

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GOS 44

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Operations & Structure

SOURCE: Gwinnette W. Crownley, Citizen
Letter dated November 15, 2010

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: Art. 4, Ch. 1 (City Council); 3-105
(Elective Officers of the City); 3-106 (Geographical Basis for Electing
Council Members)

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Reduce number of Council members to seven (7).

RATIONALE: “With the reduced Detroit population, I don’t think that the city can afford the luxury of the bloated number, or that the institution requires nine (9) members at this time; therefore, I recommend that the number be reduced to seven (7). With the ward or district system coming into effect, the city would be divided into equal population sectors and one of the seven members would be accountable for a certain number of residents. (This would be similar to the way districts are apportioned for the U.S. Congress.)” - *Gwinnette W. Crownley, letter dated November 15, 2010.*

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: