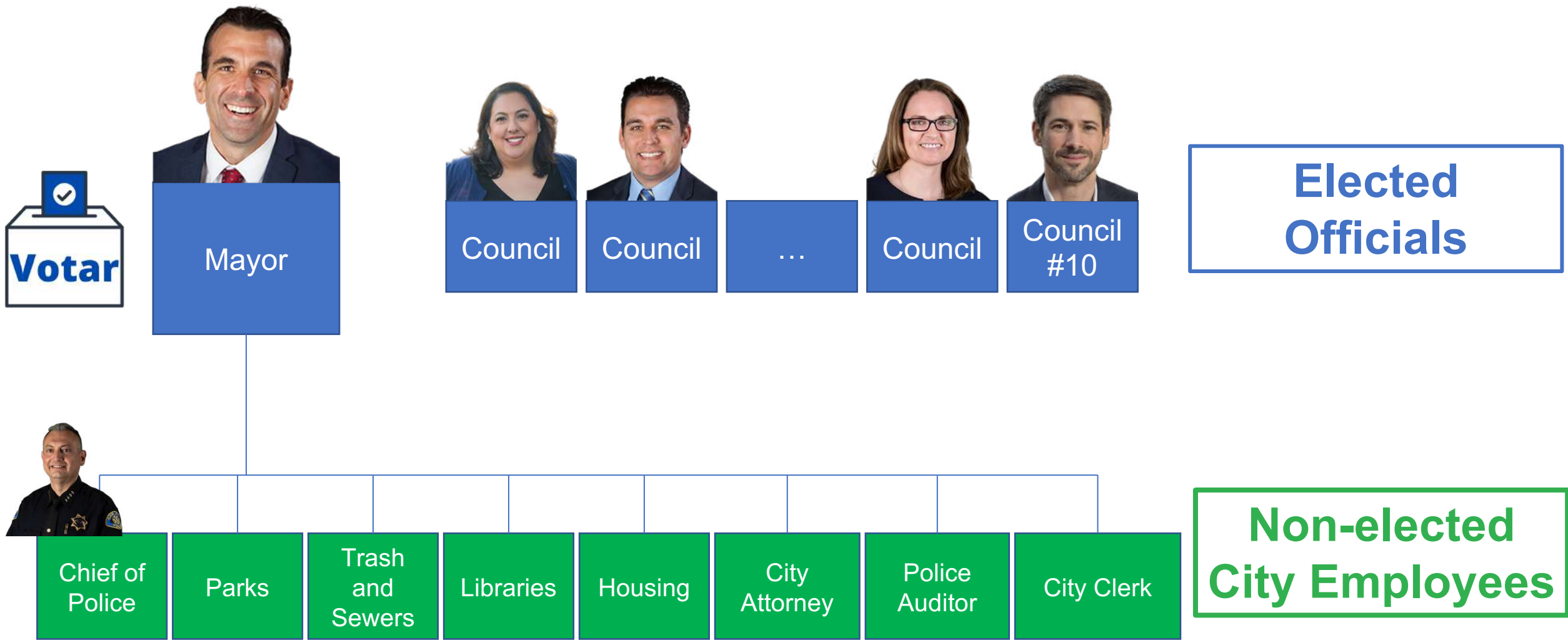


Option 1b Council-Manager (Weak Mayor)

(With Police Chief appointed by council)



Option 2: Council-Mayor (Strong Mayor)



