

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GOS 31

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Operations & Structure

SOURCE: Commissioner Davis

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §3-101 (City Elections); See generally Art. 3

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(Elections); Art. 7 (The Executive Branch: Program, Services & Activities), Ch. 11 (Police)

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Mayor shall not appoint Police Chief. The office of Police Chief shall be filled by citizen election.

RATIONALE: "The coexistence of the offices of Police Chief and Mayor, while a very common procedure in city government, should undergo a major revision in Detroit. The Mayor should not appoint the Police Chief. To avoid the sharing of any maleficence [sic] [malfeasance] or corruption, the Police Chief shall be elected by the people. The Police Chief shall not answer to the Mayor, he/she should answer to the People, especially at a time like today in which Detroit has a crime rate which consistently ranks near the top. One of the greatest reasons residence leave the city is because they do not feel safe; far too often they worry about their car being stolen, their home being broken into and their children having a safe route to and from school each day. This is a job for a Police Chief elected by the people, not the Executive office of government."-*Commissioner Davis*

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: See "Historical Charter Analysis - Police Department", dated, July 12, 2010 (Corrected Copy).