

**DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

**PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY**

**ISSUE NUMBER:** GOS 66

**ISSUE CATEGORY:** Government Operations & Structure

**SOURCE:** City Council,

**RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS:** §4-304([Ombudsperson] Salary)

Letter dated December 2, 2010

**RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:**

**RELEVANT LAW(S):**

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**ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:** Make the Ombudsperson's salary "within the same pay range" as Auditor General as set by City's Official Compensation Schedule.

Sec. 4-304. Salary.

The salary of the ombudsperson ~~shall be within the same pay range as~~ the auditor general, ~~as established by the City's Official Compensation Schedule.~~

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**RATIONALE:** "These provisions [i.e. 4-20\_, 4-201, 4-204, 4-206, 4-304] are being offered as an attempt to harmonize the powers of the ombudsperson's office and the auditor general's office. The auditor general has expressed concern regarding the difficulty in filling staff positions in an efficient manner. This proposed section 4-204 would give the office more flexibility in hiring staff.

"The Charter Revision Commission may wish to consider adding a provision requiring that city council determine these officials' pay rate within the same pay grade. Currently, section 4-304 requires that the ombudsperson's salary is equal to that of the auditor general." -*City Council's Rationale, Letter, dated December 13, 2010.*

**ANALYSIS:**

**DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:**

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