

**DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

**PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY**

**ISSUE NUMBER:** GOS 172

**ISSUE CATEGORY:** Government Operations & Structure

**SOURCE:** Richard Mack

**RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS:** §4-307 ([Ombudsperson] Jurisdiction)

Letter, December 26, 2010

**RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:**

**RELEVANT LAW(S):**

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**ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:** Expand investigation jurisdiction to include city officials, employees, departments, authorities or other entities (except elective officers); grant authority to investigate contracts for goods and services at the request of any person, for compliance with the Charter and ordinances, with the full investigative powers granted the Auditor General.

Sec. 4-307. - Jurisdiction.

The ombudsperson may investigate any official act of any City official, employee, department, agency, authority or other entity except elective officers which aggrieves any person.

At the request of any person, the ombudsman shall review and investigate specifically listed contracts for goods and services, and all documents related to said contracts, for compliance with this Charter and the City's Ordinances. The investigative powers of the Auditor General, spelled out in paragraph 4 above, shall be applicable. The authority of the ombudsperson extends equally to all agencies. However, with respect to any investigation authorized by this Charter to be made by an agency having subpoena power, the ombudsperson may only investigate and report whether the agency's investigation and hearing, if any, was conducted fully and fairly.

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The ombudsperson may establish procedures for receiving and processing complaints, conducting investigations and hearings, and reporting findings. No fee shall be levied for the filing or investigation of complaints.

**RATIONALE:**

**ANALYSIS:**

**DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:**

**NOTES:** See "Charter History of Ombudsperson", dated May 8, 2010.