

Charter Amendments

	Current	Proposed
Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elective Office defined in Section 400.5 • Appointive Officers defined in Sections 501, 700 • Not uniformly capitalized throughout document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions of Elective Office and Appointive Officers consolidated into Article I – Definitions • Defined terms capitalized throughout document
Election of Supervisors	Section 401 requires voters to elect a supervisor <i>from their district</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement that supervisors be elected from their district deleted • Would allow for at-large elections if permitted by State law (State Constitution allows for that option)
Term Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisors may not serve more than 2 terms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected Officials may not serve more than 3 terms (only applicable to Board of Supervisors and Board of Education unless State law changes)
Suspension of Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension may be for official misconduct, offense involving moral turpitude, or infamous crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Infamous crime” replaced with “a crime that would otherwise preclude a person, if convicted, from continued employment in the ordinary course of County service”
Confirmation and Removal of Appointive Officers	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of CAO’s appointment of ACAO, DCAO, OES Director, Public Health Officer, and Public Defender (unless Public Defender becomes Board-appointed) • Appointive Officers may be removed by 4/5 of Board
Appointive Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board appointed officers are CAO, County Counsel, Probation Officer, and Clerk of the Board • All other appointive officers are appointed by CAO • Public Defender appointed by CAO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Budget Analyst and Independent Program Auditor added as officers appointed by the Board • Board may, by ordinance, make Public Defender a Board appointee • Board may, by ordinance, add additional officers to be appointed by Board for functions not duplicative of CAO’s
Non-Interference – CAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisors may not give orders, instruct, or interfere with any CAO staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change to the prohibition • Clarified rule with examples of permissible practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requesting information on policies, procedures, activities

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assistance with Supervisor-led initiatives in accordance with limitations set by Board Policy - Receiving staff support in the manner other departments receive - Providing input on hiring/dismissal of unclassified management
Non-Interference – Purchasing Agent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No officer (including a Supervisor) may influence or coerce the Purchasing Director in the performance of their duties • The Board may only deal with the Purchasing Director as a Board in open session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No officer may influence or coerce the Purchasing Director for illegal personal gain or in violation of the CAO non-interference provision
Independent Budget Analyst and Independent Program Auditor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board may appoint IBA and IPA (may be the same person) • May be removed by majority of Board
Fire Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifies Fire Authority as organizational unit within the CAO’s office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Authority was dissolved when San Diego County Fire Protection District was formed, so Section 703 updated to specify that County Fire falls under CAO who will ensure fire protection and emergency medical services within the SDCFPD
Community Advisory Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to as Citizen Advisory Board • Board to consider qualifications, race, age, sex, and location in appointing members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to as Community Advisory Board • Board to consider purpose of advisory board and characteristics of members so that appointments are representative of entire County
County Ethics Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners appointed by each Supervisor and the County Counsel • Commission investigates signed complaints against elected officials • The Board may, by ordinance, grant subpoena power
Spending Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditor and Controller to publicly post County spending data • Auditor and Controller to order annual independent financial and performance audit of County spending
Political Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers and employees may not engage in political activity during County work hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification that this section is not intended to prohibit anything not otherwise prohibited by law