

On Mar 10, 2021, at 10:09 AM, Ann Palmerton <apalmerton365@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Members of Council,

Thank you for your work on City Council and on the committee that reviews revisions to the City Charter.

It is important to us and our family that Bexley continues to become a diverse and inclusive community. Therefore, we are writing in support of the work of the Charter Review Committee. We are particularly interested in the diversity and inclusion provisions the CRC is proposing, including Sections 3 and 4. We hope you will offer Bexley voters the opportunity to vote on all of them.

As we understand it, a formal charter review only occurs every 10 years. This is the time to seize the day, and give Bexley voters the opportunity to affirm that our city's commitment to inclusion and diversity extends to hiring and contracting.

We are grateful for the Council's efforts to support diversity and inclusion. Putting these commitments on the ballot, and into our foundational documents, is an important next step as we seek to be a welcoming community.

Sincerely,

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