

Meeting Minutes

City Council Special Meeting

June 2, 2025 | 5:00 p.m.
Chandler City Council Chambers
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Hartke at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Attendance

Mayor Kevin Hartke
Vice Mayor Christine Ellis
Councilmember Angel Encinas
Councilmember Jane Poston
Councilmember Matt Orlando
Councilmember OD Harris
Councilmember Jennifer Hawkins

Appointee Attendance

Joshua Wright, City Manager
Kelly Schwab, City Attorney
Dana DeLong, City Clerk

Discussion and Action

1. Resolution No. 5913, Ordering and Calling a Special Election for the Submission of Proposed Amendments to the City Charter Clarifying Term Limits for Councilmembers and Mayor
Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5913, ordering and calling a special election for November 4, 2025, for the submission of proposed amendments to Article II, Section 2.01 of the City Charter clarifying term limits for Councilmembers and Mayor; directing publications as required by law; designating the place and time to accept arguments for and against the question; establishing the conduct of elections including ballot tabulation requirements; authorizing an agreement for services with the County and payment of election expenditures; setting forth the voter registration deadline and Voter Rights Act requirements; designating the election as an all-mail ballot election; establishing canvassing and reporting requirements; and including a severability and ratification clause.

MAYOR HARTKE said these items are to review and consider a path forward with potential amendments to the city charter in preparation for the election scheduled in November 2025 and

beyond. The Chandler city charter originally was adopted by voters in 1965 and it serves as the foundation of the city government. The charter is a document that defines the city's structures, powers of elected officials, and how Chandler operates as a local government, like any foundational document it must be regularly reviewed and thoughtfully updated to reflect the evolution, growth, and modern needs of our community. Over the past six decades, Chandler has grown from a small farming community that was beginning to urbanize into a dynamic, diverse, and modern city of nearly 300,000 residents. Responsibilities have expanded, technology has advanced, and the expectations of residents has evolved over time: however, much of the charter language is same as when it was originally adopted. Some language could be outdated or ambiguous due to modern circumstances, which is why it is vital to ensure the charter continues to serve the needs of Chandler today as well as for future generations. Updating the charter is not about political gain or rewriting history, it is meant to adapt what is outdated. This task must be approached with accountability, and Chandler's responsibility is to give Chandler voters the opportunity to consider meaningful and well-reviewed changes that enhance transparency, efficiency, and good governance.

MAYOR HARTKE explained the second item tonight is to consider the formation of a City Charter Amendment Resident Advisory Committee consisting of nine Chandler residents with diverse perspectives to conduct a comprehensive review of the charter and recommend future changes that Council may consider placing on a future ballot. This is not in conflict with the first item for calling a special election for the submission of proposed amendments to the city charter clarifying term limits for councilmembers and mayor. Council has recommended individuals who are actively and positively engaged in the community for the committee.

MAYOR HARTKE said the first item was tabled from a previous meeting. Council is entrusted with ensuring the language is clean, fair, and ready for voter consideration. He shared confidence that through constructive collaboration and responsible leadership these tasks will be completed with integrity. He reminded residents that any ballot items approved by Council will be ultimately considered by Chandler voters. The city's role is to steward the recommendation process with integrity and ensure what reaches voters reflects thoughtful input, community values, and sound governance. By working together, Chandler can continue to honor its past, address the present, and prepare Chandler for a strong and responsive future.

KELLY SCHWAB, City Attorney, presented the following presentation.

- Chandler City Charter
- Potential Charter Amendment – Chandler Charter Section 2.01(e)
- Purpose of the Presentation
 1. Clarify why the current City Charter term limit language is vague and needs updating
 2. Explain the proposed clarifying amendment and how it reflects existing practice
 3. Outline the process for making and adopting a Charter Amendment
 4. Receive direction from the Mayor and Council on whether to advance the amendment.

