

# Boards and Commissions Term Limit Discussion

City Clerk's Office



#### **Background and Context**

In early 2021 an active Parks, Recreation, and Golf Advisory Committee member's term was expiring and were not qualified to reapply due to the term limits established in Resolution 2016-12.

Realizing this was the only board or commission to have a defined term limit, staff brought the situation to the attention of the Boards and Commissions Subcommittee, who wanted to address term limits and get the feedback from current board and commission members.

#### Term Limit Survey

At the direction of the Subcommittee, staff implemented a term limit survey and sent the survey to all active board and commission members.

Out of the approximately 150 active members – 81 responses were received.

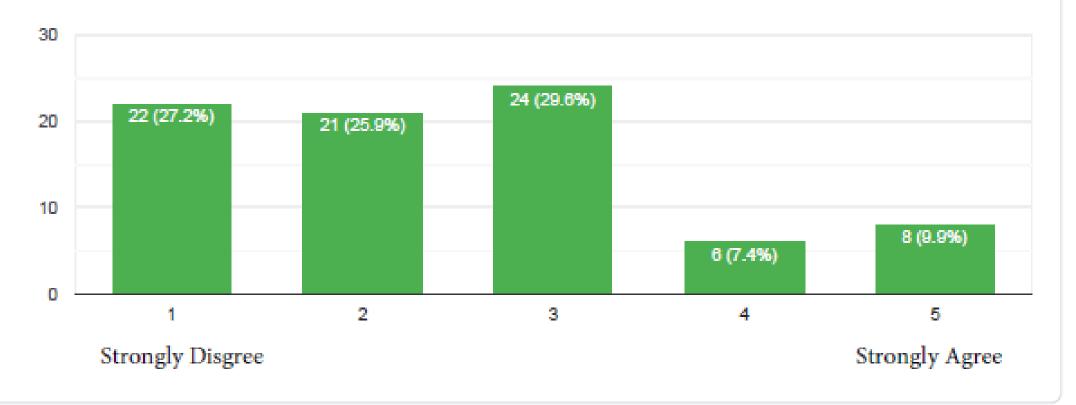
Roughly a 54% response rate



#### Term Limit Survey Results

Do you feel that term limits hinder public participation in city boards and commissions?

81 responses



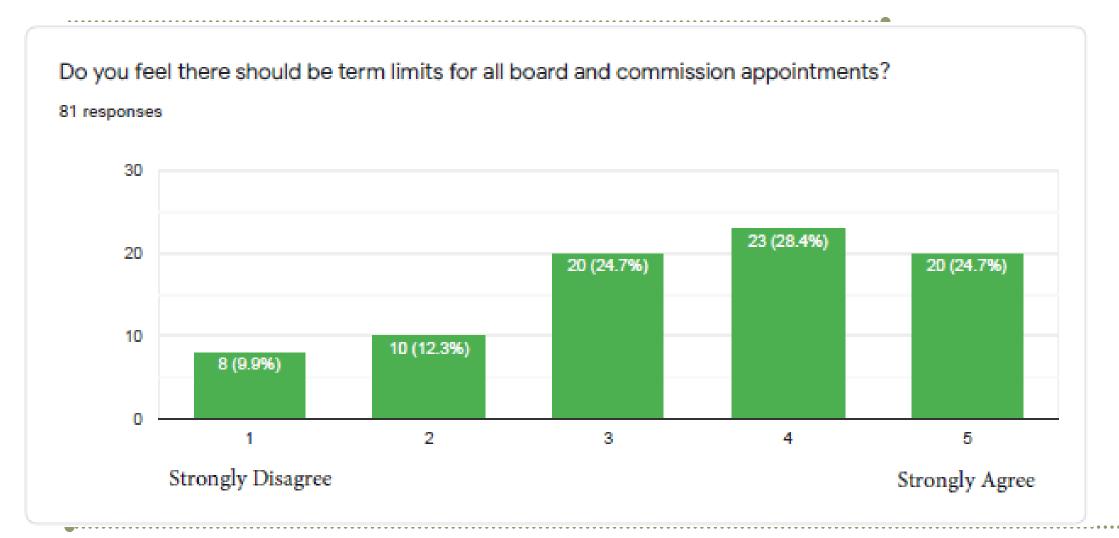


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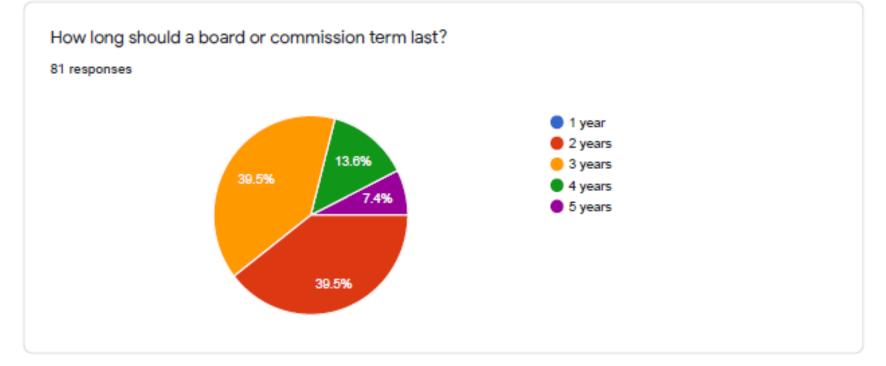
Do you feel like there should be term limits for board and commission leadership positions? (e.g. chair, vice chair, etc.) 81 responses 30 28 (34.6%) 25 (30.9%) 20 15 (18.5%) 10 7(8.6%)6 (7.4%) 2 5 Strongly Disagree Strongly Agree

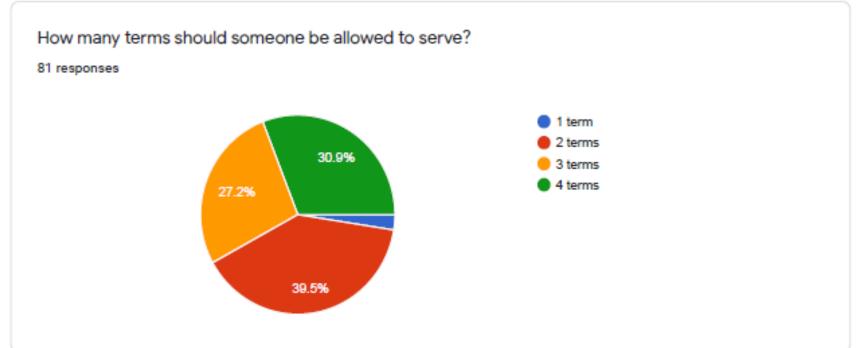


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#### **Applicable Boards and Commissions**

The following boards and commissions may have their term limits adjusted by City Council:

- Citizen Public Safety Advisory Board
- Derby Review Board
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission
- Housing Authority Board
- Parks, Recreation & Golf Advisory Committee
- Senior Commission
- Veterans Commissions
- Youth Commission



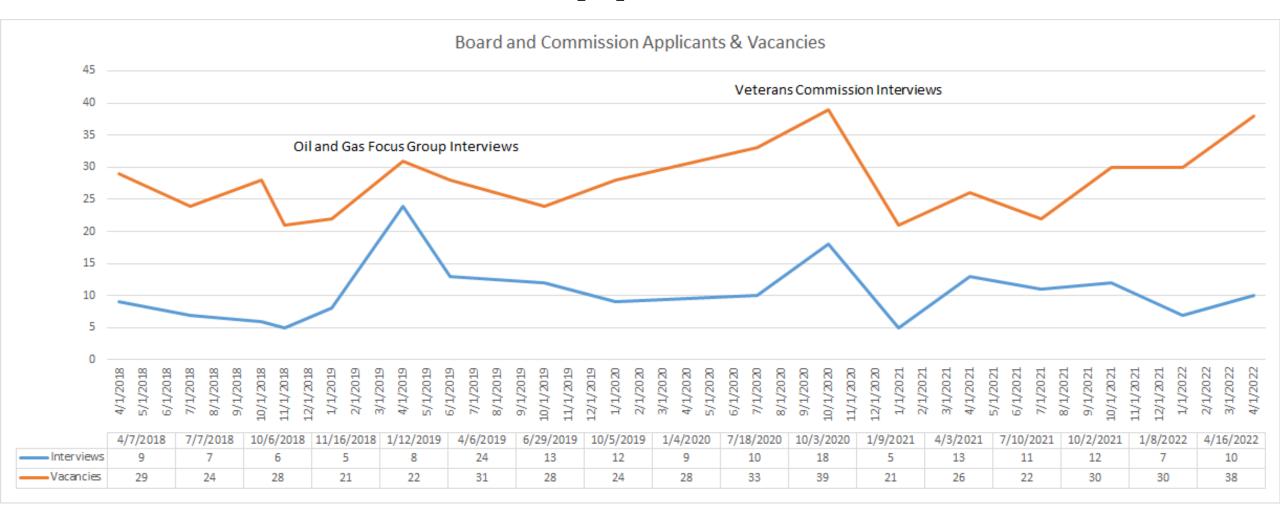
#### Non-Applicable Boards and Commissions

The following boards and commissions cannot have their term limits adjusted by City Council:

- Cultural Council (set by Articles of Incorporation)
- Planning Commission (set by Charter)
- Quality Community Foundation (set by By-laws)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment (set by Charter)



#### Vacancies and Applications Trends



#### **Council Direction**

Staff comes to the full Council looking for direction on next steps:

- Would Council like term limits for all board and commissions?
- Does Council want all b/c to have term limits or for no board and commission to have any term limits?
- How many terms should someone be able to serve?
- Draft documents have been provided for discussion and can be made ready for action at the next regular meeting.



## Questions