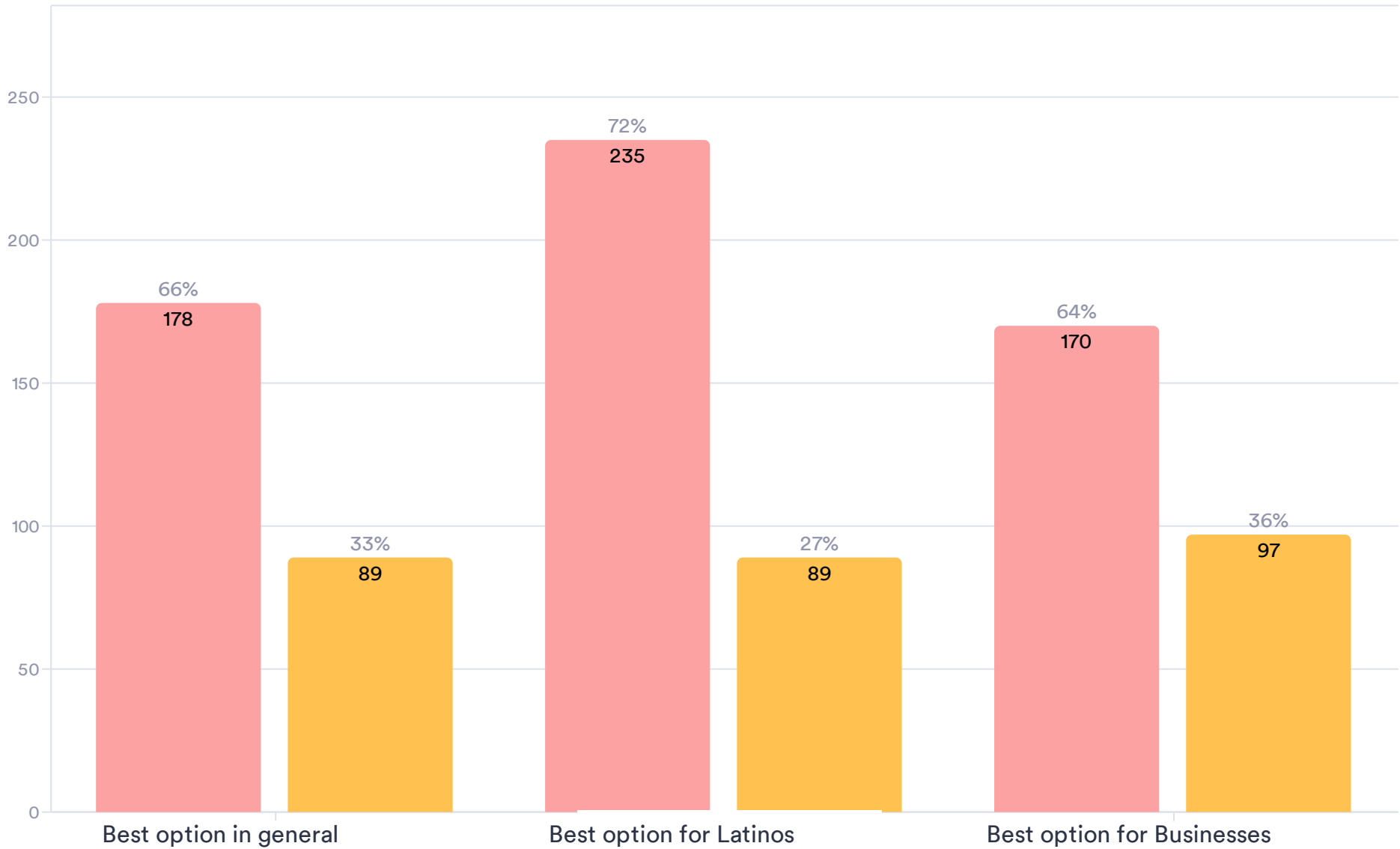
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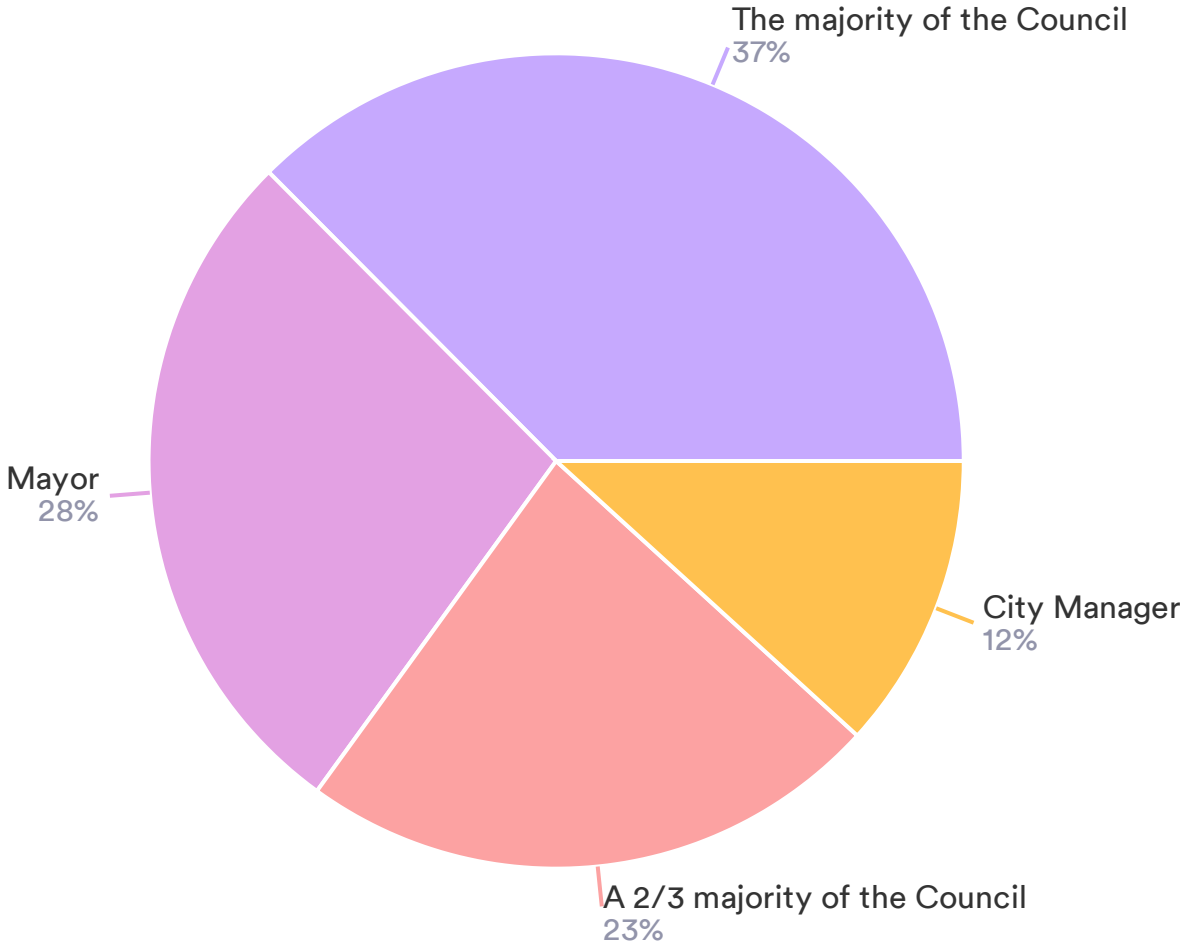
Choose the best governance option for each situation

326 Responses



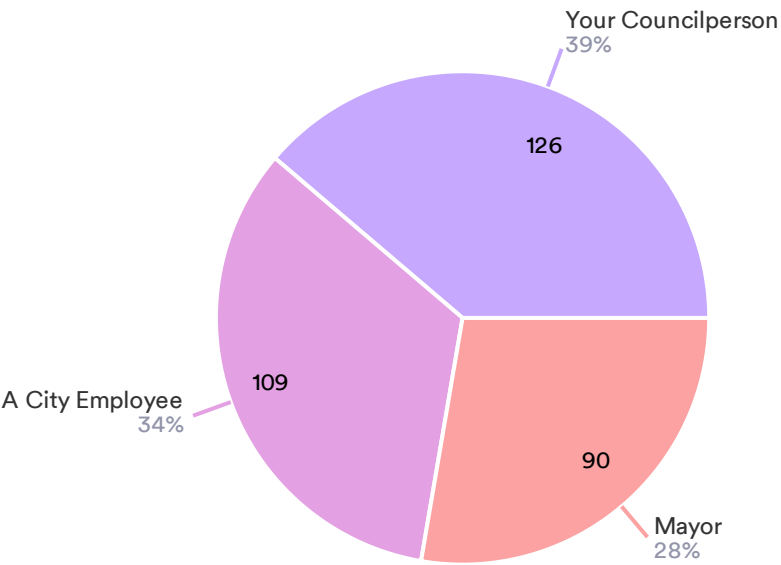
Who should hire or fire the Chief of Police?

