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Re: At-Large Commission Districts – Referendum Proposed to Amend 3.01 of the City Charter

Dear Mayor & Commissioners,

I want to thank Cheri Smith, Our City Clerk, for providing me with documents from the Charter Revision Committees of 2002 and 2011. I have reviewed the Charter Review documents provided and available on this subject.

A common and consistent theme throughout the record from the 2002 and 2011 Charter Revision Committees is the recommendation that the commissioners be elected at large. I have asked our City Attorney and City Clerk to work together to place on the next available city agenda a proposed referendum to make this change to Section 3.01 and any other relevant section of the City Charter to have the commissioners elected at large. This Referendum would not change the geographic boundaries of the six districts or the requirement that the Commissioners live within their respective district. The Referendum if passed by the voters would be implemented at the next cycle of election of city commissioners.

Joyce Griffin, our supervisor of elections, has informed me that a referendum would be best placed on the August ballot and the deadline is June 24<sup>th</sup>.

I wanted you to be informed that this will hopefully be considered by our commission soon. I look forward to your thoughts when we are able to discuss this in the "sunshine."

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Kaufman", is written over a horizontal line.

**Samuel J. Kaufman**  
District II Commissioner  
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*Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.*