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RE: Term of Commission Chair

Honorable Members of the Commission,

Back in the late 1990s, when the Commission was re-organized by the City Council, I had the honor of being selected as the initial Chair. I accepted the position on the condition that the term would be limited to one year. After serving my year as Chair, and now looking back two decades later, I believe that I was wrong. At the end of one year, and 22 meetings, you have just really begun to learn the ropes. This learning curve has lengthened even more with the reduction in the number of meetings. Also, the Commission now is being looked upon for more participation in city planning decisions...previously, the role had been more that of a 'permission Commission'. While this is a positive development, it places even more responsibility on the shoulders of the Chair.

Therefore, as you are about to vote for a new Chair, I urge you to consider extending the term to a maximum of two years.

Respectfully submitted,



Denis Kutch