- Why it Matters
 - The City Charter is Chandler's governing document – our local constitution
 - Vague language leads to confusion, inconsistency, and public mistrust.
 - Clear, updated Charter language promotes transparency, fairness, and trust in government.
- Current Charter Language
 - (Passed in its current form General Election 1996/Special Election 1997)
 - (e) Limitation of terms. No person shall be eligible to be elected to the office of councilmember for **more than two (2) consecutive terms, or to the office of mayor for more than two (2) consecutive terms or to more than a consecutive combination of same.** A person elected to two (2) consecutive terms as a councilmember or two (2) consecutive terms as mayor **or a combination of same as above set forth shall not be eligible to hold either office again until four (4) years have elapsed.** Councilmembers or mayor[s] who resign shall not be eligible for re-election or appointment until the second succeeding City election following the date of tender of their written resignation, except as provided in subsection 2.06(c). For determining consecutive terms for an incumbent Mayor, if the incumbent Mayor has been elected to two (2) consecutive two-year terms as of November 6, 2012, those two (2) two-year terms shall be considered the equivalent of one (1) four-year term, for purposes of determining this section. All incumbent councilmembers and the Mayor holding office on May 19, 1997, shall be limited to the number of terms of office authorized on that date by this Charter, unless there is a Charter amendment approved setting forth that incumbent councilmembers and mayor are eligible for election to additional terms.
- History and Interpretation
 - 1965 – Chandler City Charter adopted
 - No term limits included
 - 1972 – Charter amended to include term limits
 - Limited elected officials to two terms as Councilmember or Mayor
 - 1996-1997 – Charter language revised via General and Special Elections
 - Current version of term limit language approved
 - Included provisions for resignations, combinations of service, and transition periods
- History and Interpretation
 - Historic Pattern of Service (Examples):
 - Raul Navarrete:
 - Council: 1966-1972
 - Mayor: 1972-1976
 - Ken Thomas:
 - Council: 1964-1976
 - Mayor: 1976-1979
 - Coy Payne (1982-1994):

- Council: 1982-1990
 - Mayor: 1990-1994
- Boyd Dunn:
 - Council: 1994-2002
 - Mayor: 2002-2011
- Jay Tibshraeny:
 - Council: 1986-2002
 - Mayor: 2011-2019
- Kevin Hartke:
 - Council (appointed): 2008-2009
 - Council: 2011-2018
 - Mayor: 2019-Present
- How did we get here?
 - The Mayor expressed interest in running for Council Member after completing two mayoral terms.
 - A legal review revealed that the existing term limit language is ambiguous and open to multiple interpretations.
 - Election law experts and others confirmed this lack of clarity.
 - The goal now is to avoid future confusion or legal challenges by clarifying – not changing – the original intent.
- Why is a Charter Amendment Being Considered?
 - Risks of Ambiguity:
 - May result in legal challenges
 - Opens door to inconsistent enforcement
 - Can lead to mistrust or accusations of favoritism
 - Makes succession planning difficult
 - Charter Amendment Will:
 - Clarify, not change, the term limit intent
 - Align language with Chandler’s longstanding practice
 - Strengthen transparency and fairness
- Draft Charter Amendment
 - Article II – CITY COUNCIL
 - (Additions show in ALL CAPS, deletions shown in ~~strikethrough~~)
 - Section 2.01.- Composition, eligibility, terms and election
 - (a) Composition. There shall be a City Council consisting of a mayor and six ~~councilmen~~ **COUNCILMEMBERS** elected from the city at large by the qualified electors of the city. The term councilman or ~~councilmen~~ **COUNCILMEMBERS** shall include the mayor except where the mayor is specifically mentioned.
- Draft Charter Amendment
 - (b) Eligibility. Only qualified electors of the city shall be eligible to hold the office of mayor or ~~councilman~~ **COUNCILMEMBER**. Each candidate must have been a resident

of the city or an annexed area for at least two years immediately preceding his election.

- (c) Term of Councilmembers. The term of office of councilmembers shall commence at the first regular meeting of the City Council in January following their election and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be for a period of four (4) years or until their successors are elected and qualified.
- (d) *Term of mayor*. The term of office of mayor shall commence at the first regular meeting of the City Council in January following the mayor's election and shall be for a period of four (4) years or until the mayor's successor is elected and qualified.