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Who should be your main contact when you have a problem with the city?

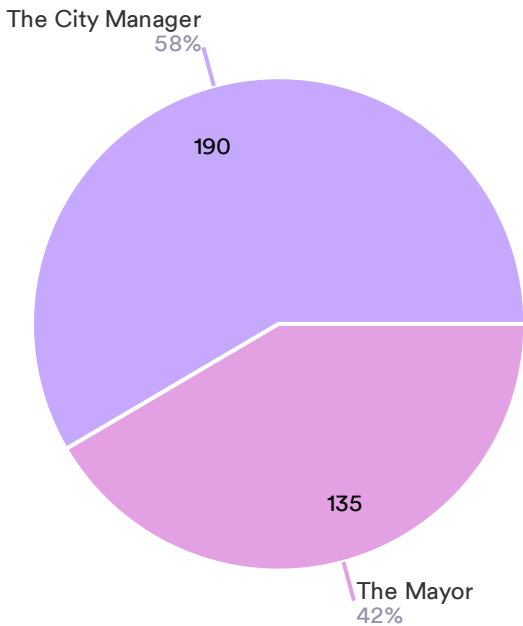
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● Your Councilperson ● A City Employee ● Mayor

Who should be in charge of the City's day-to-day operations, such as paving roads, maintaining parks, and running the police?

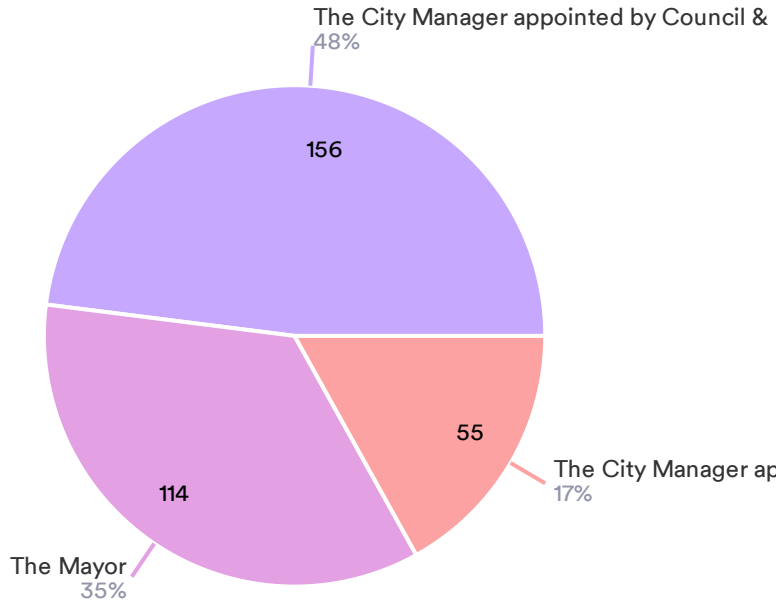
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● The City Manager ● The Mayor

Who should be the boss of all city employees?

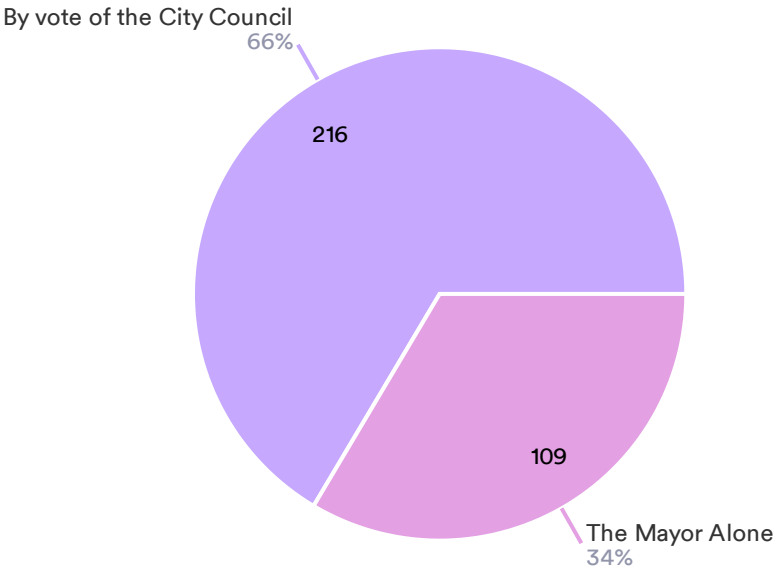
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● The City Manager appointed by Council & Mayor ● The Mayor
● The City Manager appointed by Mayor Only

Who should hire or fire the City Manager? (currently the boss of all City employees)

