

Memphis City Charter:

- The first proposed amendment would limit terms for both the mayor and city council members to two consecutive terms.
- The second amendment would stagger terms for city council members.
- The third would require a public referendum before MLG&W can be sold.
- The fourth amendment states that if any elected or appointed official is charged with official malfeasance, he or she shall be suspended from duties with pay until the issue has been resolved.
- The fifth would create an Instant Runoff Voting System.
- The sixth proposed amendment adjusts the position mayoral vacancies to allow the city council chairman to serve as acting mayor for 90-180 days dependent on the timing of the next election.

Shelby County Charter:

- A proposal to place term limits on the ballot for all county elected officials limiting each to 2 consecutive terms
- A proposal that would legally establish the offices of Sheriff, Assessor, Trustee, County Clerk and Register as official county elected offices, dealing with pay vacancies and administration of said officers



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What is Change Memphis?

Change Memphis is a coalition of three organizations, the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center, New Path Memphis, and Concerned Memphians United, formed to educate the residents of Memphis about the changes to the city and county charters.

Change Memphis is conducting a Community Voting Project (CVP) to register voters and increase participation and turn-out in various communities.

The CVP provides us the opportunity to bring families, civic leaders, neighborhood groups, and religious institutions together to encourage voter participation and empower residents to uphold their individual values.

Change Memphis believes that if residents are aware of the issues, then they will have an opportunity to digest the information and register an informed vote.

By educating and encouraging local residents to discover the impact of their collective efforts, Change Memphis strives to implement positive change in the Memphis community.



Our Purpose

The Memphis City Charter Commission has been working to give the people of Memphis a voice in the reconstruction of the city's government. Change Memphis believes that the charter changes deserve careful study and serious consideration from all sides and perspectives of the voting process.

Many of the potential changes to the Memphis & Shelby County charters could impact the city and its governance for many years to come. It is important that community members make well-informed decisions about the amendments to produce a more efficient, accountable, and responsive city government.

Our Goal

The goal is to increase voter participation and turn-out in the Memphis municipal election November 4, 2008.

Our Mission

To increase the level of voter education and civic participation in target communities through campaign activities included in the CVP.

How can you Help?

Change Memphis is always looking for new and exciting people to volunteer their time to help educate the public about the Memphis & Shelby County Charter amendments.

If you are interested in volunteering please give us a call at [\(901\) 725-4990](tel:9017254990) to speak with Brad Watkins, our organizing coordinator. Remember to indicate if you have any special skills and/or talents that would make this campaign stronger.

Additional Resources

Check out www.cityofmemphis.org for more information on proposed charter amendments.

Visit www.shelbyvote.com for information on voting rights and election details.

Log on to www.changememphis.net to find out more about the coalition, and how you can get involved.

VOTE EARLY
OCT. 15 thru OCT. 30
ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 4