

## REPORT

To: Charter Revision Commission  
From: Committee on Administration and Legislature  
Subject: Restriction of Political Solicitation  
Date: May 11, 2006

### PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

#### Section 1908. Restriction of Political Solicitation

(a) Except as permitted by paragraph (c) of this section, a city officer or employee shall not knowingly request or knowingly authorize anyone else to request in his or her name any direct subordinate of the officer or employee to participate in an election campaign or contribute to a political committee.

(b) Except as permitted by paragraph (c) of this section, a city officer or employee shall not knowingly request or knowingly authorize anyone else to request such participation or contribution from any person who, to the knowledge of the officer or employee, has pending any business dealing with the city or any application for discretionary regulatory action by the city.

(c) This section shall not prohibit a general solicitation of a class of persons, other than a class of city officers and employees, of which a subordinate officer or employee happens to be a member. This section shall not prohibit an elected officer from requesting participation in an election campaign by an officer or employee who is appointed by and directly subordinate

to the elected officer and who serves in the exempt classification or the unclassified service under the civil service law.

(d) Violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor.