

**NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM WORKSHEET:
HELP MAKE THE CITY CHARTER MORE FRIENDLY TO TAXPAYERS.**

BACKGROUND. On May 16, Omaha Mayor Stothert convened a charter study convention to consider amendments to the City Charter, which requires a comprehensive citizen review at least every 10 years. Mayor Stothert conveniently scheduled it early, so that residents could vote on the amendments in November. The most recent convention was in 2013. Convention members and the city council first must pass charter amendments, which, if approved, appear on the Nov. 2022 ballot for a public vote.

MEMBERS. Mayor Stothert nominated 8 members, no known conservatives among them. City council members nominated one each. The city council approved the entire slate.

Mayoral nominees.

Negil McPherson, Jr. Human Resources Manager, Green Plains. **Leftist.**
DeJaun Reddick, Executive Director, Hope Center for Kids
John Fox, Business Owner, John Fox Design
Armando Salgado, Business Owner, LingoDocs Marketing
Paul Kratz, Retired City Attorney
Julia Plucker, Attorney, lobbyist
Jorge Sotolongo, Vice-President, NAI NP Dodge
Andrew Prystai, Business Owner, Event Vesta

City Council nominees.

Rev. J. Scott Barker – nominated by Council President Pete Festersen
Maxwell Morgan – Business Owner, Kush Konsolidated, nominated by Councilmember Juanita Johnson
Tim Pendrell – Legislative Aide to Sen. Mike McDonnell, nominated by Councilmember Danny Begley
Janet Bonet – Neighborhood leader, nominated by Council Vice-President Vinny Palermo. **She is a leftist.**
Kathleen Kauth – K.T Beck Enterprises, nominated by Councilman Don Rowe. **Kathleen is conservative.**
Mike Kennedy – Attorney, nominated by Councilman Brinker Harding. **Mike is conservative.**
Angie Quinn – Baxter Auto Group, nominated by Councilmember Aimee Melton. **She is conservative.**

THE PROCESS. The mayor and council members propose amendments at their meetings. Also, convention members may consider amendments suggested by citizens. Charter meetings are open to the public. The entire process must conclude within 10 weeks. Please lobby these charter convention members to approve our NTF-suggested amendments and your own before June 10.

MEETING SCHEDULE.

Meetings will be held in the Legislative Chambers at the Omaha Douglas Civic Center 1819 Farnam Str. All meetings scheduled from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm except June 6, which will begin at 6:00 p.m.

May 16
May 26
June 2
June 6
June 13
June 23
June 30
July 11
July 14 (if needed)

Meeting agendas will be published here: <https://cityclerk.cityofomaha.org/charter-convention>.

