



To: Bryan City Secretary
 From: Councilmembers Saenz and Pena
 Subject: Agenda Item Titled: Bryan City Charter Amendment

Please place the following item on the Bryan City Council Regular Agenda for the March 25, 2014 meeting:

Discussion consideration and possible action to add an item to the Nov 2014 ballot to amend Section 5 of the Bryan City Charter entitled "City Council" by adding:

(r) *Council Member Independence.*

(1) *Appointment or Employment of Relatives of Bryan City Councilmembers.* No person related within the first or second or third degree of affinity (by marriage), or within the first or second or third degree of consanguinity (by blood), to members of the City Council shall be appointed or employed to any office, position including appointed positions or service including contracted service, paid or nonpaid within the City.


(2) *Use of the prestige of a city official's position.* A city council member shall not, in any election, except his or her own, use the prestige of the city official's position with the city on behalf of a candidate, political party, or political committee, except that a city official is not prohibited from lending his or her name so long as the office held with the city is not mentioned in any connection with the endorsement.


(3) *Campaign Donations.* An elected city official shall not directly or indirectly discuss or vote or influence the vote on any matter that comes before the City Council that involves a campaign donor that has made any type of contribution direct or indirect to the city elected official's campaign funding greater than \$250 within 3 years before or after that elected official's current election date.

Presentations: Councilmember Pena and Saenz.

This agenda item placement is in accordance with the Bryan City Charter (j) (1) a. 2. Also the Texas Attorney General Opinion Number DM-228 (1993) states no policy can preclude a councilmember from placing an item on the agenda for public discussion.

Any changes to this agenda item must be approved in writing by both under signs prior to posting to the agenda.


 _____ Date: 3-18-14
 Rafael Pena, Councilmember, District 2


 _____ Date: 3-18-2014
 Al Saenz, Councilmember, District 1