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Costa Mesa will hold Jan. 4 informational meeting on proposed City charter; also seeks input online

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—City of Costa Mesa staff will hold an informational meeting on the proposed City charter, or local constitution, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 4, at the Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center.

The meeting will provide facts about city charters, which transfer ultimate authority over municipal affairs from Sacramento to the local level; outline the differences between charter and general law cities; give details on the process to get a charter on the ballot in Costa Mesa; and encourage residents and business owners to give input on the proposed Costa Mesa charter, including suggestions for improving the [first draft](#).

In addition, the City has created a “Weigh in on the Charter” button on its website homepage, providing an online form for charter comments that will be forwarded to Costa Mesa’s five council members, city attorney and chief executive officer. The website also features a “City Charter Info” page (www.costamesaca.gov/charter), which includes information on charters from the League of California Cities; a timeline for the process in Costa Mesa; a sample charter; and a list of the 120 California charter cities, which include Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, Irvine and Santa Ana.

The first official public hearing on the proposed Charter will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at a special City Council meeting.