

Photos of the Charter Review
Commission Community Kick-off
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What does good government look like?

- FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE
- EFFICIENT & FLEXIBLE
- CLEARLY DEFINED STRUCTURE THAT REMAINS ADAPTIVE AS NEEDS CHANGE
- POLICY IS GUIDED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS; DIRECTION IS PROVIDED BY PEOPLE/VOTERS; EXECUTION BY COMPETENT STAFF
- CONSTITUTED BY & CONTINUOUSLY INFORMED BY ONGOING CONSENT OF CITIZENS.
- SERVES THE COMMON GOOD: - ALL RESIDENTS PARTICULARLY THE VOICELESS & VULNERABLE
- AVOIDS INTERFERING IN AREAS OF SOCIAL LIFE ADEQUATELY OVERSEEN BY CITIZENS
 - RENDERS ITSELF IRRELEVANT BY FOSTERING STRONG CIVIL SOCIETY
- WILLING & ABLE TO LISTEN - AND USING WISE THOUGHTS FOR GOOD SOLUTIONS

What are some things that like to see on the chart

- PROCESS THAT IS INCLUSIVE
- FORWARD LOOKING & GROWTH WHILE MINDFUL OF CURRENT
- SIMPLE VS. PRESCRIPTIVE
- MULTI-YEAR BUDGETING
- ELECTED OFFICIALS SUPPORT WITH COMPETENT STAFF
- STRUCTURE THAT ALLOWS FOR GOVERNANCE
- UP TO DATE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION
- INCLUDE CHIEF PLANNER, CIVIL SERVICE





What does good government look like?

- Transparent / Honest
- Responsive + Responsible
- Efficient + efficient services
- Listen to the people / accessibility
- Focused on citizens - their needs, work with them
- Professional / smart / qualified
- Accountable

What does bad government look like?

- Corrupt
- Overcomplicated
- Disorganized
- Under-resourced / non-responsive
- Inefficient
- Incompetent / unprofessional
- Gov. work hidden

What are some qualities you see in your city govt?

- More responsible + a
- Elected officials: k
- Appointed / career: c
- Strategic, long-range
- City council members
with citizens
- Focus on attracti
- Simpler govt
- Faster + more resp
- Open to public input