- Draft Charter Amendment

- (e) *Limitation of terms*. ~~No person shall be eligible to be elected to the office of councilmember for more than two (2) consecutive terms, or to the office of mayor for more than two (2) consecutive terms or to more than a consecutive combination of same. A person elected to two (2) consecutive terms as a councilmember or two (2) consecutive terms as mayor or a combination of same as above set forth shall not be eligible to hold either office again until four (4) years have elapsed. Councilmembers or mayor[s] who resign shall not be eligible for re-election or appointment until the second succeeding City election following the date of tender of their written resignation, except as provided in subsection 2.06(c). For determining consecutive terms for an incumbent Mayor, if the incumbent Mayor has been elected to two (2) consecutive two-year terms as of November 6, 2012, those two (2) two-year terms shall be considered the equivalent of one (1) four-year term, for purposes of determining this section. All incumbent councilmembers and the Mayor holding office on May 19, 1997, shall be limited to the number of terms of office authorized on that date by this Charter, unless there is a Charter amendment approved setting forth that incumbent councilmembers and mayor are eligible for election to additional terms.~~

- Draft Charter Amendment

- **(1) NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER FOR MORE THAN (2) CONSECUTIVE TERMS. A PERSON WHO IS ELECTED TO TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE TERMS AS A COUNCILMEMBER SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER AGAIN UNTIL FOUR (4) YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE END OF THE LAST TERM SERVED AS COUNCILMEMBER, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION 2.06(C).**
- **(2) NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO BE ELECTED OT THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE TERMS. A PERSON WHO IS ELECTED TO TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE TERMS AS MAYOR SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF MAYOR AGAIN UNTIL FOUR (4) YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE END OF THE LAST TERM SERVED AS MAYOR EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION 2.06(C).**
- **(3) NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER OR MAYOR AFTER SERVING SIXTEEN (16) CONSECUTIVE YEARS**

OF COMBINED SERVICE IN THOSE OFFICES UNTIL FOUR (4) YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE END OF THE LAST TERM SERVED, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION 2.06(C).

- **(4) NO PERSON WHO HAS SERVED TWO (2) FOUR-YEAR TERMS AS COUNCILMEMBER FOLLOWED BY A BREAK IN SERVICE OF TWO YEARS OR LESS AND TWO (2) FOUR-YEAR TERMS AS MAYOR SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OR COUNCILMEMBER UNTIL AT LEAST FOUR (4) YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE END OF THE LAST TERM SERVED, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION 2.06(C). {NEW CLARIFICATION}**
- Draft Charter Amendment
 - **(5) ELECTED OR APPOINTED TERMS OF LESS THAN FOUR (4) YEARS AS COUNCILMEMBER OR MAYOR SHALL NOT BE COUNTED IN THE ABOVE TIME LIMITATIONS.**
 - (F) Elections. Elections for Mayor and Councilmen **COUNCILMEMBER** shall be held in each even numbered years as provided in article VII of this Charter.
 - ~~(G) Incumbents. If additional terms for the office of mayor are approved by the voters, incumbent councilmembers and the mayor holding office on May 19, 1997 are eligible for election to such additional terms.~~
- Clarified Term Limit Scenarios and Waiting Periods
 - Based on Proposed Charter Language
 - Service History – Eligibility Reset Required
 - Served 2 consecutive terms as Councilmember – Must wait 4 years before running again for Councilmember
 - Served 2 consecutive terms as Mayor - Must wait 4 years before running again for Mayor
 - Served 2 terms as Councilmember + 2 terms as Mayor (Total: 16 consecutive years) – Must wait 4 years before running again for either office
 - Served 2 terms as Councilmember, took a break of 2 years or less, then served 2 terms as Mayor – Must wait 4 years before running again for either office
- Next Steps
 - Date – Milestone
 - June 2, 2025 – Special Council Meeting: Council considers resolution to place Charter Amendment on the ballot
 - June-August 2025 – Preparation of Publicity Pamphlet
 - August 2025 – Deadline for submitting pro/con arguments for the Publicity Pamphlet
 - September 2025 – Publicity Pamphlet mailed to Chandler voters
 - November 4, 2025 – Special Election – Voters decide on Charter Amendment
 - If Approved – Amendment takes effect upon certification of election results and approval by Governor
- Thank you! Questions?