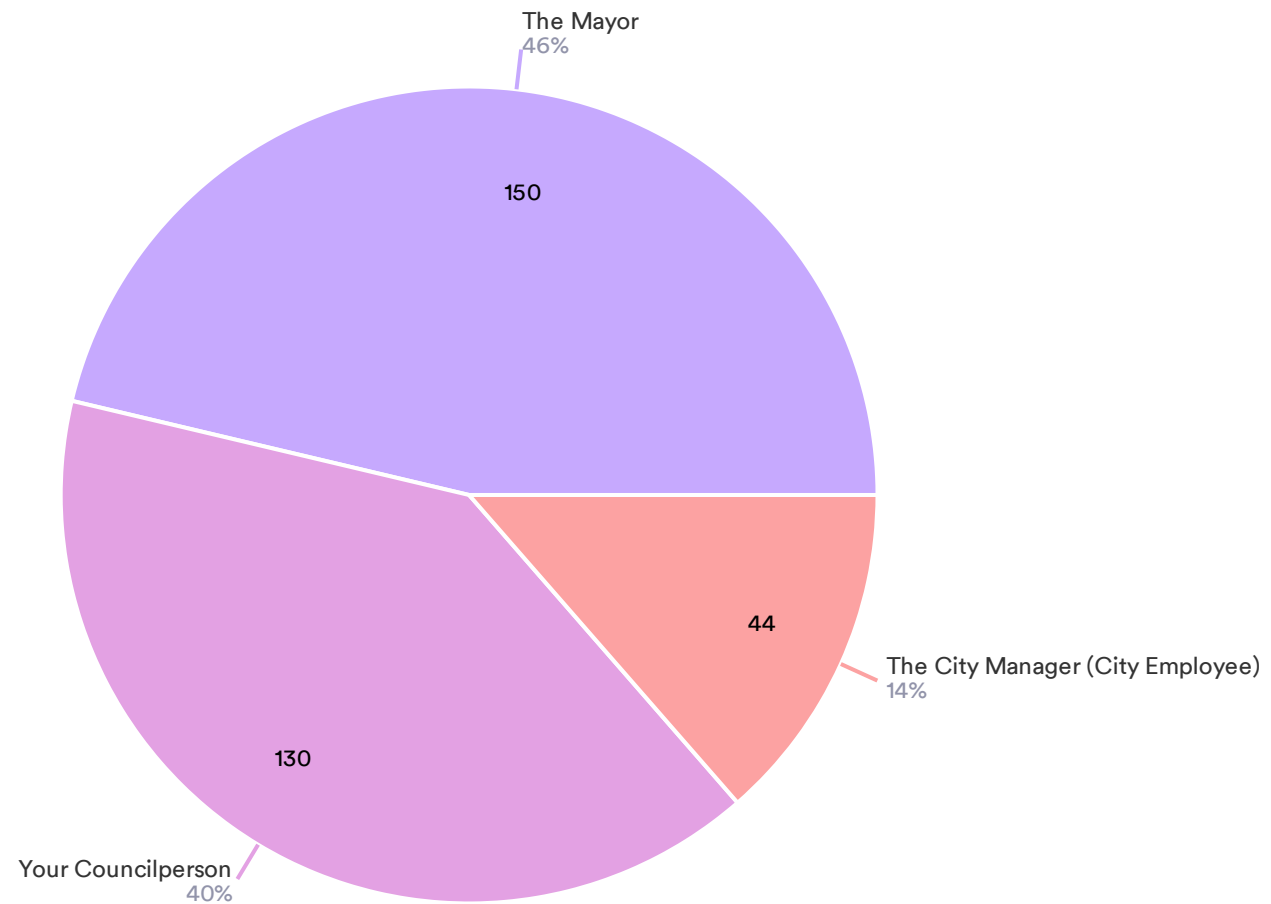
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● By vote of the City Council ● The Mayor Alone

Who do you think is most likely to listen to and serve the undocumented community?

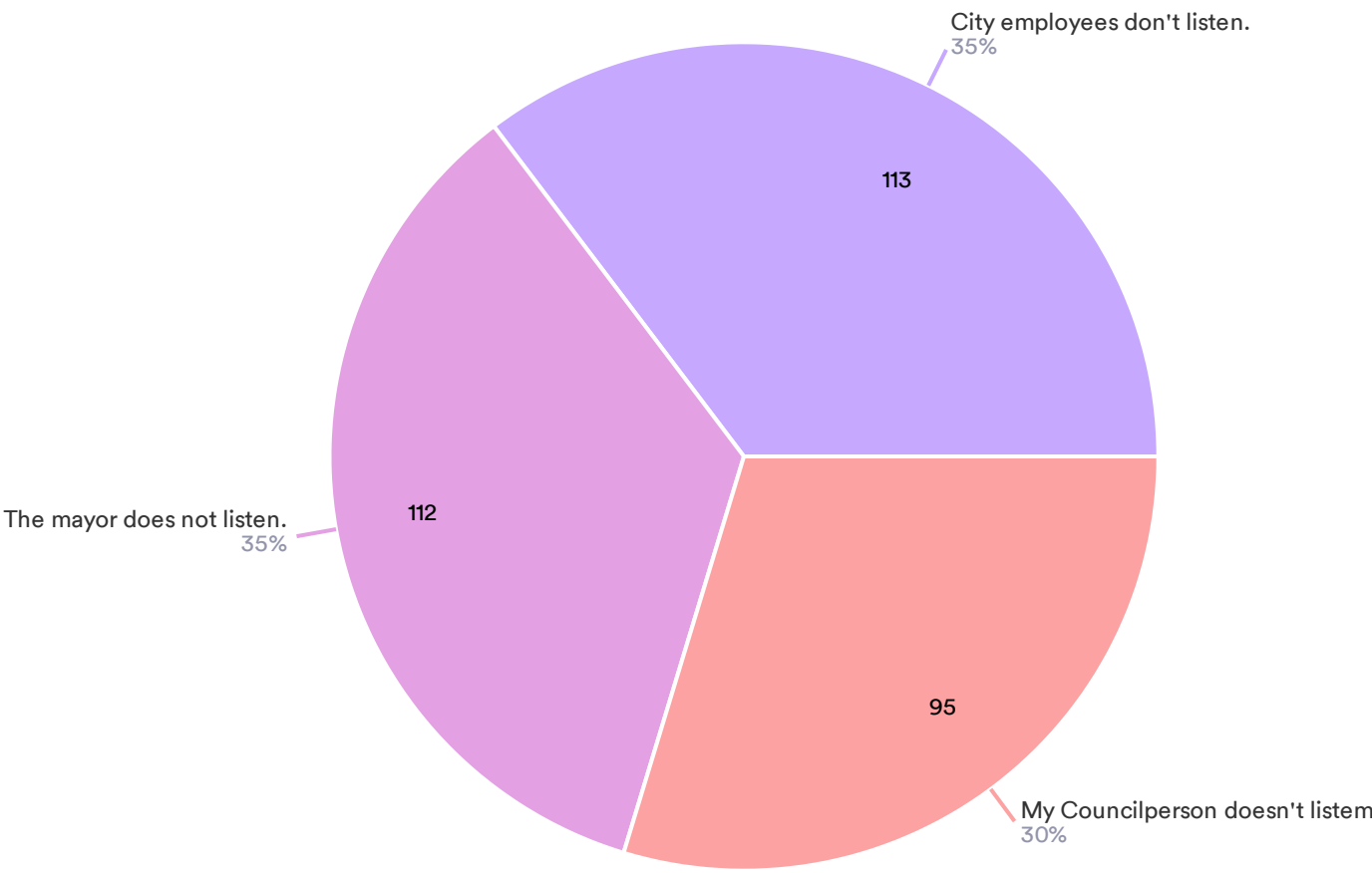
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● The Mayor ● Your Councilperson ● The City Manager (City Employee)

