



2024 City of Dallas Charter Review Commission

Proposed Amendment #121

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CHAPTER XI. SEC. 2. BUDGET ESTIMATES TO BE FURNISHED TO CITY MANAGER BY DEPARTMENTS NOT UNDER CITY MANAGER'S IMMEDIATE DIRECTION. Every department of the city government not under the direct control of the city manager, except the city auditor <u>and the park and recreation department director</u> , shall furnish to the city manager, for use in the preparation of recommendations to the council regarding the annual budget, a detailed budget estimate of the needs and requirements of such department for the coming year. The city auditor <u>and the park and recreation department director</u> shall furnish detailed budget estimates of the needs and requirements of the city auditor's office <u>and the park and recreation department respectively</u> for the coming year directly to the city council, to be approved by the city council, and then consolidated with the city manager's annual budget estimate. <u>The park and recreation department director's recommended budget shall first be approved by a majority of the park and recreation board</u> (Amend. Of 11-8-05, Prop. No. 13; Amend. Of 11-4-14, Prop. No. 5)		
Rationale: Early city leaders recognized the unique needs of a strong park and recreation department by creating a quasi-independent structure with additional layers of oversight through the Park Board. The Dallas Park & Recreation Department has proven itself to be one of the leading park departments in the country, consistently executing transformative projects that improve the quality of life of Dallas residents. This revision would bring the annual budget process in line with the quasi-independent nature of Dallas parks governance generally and, most importantly, would give the duly elected City Council members full authority over the department's annual budget.		