MAYOR HARTKE called for public comment.

BETH BRIZEL, 6130 W. Shannon St. Chandler, AZ, shared support for Resolution No. 5913. Residents would like this clarified to avoid confusion and stop expensive litigation. Chandler has a history of councilmembers running for mayor, many voters have voted for mayors with past councilmember experience. It is beneficial for the mayor to have served on Council for experience. Chandler voters have supported keeping term limits at total of sixteen years. Adding this proposal to the November 2025 election is fiscally responsible and gives the voters the opportunity to have the charter clarified as soon as possible.

RAQUEL ARMSTRONG, 222 W. Boston St. Chandler, AZ, said information presented at this meeting clarified concerns and thanked Council and city staff.

MARCIA WEISS, 2743 E. Redwood Pl. Chandler, AZ, requested Council vote no on Resolution No. 5913 to allow staff to review findings and take a thoughtful approach to charter amendments rather than including this question with bond questions already set for the November election.

RUTH JONES, 2734 E. Birchwood Pl. Chandler, AZ, requested Council vote no on Resolution No. 5913. Chandler voters at previous elections have upheld the existing term limits to honor the idea that no person should hold power for an extended period of time. Council should consider the wishes and intents of residents and voters when making choices.

LESLIE MINKUS, 3372 E. Gemini Ct. Chandler, AZ, wanted to hear from Council why they're making the decision to make this vote.

RICK HEUMANN, 4310 W. Dublin St. Chandler, AZ, shared the initial intent by previous Councils in previous Charter amendments was not intended to limit anything other than going from council to mayor. He thanked staff for their work to clarify this language.

LAN LECOUR, 1069 E. Senate Cir. Chandler, AZ, shared support for Resolution No. 5913 in clarifying the charter language.

MARTIN SEPULVEDA, 891 N. Madrid Ln. Chandler, AZ, shared support for Resolution No. 5913. He spoke about the 1997 charter election to change term limits which considered updates for relevancy and resident input.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked Mr. Sepulveda what the time period was that he had served on Chandler City Council and asked for more context of the 1997 charter change.

MR. SEPULVEDA said he had served on Chandler City Council from 1996-2000 and then in 2004-2008, nonconsecutively. He spoke about the historical context of the time and about the importance of being involved in local government partnerships. One thing that contributed to the

conversation in 1997 was how mayors with shorter term limits had trouble with having standing to make decisions for the community especially in regional partnerships where funds may be distributed to different municipalities. There have been other attempts to increase term limits that citizens have voted to not approve.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS asked if the intention was to create stability in someone moving from the councilmember role to mayor and allowing their terms to be set for two terms, eight years, to ensure stability in the region.

MR. SEPULVEDA said the councilmember terms were not changed, the change was for the mayor to serve up to four two-year terms, increasing it from what it was of originally two two-year terms. This was needed to have stability and presence in regional and national organizations for leadership.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS asked where resident engagement played a role in these prior charter amendment discussions.

MR. SEPULVEDA explained that it was an issue initiated from the dais, but residents were able to give input before the election. The question did go to the voters. Council's responsibility is to make decisions and refer it to voters.

SHERRI JOHNSON, 3627 E. Agave Rd. Chandler, AZ, shared support for Resolution No. 5913 and thanked Council for reviewing this item again to honor the original intent of Chandler voters for term limits and emphasized the importance of having this question on the November 2025 election.

STEVEN VANKLAMPENBERG, 4375 S. Melody Chandler, AZ, shared support for Resolution No. 5913 and clarifying charter language.

COUNCILMEMBER HAWKINS asked about the number of other charter changes suggested for consideration.

JOSHUA WRIGHT, City Manager, said that there are a number of items in the charter suggested for improvements, it depends on Council direction. Some are to change language to reflect modern terminology, while some are to bring Chandler to best practices and standards in local government. These decisions would come to Council and ultimately to voters.

MICHELLE DALY, 1710 E. Redwood Pl. Chandler, AZ, shared support for Resolution No. 5913 and thanked Council and staff for the clarifications made.

MAYOR HARTKE read the comment cards received regarding this item (attached).

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS thanked Council and staff for their work on clarifying language and thanked the community for providing thoughtful input.

COUNCILMEMBER ENCINAS said many residents have provided input on this item. He shared this item is upholding the historical precedence of Chandler and shared that attention to this issue is of importance to address questions and demonstrate mature leadership.

VICE MAYOR ELLIS thanked residents for sharing their input. She spoke about the importance of doing the right thing and reviewing resident input and deciding what is best for the people of Chandler.

MAYOR HARTKE thanked former councilmembers for sharing their perspectives. The role of mayor requires experience for not only serving Chandler, but serving in regional, statewide, and national organizations to better local governments. He thanked city staff for their support in preparing this item.

Action Agenda Motion and Vote

Councilmember Encinas moved to pass and adopt Resolution No. 5913, ordering and calling a special election for November 4, 2025, for the submission of proposed amendments to the City Charter clarifying term limits for councilmembers and mayor; directing publications as required by law; designating the place and time to accept arguments for and against the question; establishing the conduct of elections including ballot tabulation requirements; authorizing an agreement for services with the county and payment of election expenditures; setting forth the voter registration deadline and Voter Rights Act requirements; designating the election as an all-mail ballot election; establishing canvassing and reporting requirements; and including a severability and ratification clause as amended to add a new subsection; and to amend the proposed Section (e)(5) of the resolution to read:

COUNCILMEMBERS WHO RESIGN FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN TO RUN FOR MAYOR AS REQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW AND THIS CHARTER AND MAYORS WHO RESIGN SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR RE-ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT UNTIL THE SECOND SUCCEEDING CITY ELECTION FOLLOWING THE DATE OF TENDER OF THEIR WRITTEN RESIGNATION, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION 2.06(C), with directions to staff to make all conforming changes necessary before transmitting the resolution to Maricopa County for placement on the November 4, 2025 ballot; Seconded by Vice Mayor Ellis.

Motion carried by majority (6-1), Councilmember Hawkins dissenting.

Discussion and Action

2. Introduction and Tentative Adoption of Ordinance No. 5132, Forming a City Charter Amendment Resident Advisory Committee

Move City Council tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5132, forming a City Charter Amendment Resident Advisory Committee, to review and identify potential amendments to the City's Charter.

MAYOR HARTKE spoke about item 2, the introduction and tentative adoption of Ordinance No. 5132, forming a City Charter Amendment Resident Advisory Committee. The proposal is to form a nine-member committee to do a deeper dive on charter language, whether it be clean up or clarifying ideas. If this ordinance is approved, meetings for the committee will be held where members of the public are welcome. The committee will have the opportunity to engage with the charter document deeply and then bring their findings to Council for a potential future charter election.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS said it is important for residents to review the charter and get involved.

COUNCILMEMBER ORLANDO commented on the importance in the continual review of the charter document by residents.

Action Agenda Motion and Vote

Councilmember Orlando moved to tentatively adopt Ordinance No. 5132, forming a City Charter Amendment Resident Advisory Committee, to review and identify potential amendments to the City's Charter; Seconded by Councilmember Poston.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

Approval Date of Minutes: June 26, 2025

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of Chandler, Arizona, held on the 2nd day of June 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this _____ day of June, 2025.

City Clerk

Agenda item 1
June 2, 2025 Special Meeting



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If you wish to submit written comments to the City Council regarding any item, agendaized or not, please complete this form and submit to the City Clerk.

Date:

Agenda Item No.

(If applicable)

☐ Support

☒ Oppose

Comments:

WHY CHANGE SOMETHING THAT IS NOT AMBIGUOUS AS THE MAYOR & COUNCIL WANT US TO BELIEVE AND 3RD PARTY LEGAL REVIEW HAS NOTED AS CLEAR & UNAMBIGUOUS AS WELL. TOWN COUNCIL COLLUSION.

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip

Phone:

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☐ Support

☐ Oppose

Comments:

Here to support Resolution 5913

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip

Phone:

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Agenda Item No. 5913
(If applicable)

☐ Support

☒ Oppose

Comments:

In situations where a city charter is violated,
but the justification is a past practice, the city
charter would generally prevail. Past practice is a legal
doctrine that can sometimes influence the interpretation and
OVER →

Name: Susan Ellsworth
Address: 3225 S. Diamond Dr.
City/State/Zip: Chandler AZ 85286
Phone: _____

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Application of Contracts. But it cannot
supersede the fundamental Law of the
City Charter.



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Agenda Item No. 5913
(If applicable)

☒ Support

☐ Oppose

Comments:

Name: SHARON WADLE
Address: 660 E SHANNON ST
City/State/Zip: CHANDLER AZ 85225
Phone: 480-227-1304

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Date: 06-02-25

Agenda Item No. 1
(If applicable)

☒ Support

☐ Oppose

Comments:

Name: Duane Liedman
Address: 2301 W. PALMIST DR
City/State/Zip: CHANDLER AZ
Phone: _____

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Date: 6/2/25

Agenda Item No. 1
(If applicable)

☒ Support

☐ Oppose

Comments:

These changes will protect our city from costly litigation and allows the
voters to decide on the changes. Pass it to protect 50 years of precedence!

Name: Cameron Bautista
Address: 5874 S. Parkcrest St.
City/State/Zip Gilbert, AZ 85298
Phone: 480-274-6485

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Date: 6-2-25

Agenda Item No. #1
(If applicable)

☒ Support

☐ Oppose

Comments:

Name: Yvette Garcia
Address: 4950 S. Anvil Pl.
City/State/Zip Chandler, AZ 85249
Phone: 480-648-7428

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Date: 6/2/25

Agenda Item No. # 1
(If applicable)

☒ Support

☐ Oppose

Comments:

Name: Teresa Torpis
Address: 533 W. Carol Drive
City/State/Zip: Chandler, AZ 85248
Phone: 510 673-1364

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Date: 6/2/2025

Agenda Item No. 1
(If applicable)

☒ Support

☐ Oppose

Comments:

Understand/agree city charter needs comprehensive review.
But cannot delay immediate clarification
Without action now, we risk legal challenges and confusion
during next mayoral election
Must clarify what has worked for over 50 years so voters can decide

Name: Patty Beck
Address: 1129 N. Judd Place
City/State/Zip: Chandler, AZ 85226
Phone: 480 201-4205

in November
2025

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Agenda Item No. 5913
(If applicable)

☐ Support

☒ Oppose

Comments:

PUBLIC STATEMENTS FROM ^{CITY} ATTORNEY HAVE INDICATED THAT THE
CURRENT CHARTER PROHIBITS CERTAIN COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM
RUNNING IN NOV 3, 2026. IS THAT STILL THE POSITION OF THE CITY
ATTORNEY? IF SO, SINCE CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBERS WOULD
BENEFIT SHOULD THOSE COUNCIL MEMBERS RECUSE THEMSELVES

Name: FROM VOTING? JOSHUA ASKEY

Address: 2301 E. INDIAN WELLS DR

City/State/Zip CHANDLER AZ 85249

Phone: _____

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From: [Marie Andrews](#)
To: mzsimone@aol.com
Cc: [Mayor&Council](#); [Jennifer Ekblad](#); [Regina Guisto](#)
Subject: FW: Chandler charter clarification
Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 14:16:09

Ms. Simons,
Thank you for taking the time to share your comments.

Your email has been forwarded to the City Clerk to be included in the official meeting minutes.

