

**DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

**PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY**

**ISSUE NUMBER:** GOS 74

**ISSUE CATEGORY:** Government Operations & Structure

**SOURCE:** City Council,

**RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS:** §5-109 (Succession to Office)

Letter dated December 2, 2010

**RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:**

**RELEVANT LAW(S):**

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**ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:**

Sec. 5-109. Succession to office.

If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor, the city council president shall succeed to the office until a new mayor is elected.

~~When a new mayor is sworn in, the city council president shall return to his/her office.~~

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If a dispute arises concerning whether a vacancy in the office of mayor has occurred, the city council president or any three (3) members of the city council may petition the appropriate court for a determination of this fact question.

**RATIONALE:** “This language clarifies that the city council president shall return to the position of council president following the swearing-in of an elected mayor, an issue that arose under the previous administration.”-*City Council Rationale, Letter, dated December 13, 2010.*

**ANALYSIS:**

**DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:**

**NOTES:**