

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GOS 78

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Operations & Structure

SOURCE: Gwinnette W. Crownley

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: Art. 6, Ch. 4

Letter dated November 15, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:

Reevaluate the Law Department to ensure its performing as it should.

RATIONALE: "The City has been involved in so many law suits that the Law Department seems not to have been diligent, ensuring that the City take presumptive action to avoid legal problems. Various contracts have not protected the City and this should be the job of its legal staff to ensure the best outcomes for the City. There needs to be a real assessment and description of this department, when and how it should be used, including its availability to other departments when drawing up contracts with vendors, and other similar agreements. This needs to be done to keep departmental costs down and agreements legal."-*Gwinnette W. Crownley, Letter, dated November 15, 2010.*

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: