

TO: Task Force on the Structure of Government (TFOG)

FROM: Eileen Harrington, for the Members of the TFOG Executive Subcommittee

RE: 5/11/18 Meeting

DATE: 5/14/18

The Executive Subcommittee met May 11, 2018. Justice Casteñada, Sarah Eskrich, Eileen Harrington, Maggie Northrop, and John Rothschild were present; due to a family emergency, Eric Upchurch was absent.

The Subcommittee elected Eileen Harrington as chair.

The Subcommittee discussed organization and staging of our work as a Task Force. We see our work dividing into three large segments, each of which will include significant public engagement:

1. Information gathering and study.
2. Discussion and framing of issues for possible inclusion in our report.
3. Report writing.

We are at the beginning of the first segment. The Subcommittee Current/former Government Officials is doing a great job organizing information collection and input from that important constituency.

The Exec Subcommittee reviewed the information we have received from City staff, and asked for some additional information:

- A memo on First Class cities – what does this mean, what’s the process for becoming a first class city
- A chart of cities in the 180,000 – 500,000 population range, showing key elements of government structure

John Strange is working on the memo and chart and should have them to the TFOG by late June, at the latest.

We had a thoughtful discussion, prompted by Justice's insights, about the critical role that land use policy plays in creating and perpetuating inequities in access to healthcare, economic opportunity, participation in democratic processes and institutions. We will continue this conversation as we endeavor to map out a work plan for consideration by the TFOG. We will meet again soon.