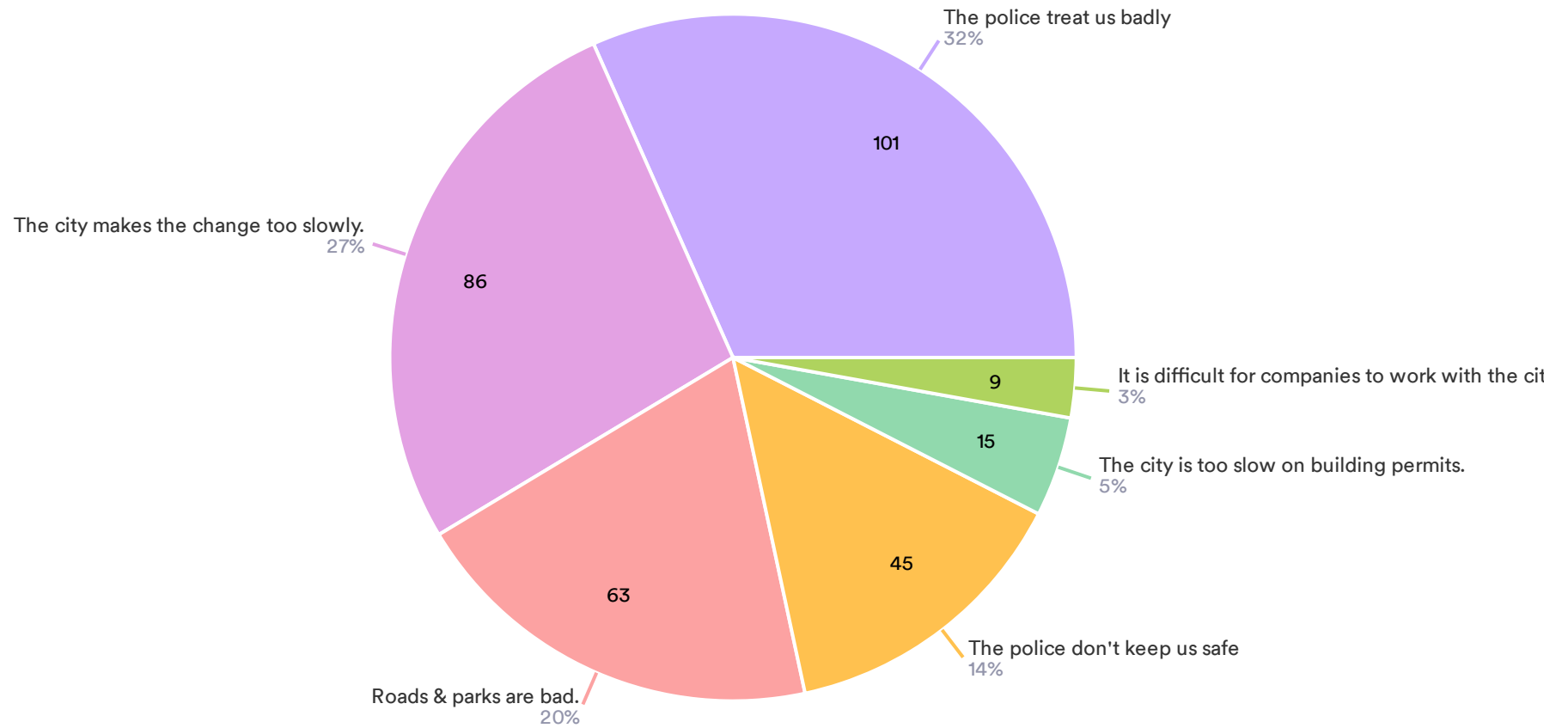
What is the biggest problem you see in how the city government listens?

320 Responses- 6 Empty



What is the biggest problem you see in city government?

