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Despite Chairperson Terra's amendments, much of this is still self-serving and tends to promote partisan politics while not doing that much for transparency or independent oversight in County government. In fact, the first warning is when the title says "Ordinance." It would really be A BALLOT MEASURE to Amend the Charter. So much for transparency. The Charter Amendment needs to be rejected.

Let's have no queens or fake transparency in County government. We're better than that. Smarter than that. Let's look at the worst of it,

Sec.600 – No reason to expand term limits for Elected Officials, and lengthening your own term in the middle of it is a conflict of interest. This proposal would allow supervisors to run for three four-year terms, but would also impose term limits on the sheriff, district attorney and other county elected officials who currently have none, which would not happen as planned since it is against State law. If they all have the same term limits, it basically guarantees officers with similar political beliefs.

Sec. 501 – Niceto have a budget analyst and a program auditor. But these are political appointees and in no way independent. Way to keep the corrupt contracts and wasteful spending in the County, and I doubt you or I could see what the County does with its money any better than today.

Sec.711 to 711.6 – So, the same people who want to get themselves another term want to set up an Ethics Commission. So, whose ethics? Not another political County Commission. If you do this, the public will go elsewhere to complain about your ethics or lack thereof. Might be worth the money if it were elective.

Sec.501.9 (b) allowing the requesting and receiving of assistance in preparing Supervisor-led initiatives sounds like you are authorizing staff to do quasi-political work for you instead of preparing your own initiatives. Many of these seem to be last minute political quick fixes, especially the letters recommending legislative action on behalf of the County but unsupported by poll data to confirm that the County agrees.

Sec.700 – Chairperson Terra also wants to remove a list of appointive officers. But I think it is useful and helps keep the Board from overburdening us with expensive political or ad hoc appointees.

Sec.915 - Prohibiting relatives 'up to the fourth degree of consanguinity' (great grandpa and his relatives on down) from working in the County probably excludes half of the County from working for it.

This might be what other cities are doing, but it's a terrible way to run things, and why join this crowd?