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To: Mayor John Tory and Executive Committee Members

Re: Term limits for Council Member appointments to agencies, boards, commissions and corporations.

Recommendation:

1. City Council amend the Council procedures to limit the terms of office of Members of Council appointed to agencies and other external organizations to 4 consecutive half-Council-terms to a maximum of 8 years, or in the case of full-Council-term appointments, 2 consecutive terms to a maximum of 8 years.

Under Council's public appointments policy, public members of agencies, boards and committees are limited to two consecutive 4-year terms to a maximum of 8 years, or in the case of business corporations, four 2-year terms to a maximum of 8 years. There are no such limits for Council Member appointments.

In the case of appointments to agencies and other external bodies at least, City Council should consider establishing a limit on the number of consecutive terms to promote the rotation of Members amongst these bodies.

Establishing term limits would bring diversity to the decision making process. I request that City Council amend the Council procedures to limit the terms of office of Members of Council appointed to agencies and other external organizations.

Sincerely,

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