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Date: October 27, 2021
To: Helena City Commission
From: Helena Citizens' Council (HCC)
Subject: Consideration of HCC Recommendations

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

According to the City Charter, the Helena Citizens' Council is composed of four elected representatives from each of the city's seven neighborhood districts. The HCC is charged with making recommendations to the Commission relating to the city budget and the future development of the city.

The HCC votes on formal recommendations to the Commission on a variety of topics of importance to the community. Recommendations are generated by HCC members or members of the public with thoughtful debate, consideration, and time. **Therefore, the HCC recommends the following as the Commission considers recommendations that are passed to them:**

The recommendation process become formalized by reading and discussing HCC recommendations as agenda items in the public Administrative or Commission meetings. Further, the Commission, through the Mayor or City Manager, report back to the HCC on the Commissioner's opinions of HCC recommendations and any actions that the city might explore as a result.

Finally, that the City Commission utilize the HCC as a forum to generate public input, discuss, debate, and make recommendations on topics of community importance that are before the Commission.

These actions will create a long-term framework to expand two-way communication between the HCC and the Commission while growing citizen participation in municipal government within our community. We are also open to alternative ways the Commission would like to promote the spirit of two-way communication between our representative bodies.

Thank you for your consideration.