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## Keeping An Eye On County Charter Review

**W**e encourage you to attend and to monitor future Hillsborough County Charter Review Committee meetings. Even though we are tremendously pleased with the diversity of the committee, we remain convinced that Black citizens should be actively involved in committee proceedings. We also encourage Black Charter Review Committee members Frank Reddick, Joseph Robinson, James Tokley, Sr., and Gerald White to keep the Black community informed of key agenda issues that will directly affect or benefit Black voters.

Indeed, the County Charter Review Committee will likely discuss such issues as single-member districting, replacing the appointed County Administrator with an elected County Mayor, the language creating the county Performance Auditor position and changing the number of signatures required to place amendments to the Charter on the ballot by citizen petition. Each of the issues will be of concern by all voters and Black voters in particular. Thankfully, the meetings are held on alternate Monday evenings at 6 PM, and are televised, as well as placed on the Internet.

Not since the 1980s has an agenda for the County Charter Review Committee had so much impact on the future design of Hillsborough County. As for us, we have had reservations historically about a county mayor form of government and have always supported single member districting. Thus, we will watch with interest how the Committee deals with these issues. In the meantime, we ask all of our readers to play your part regarding the upcoming meetings.

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