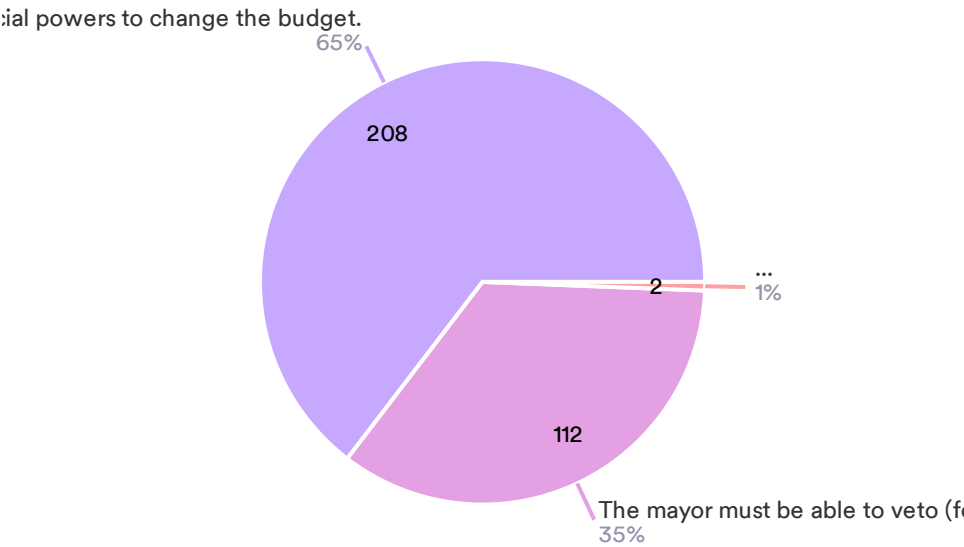
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● The police treat us badly ● The city makes the change too slowly. ● Roads & parks are bad. ● The police don't keep us safe

How much power should the mayor have to change the financial budget?

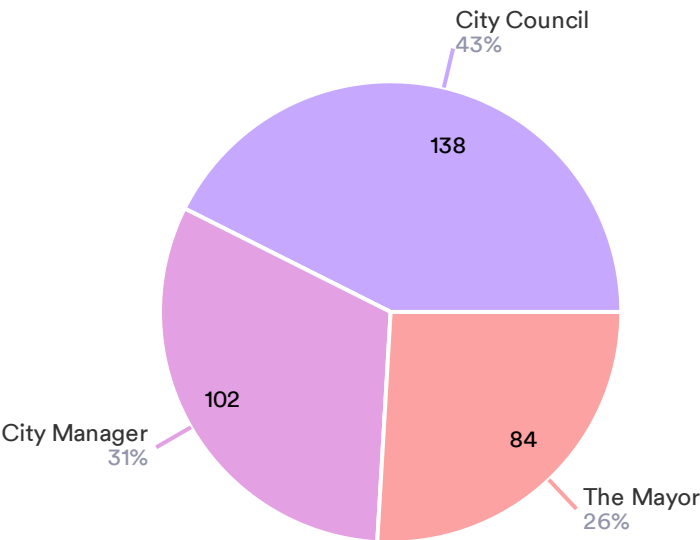
322 Responses- 4 Empty



- The mayor should not have special powers to change the budget.
- The mayor must be able to veto (for example, cut) budget matches entirely on his own.
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There are many department heads in San José who deal with roads, parks, public safety, libraries, etc. Who should hire and fire those department heads?

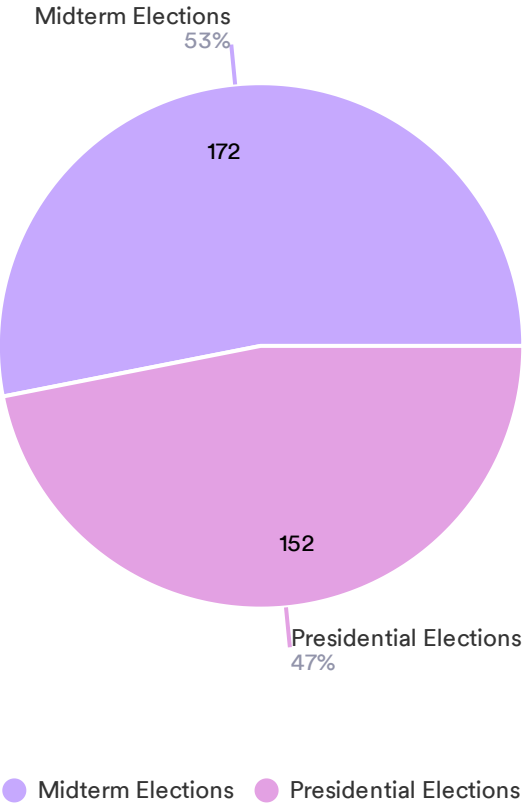
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- City Council
- City Manager
- The Mayor

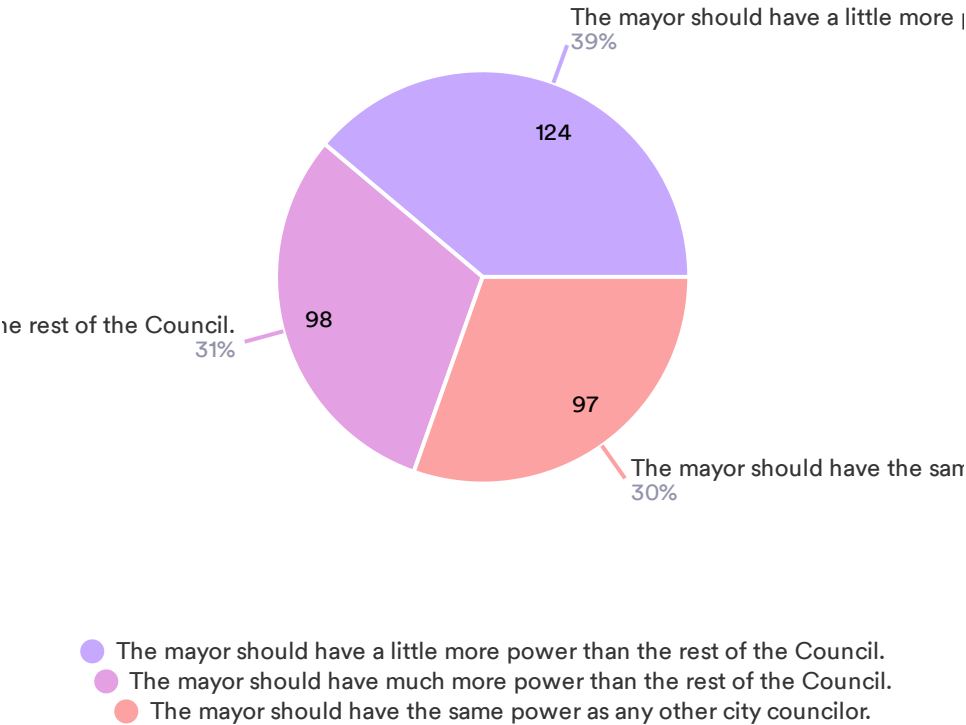
When should the mayoral elections happen?

