

LOCAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting #7



February 11, 2022

Agenda

- I. Call to Order by Chair of LCAB
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Discussion of Committee Structures
- IV. Presentation on Ballot Process
 - I. Natasha Mehu, Director, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
- V. Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates
- VI. Questions
- VII. Adjournment



DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



Discussion of Committee Structure

A reminder of the LCAB charge:

- I. “The Advisory Board shall study the potential issues related to the transfer of control of the Police Department of Baltimore City from the State to the City, including:
 - I. implementation of the ongoing consent decree;
 - II. management of the Police Department;
 - III. the transfer of personnel;
 - IV. different models of local control of the Police Department;
 - V. financial impacts of local control, including liability issues; and
 - VI. the details of a potential charter amendment to assume control of the Police Department.”



BALLOT PROCESS AND TIMELINE



Ballot Reasoning

- [Art. II, § 27](#) of the City Charter explicitly prohibits any “ordinance of the City or act of any municipal officer” from attempting to “conflict, impede, obstruct, hinder or interfere with the powers of the Police Commissioner” with the sole exception being “an act of the Mayor pursuant to Article IV of this Charter.”
- Given the prohibitions found in Art. II, § 27 of the City Charter, the Local Control bill made transfer of control contingent on the passage of an amendment to the Charter of Baltimore City and its ratification by the voters of Baltimore City at either the 2022 or the 2024 general election.
- Following ratification, control would transfer on January 1, 2023, or January 1, 2025, respectively.



Ballot Question Process

According to Article XI-A, Section 5 of the Maryland State Constitution the process for amending the City Charter is as followed:

Introduction

- Amendments to the Baltimore City Charter may be proposed as a resolution by the Mayor of Baltimore or the City Council.

Submission

- The resolution will then go onto the next General or Congressional Election ballot if the resolution passes.

Announcement

- The Mayor or the President of the City Council must publish the amendment in a local newspaper once a week for five successive weeks prior to the election.

Passage

- In amendment needs a simply majority for adoption. If the voters favor the adoption of the amendment, then the Amendment will become part of the City Charter thirteen days after the election.



Ballot Timeline

Passage of
Resolution
Amending
Baltimore
City's Charter

State Board
Submission:
08/05/22 (95
days prior to
election)

Transfer of
Control:
1/1/ 23

Law
Department
Review: Must
be reviewed
and
submitted by
the City
Solicitor

General
Election:
11/08/2022
Question will
appear on
ballot



Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

Upcoming Meetings

Fridays at 10am: February 11, February 25

Move to 10:30 am?

Each meeting is budgeted for 2 hours and will take place virtually via WebEx. Information about meetings can be found on the City of Baltimore Boards and Commissions Website:

<https://mayor.baltimorecity.gov/bc/boards/local-control-advisory-board>

Important Dates

- June/July 2022- Introduce Local Control Referendum Language to Council
- August 5, 2022 - Certification of Local Ballot Questions
- December 1, 2022 - Final report due

Ongoing Reminders for Local Control Advisory Board Consideration

- Formalize Committee Structure and Cadence
- Identify “Role-Model” Cities to hear from

Questions? Comments?

ADJOURNMENT