

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** October 4, 2018

**To:** The City Manager

**From:** Angela I. Carmon

**Council Action Requested:**

Adoption of a Resolution Amending the City Council’s 2018 Legislative Priorities to include a Bill to Amend the City Charter Relating to the Process for Filling Vacancies

**Strategic Focus Area:** Service Excellence

**Strategic Objective:** No

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

Discussion ensued recently regarding the City Charter provision for filling vacancies on the City Council and the inadequacy of said process, which dates back to 1971. The attached amendment to the City Council’s 2018 Legislative Priorities package provides for the submission of an additional bill to the North Carolina General Assembly that would amend the current vacancy provision in the City Charter to: (i) provide for special election to fill a vacancy on City Council which election process would include both a primary and general election to be carried out in accordance with the statutory provisions regarding elections. The additional bill would also provide a process by which the residents of a ward can petition or call for an election of any seat filled by the Winston-Salem City Council pursuant to the statutory appointment process including any vacancy filled by the Winston-Salem City Council using the statutory appointment process in 2018 or 2019.

**Committee Action:**

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