## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Item:** | 7 | **Name:** | Mac Nicholson |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2018-0274 | **Date:** | June 20, 2018 |

**SUBJECT**

Proposed Motion 2018-0274 would confirm the appointment of 23 members to the 2018 Charter Review Commission.

**BACKGROUND**

The Washington State Constitution authorizes counties to create their own “home rule” charters, and grants broad authority to charter counties to address local governance issues. King County became a charter county in 1969. The King County Charter specifies that at least once every 10 years, the King County Executive shall appoint a citizen commission to review the Charter and present to the King County Council a written report recommending amendments, if any, which should be made to the Charter. See Attachment 3 for the text of this Charter provision.

The Charter Review Commission must be comprised of at least 15 members, with at least one representative from each of the nine King County Council districts. In 2009, a charter amendment recommendation from the 2007-2008 Charter Review Commission was passed by the voters of King County providing that commission appointees are subject to confirmation by a majority of the County Council, and requiring the Council to consider the commission’s report and recommendations and decide at an open public meeting how to proceed on each of the Commission’s recommended charter amendments.

The 2018 Charter Review Commission will be the sixth charter review commission, with previous commissions in 2007-2008, 1996-1997, 1987, 1977, and 1971.

**ANALYSIS**

Adoption of Proposed Motion 2018-0274 would confirm 2018 Charter Review Commission appointees. The proposed appointees are shown by Council District in Attachment 4.

The Proposed Motion itself has no financial impact; however, the 2017-2018 biennial budget included an appropriation of $655,364 for Charter Review Commission support (Ordinance 18409 § 16) and the 2017 Omnibus (Ordinance 18544) included a supplemental appropriation of $96,142.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2018-0274 with attachments
2. Transmittal Letter
3. King County Charter Section 800
4. Appointees by Council District

**INVITED**

1. All appointees were invited.