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To: Rosemarie Call, Clearwater City Clerk

From: The Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition (CNC), Karen Cunningham, President

CC: Nicole Sprague, Pam Aiken

Re: The Strong Mayor Task Force Agenda

Rosemary, I am submitting the following message for distribution to Bud Elias, chair, and to members of the Strong Mayor Task Force:

The Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition (CNC) regards the issue of Strong Mayor as a critical decision for residents of our city. As such, it has been the topic at our June 4 general meeting and our Sunday discussion group meetings. The input of members and other individuals who attended these meetings demonstrate that the inclusion of provisions for accountability in the draft charter is a must.

To address this concern, the CNC strongly advises that, as part of the Tuesday, June 12 meeting, Agenda Item 3.2 be amended to read "Article III – Powers, Duties and Accountability of the Mayor."

We offer the following Article III draft charter language as a minimum requirement:

Article III – Powers, and Duties, and Accountability of the Mayor

Accountability:

The Mayor shall propose vision and mission statements for the city which will be submitted to the Council for approval.

Next the mayor shall develop a strategic plan for approval by the City Council.

Based on the approved strategic plan the mayor shall annually propose priorities for the following fiscal year for approval by the City Council.

The mayor's annual budget proposal shall align with the approved strategic plan and approved strategic priorities.

The mayor shall each quarter prepare a performance report to the Council and to the public detailing interim progress on the approved annual strategic priorities.