



# **National Association For The Advancement of Colored People**

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**To: Charter Review Commission**

**From: NAACP Kansas City, Missouri Branch**

**As stated in the mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), we are committed to ensuring the protection of minority voting rights during the redistricting process. All redistricting plans must comply with the requirements of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) and the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments of the U.S. Constitution.**

**Our Branch is deeply concerned that we not move hastily in changing the city charter now, as there could be future negative ramifications. Currently, each voter has the opportunity to vote for or against eight out of thirteen locally elected officials. We want the commission to take their time and provide more data on the advantages of the proposals for a 12/0 or 9/3 council.**

**In addition, we need to look at population shifts and other variables that will critically affect this proposed change. The NAACP supports fair and equal representation in all levels of government.**

**Thank you in advance for cautiously moving forward as you consider this proposed change to the city charter and gather input from the community. We appreciate the opportunity to present our concerns for your consideration.**