Marie Andrews
Executive Management Assistant
City of Chandler Mayor and Council Office
Phone: 480-782-2242
Website: <https://www.chandleraz.gov>

From: Judith Simons <mzsimone@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 1:54:17 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona
To: Mayor&Council <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>
Subject: Chandler charter clarification

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Good day,

I write as a long-time Chandler voter in support of this effort to put clarifying the term limit issue on the November 2025 ballot. This election is already upcoming, making the expense of another one wasteful and unnecessary. Moreover, litigation challenging the currently ambiguous language is likely, which would be another wasteful, unnecessary expense of taxpayer dollars. Please vote to add this issue to the ballot. Thank you for your consideration.

Judith Simons
Chandler, 85224

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To: mzsimone@aol.com
Cc: [Mayor&Council](#); [Jennifer Ekblad](#); [Regina Guisto](#)
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Judith Simons
Chandler, 85224

From: Ginga Merritt <ginga.merritt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 1:55:56 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona
To: Mayor&Council <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>
Subject: I support resolution #5913!!!

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Hello!

I am a Chandler resident.

Address is:

873 E. Indian Wells Pl.

Chandler, 85249

I support resolution #5913

Please allow the charter language update to go on the November special election so that council members can run for mayor in 2026.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ginga Merritt

From: [City of Chandler](#)
To: [CityClerkDivision](#); [Tera Scherer](#)
Subject: Webform Submission From: City Council Meeting Public Comment
Date: Monday, June 2, 2025 15:59:02

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Submitted on Mon, 06/02/2025 - 03:58 PM

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Heather Skipworth

Address

5321 s crosscreek dr
Chandler, Arizona. 85249

Phone Number

(951) 505-2153

Agenda Item No.

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Support/Oppose

Support

Comments

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Subject: Support Resolution 5913

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Agenda item 1

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Support/Oppose

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I am supportive of the proposed language to clarify the Chandler City Charter.

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Agenda Item No.

Resolution No. 5913

Support/Oppose

Support

Comments

Proposed Motion: Move City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5913, ordering and calling a special election for November 4, 2025, for the submission of proposed amendments to Article II, Section 2.01 of the City Charter clarifying term limits for Councilmembers and Mayor; directing publications as required by law; designating the place and time to accept arguments for and against the question; establishing the conduct of elections including ballot tabulation requirements; authorizing an agreement for services with the County and payment of election expenditures; setting forth the voter registration deadline and Voter Rights Act requirements; designating the election as an all-mail ballot election; establishing canvassing and reporting requirements; and including a severability and ratification clause.

From: [Dana DeLong](#)
To: [Jennifer Ekblad](#)
Subject: Fw: I support resolution #5913!!!
Date: Monday, June 2, 2025 14:13:36
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Dana DeLong

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From: Lynda Ruiz <Lynda.Ruiz@chandleraz.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 2:10 PM
To: Dana DeLong <Dana.DeLong@chandleraz.gov>
Subject: FW: I support resolution #5913!!!

Hi Dana,

Please see below resident feedback for tonight's Special Council Meeting.
Let me know if I can provide anything further.

Best,

Lynda K. Ruiz
Executive Management Assistant
City of Chandler | Mayor and Council Office
Office: 480.782.2243
Lynda.Ruiz@chandleraz.gov



From: Ginga Merritt <ginga.merritt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 1:55:56 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona
To: Mayor&Council <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>
Subject: I support resolution #5913!!!

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Hello!

I am a Chandler resident.

Address is:

873 E. Indian Wells Pl.

Chandler, 85249

I support resolution #5913

Please allow the charter language update to go on the November special election so that council members can run for mayor in 2026.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ginga Merritt

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Allow a new election in November to update the charter allowing one to serve the community for more than 16 years

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Cc: Mayor&Council <Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov>; Dana DeLong <Dana.DeLong@chandleraz.gov>
Subject: FW: Support Resolution 5913

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To: bpcjnelson@gmail.com <bpcjnelson@gmail.com>
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