

## **PRESS RELEASE**

In accordance to the City of Douglas Charter, a citizens committee has been appointed by the Mayor and Council as required every six years and charged with the responsibility of reviewing the Charter and recommending proposed Charter revisions to the Mayor and Council, if any changes are deemed necessary.

The committee consists of the following members: Sergio Mendez – Ward 1, Mitch Lindemann – Ward 2, Mike Nava – Ward 3, Cindy Gage – Ward 4, Danny Ortega Jr. – Ward 5, and Alan Manquero – City of Douglas.

Once the Committee proposes and if the Mayor and Council approve the Charter revisions, the proposed changes will be decided upon at the Special General Election scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2017, as the final step in the process.

The charter outlines the basic laws of a municipal corporation describing the powers, rights, and privileges that may be exercised within a political or geographic area by that municipal corporation and its officers. In other words, the Charter is a written instrument that creates and defines powers, rights and privileges for a specific jurisdiction.

Pursuant to A.R.S. Sec. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Charter Review Committee and to the general public that all meetings are open to the public on Thursdays through February 2, 2017, at five o'clock at City Hall Council Chamber, 425 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Douglas, AZ 85607 (meeting dates/times are subject to change at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting in accordance to Open Meeting Law). Input from the public is requested at the Charter Review Committee meetings.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the City of Douglas Attorney, Juan Pablo Flores, at (520) 417-7303 or Charter Review Committee Chair, Danny Ortega Jr. at (520) 249-6785.

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