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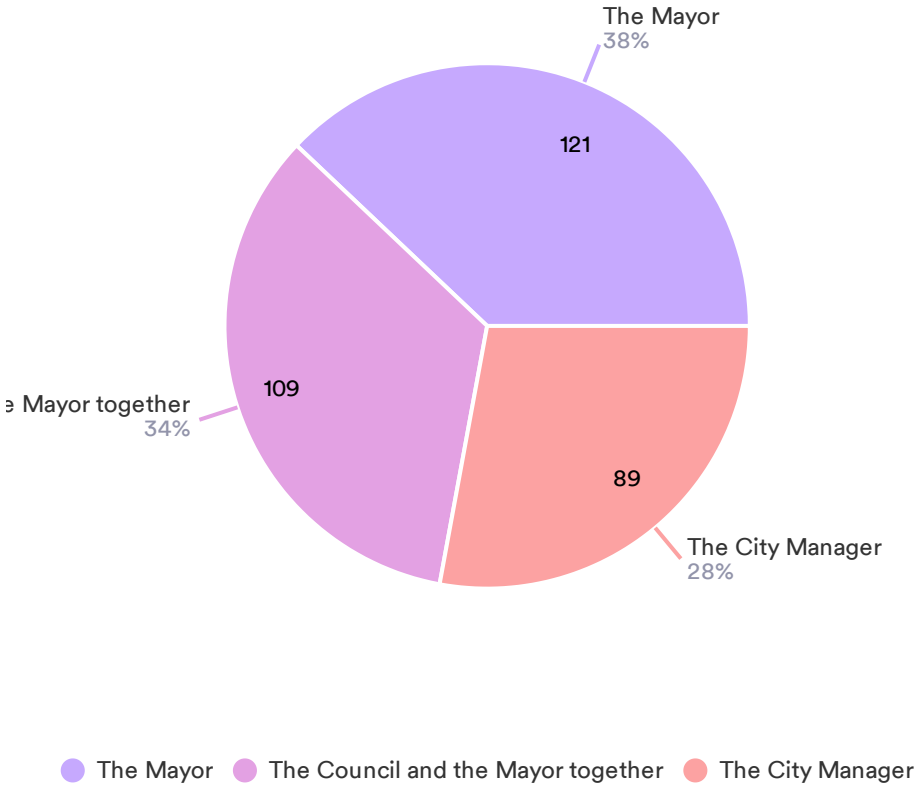
The mayor represents the entire city. Each city councilor represents a part of the city. Should the mayor have more power than the rest of the Council?

319 Responses- 7 Empty



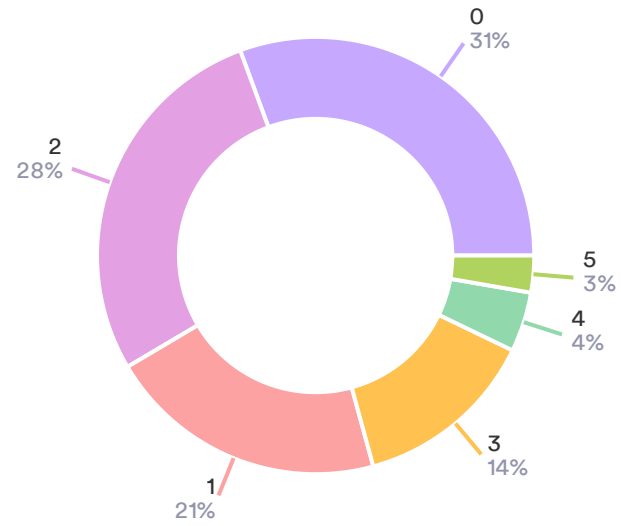
Who should be in charge of the City's finances?

319 Responses- 7 Empty



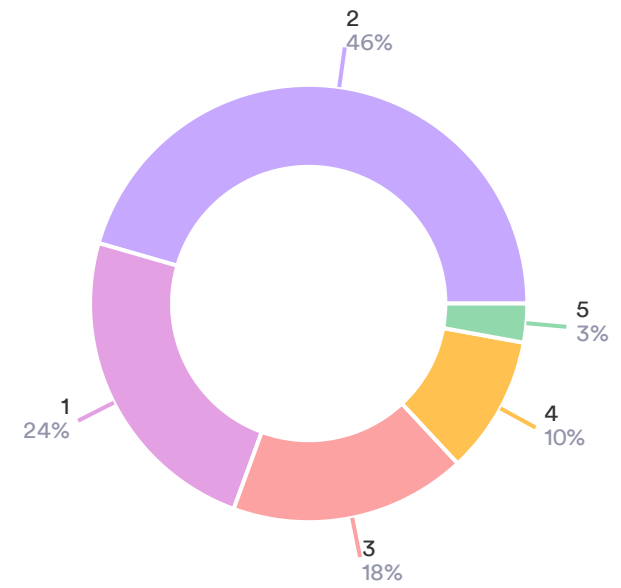
Number of Children

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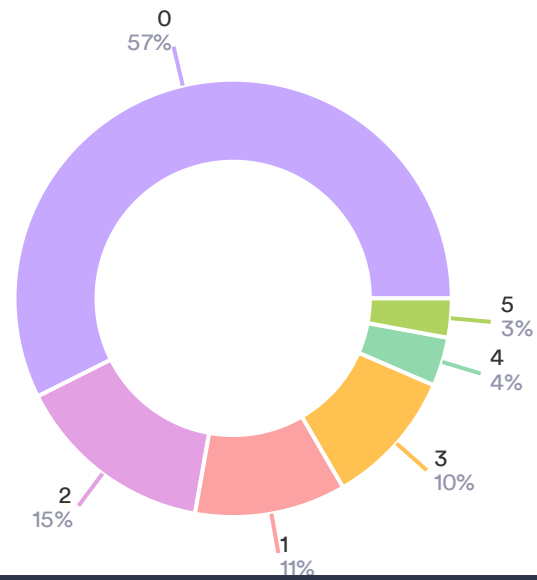
Number of Adults

314 Responses- 6 Empty



Number of Seniors

277 Responses- 46 Empty



Thank You!

San Jose Charter Review Commission

Reimagining Public Safety Recommendation to the City Charter Commission

Christopher Logan <[REDACTED]>

Thu 10/28/2021 9:50 AM

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Hello all,

Please find the recommendation from the Reimagining Public Safety Community Advisory Committee to the City Charter Commission attached.

Peace,

Chris Logan (he/him/his)
Organizing Manager for Racial Equity
Sacred Heart Community Service
[REDACTED]

Would you like to schedule a meeting? [REDACTED]

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TO: CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
CC: SAN JOSE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER
OFFICE AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2021

SUBJECT: SUPPORTING CHARTER
REVIEW RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

The purpose of this memorandum is to convey to the council and committee our support for a community oversight committee to be added to the city's charter through the work of the Charter Review Commission.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For too long, the San Jose Police Department has been allowed to police itself without the benefit of accountability from the community. At this point much of the community believes police are not accountable to anyone, which is destroying trust between the community and the public safety apparatus. We believe that a committee such as the one that is being proposed should not only "advise" but have authority to investigate individual incidents of misconduct, have the power to issue disciplinary measures, and speak meaningfully to the policies and procedures that exist within the current policing structures. We support the charter commission recommending a Police oversight committee whose main function should include but not be limited to:

1. Patterns of Practice
2. Use of Force
3. Training
4. Policies and Practices
5. Promotions, demotions, hiring and firing.
6. Investigation function (subpoena power and ability to review unredacted records and review police arbitration)

In order to ensure this committee garners the public's trust, the community should have direct input on who serves on such a committee, giving special consideration to communities most impacted by police violence. This will avoid government officials, elected and staff, from injecting politics contrary to the public's interest.

Blair Beekman. Sunday. October 31, 2021.....City Charter Questions of Re-imagine, Future city elections, and 2022.

b. beekman <[REDACTED]>

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Re: Climate Emergency, Climate Crisis Code Red for Humanity

tessa woodmansee <[REDACTED]>

Mon 11/1/2021 9:49 AM

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Good morning,

This letter is to complain about problems with the November 1 st agenda for the Charter Review Commission.

The WORK PLAN last updated October 15th for this November 1st agenda for the CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION was ONLY "Discussion of Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability & Inclusion Recommendations" for this November 1st meeting.

Throughout the charter review commission process the commissioners have repeatedly been told that the WORK PLAN is the "Bible" they must follow.

However, Chair Ferer added to the November 1st agenda "Final voting on the Voting and Elections Subcommittee's policy recommendations regarding the Board of Fair Campaign and Political practices" This was NOT on the original work plan!

In addition, another problem with this New agenda item—The Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices added to the November 1st agenda besides NOT being on the Work Plan is that there are SUBSTANTIAL changes to this item and the SAN JOSE'S rules as articulated by the City Clerk are that "prior to considering AN item with SUBSTANTIVE changes, the City Board, Commission or committee shall determine by a majority vote under Orders of the Day, whether the item should be heard and discussed, or deferred. This was NOT done.

Adding insult to injury to the limited time given to the third leg of the charter review commission's work—The People's agenda—the agenda that focuses on Protecting the people from harm items on the original work plan were "Discussion of Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability & Inclusion Recommendations".

This is the third leg of this Charter Review Commission's work to "Solicit the public community input and consider additional measures and potential charter amendments, as needed, that will improve

accountability, representation, and inclusion at San Jose city hall. "

These ACCOUNTABILITY, REPRESENTATION AND INCLUSION items are critical issues for the protection of the PEOPLE FROM HARMS- the true role of our government.

Taking away time on the agenda that was supposed to ONLY address these issues is evil, immoral, selfish and greedy.

Though Vice mayor Chappie Jones said at the rules committee last Wednesday that the council should not have expanded the scope of the charter review commission to address the People's agenda and ONLY address political issues.

However, the issues of accountability, representation and inclusion are the issues that directly affect the PEOPLE. Our climate crisis is one of these items to be discussed today along with police oversight and reimagining policing. These critical issues that need to be addressed to protect the people from harm need our full attention and problem solving skills.

The charter review commission's work to include these critical issues has been hampered by political and economic interests of the city manager and the politicians.

It is critical to address the accountability, representation and inclusion issues of the charter review commission and to STOP taking time away from these issues to hopefully create policies that truly protect the people from harms—the true role of government.

IN CONCLUSION, take the "Final voting on the Voting and Elections Subcommittee's policy recommendations regarding the Board of Fair Campaign and Political practices" off the agenda for today and put our full attention on the PEOPLE's AGENDA —ACCOUNTABILITY, REPRESENTATION AND INCLUSION items which are critical issues for the protection of the PEOPLE FROM HARMS- the true role of our government.

Warm regards,

Tessa woodmansee
President garden alameda village association

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Clean Air and Quiet Neighborhoods—A Natural Right!

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