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Cleveland, City Manager Plan, 1927-1928.

CHARTER COMMISSION COMMITTEE

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October 5, 1927

Dear Friend:

A movement has been started to elect a charter commission to recommend changes in the charter of the city of Cleveland. This commission of fifteen members will be elected by the people and will hold public meetings during the next year to consider all proposed changes and new ideas for our city government. The commission will then recommend a new charter which will not become a law until approved by the voters at next year's election.

A citizens committee of 1000 is being formed to help secure the voters' approval of the idea of having a charter commission, and to elect fifteen members of the commission. This citizens committee approves of the administration of City Manager William R. Hopkins and believes that any changes in the charter should be made in the orderly and fair method of a charter commission.

The fifteen candidates who have been nominated for members of the commission are as follows:

Paul Howland	John A. Zangerle	William H. Boyd
Clarence J. Neal	Ida P. McKean	Harry Davis
Morris A. Black	Olive Joy Wright	D. S. Humphrey
Wm. A. Stinchcomb	Wm. J. Winston	Emma M. Perkins
Edmund B. Haserodt	George A. Green	Dan B. Cull

Your name has been suggested as a member of this citizens committee. Will you endorse this movement by filling out and mailing the enclosed card at once?

Very truly yours,

Carmi A. Thompson
Chairman Organization Committee

The Citizens League of Cleveland

1307 SWETLAND BUILDING, CLEVELAND

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October 13, 1927.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I was very much pleased to see that you were going to make the keynote speech on Tuesday night in defense of the city manager form of government.

It occurred to me that the enclosed copies of our bulletin dealing with this question at different times might offer some suggestions to you.

Very truly yours,

Mayo Fesler
Director.

MF:MH

VOTERS OF CLEVELAND
CLEVELAND MUST NOT SLIP BACK!

Again there is an effort being made to abolish our present city manager plan of government and restore the elective mayor system in its worst form.

The manager plan has, in general, worked well for all except selfish office seekers and those desiring special favors. Cleveland's government now ranks high among the large cities.

We cannot afford to abandon the front rank of well governed cities after only four years of trial of the manager plan and go back to a system so lately discarded as extravagant and inefficient.

Believing that the adoption of the proposed charter amendment would be gravely unfortunate for Cleveland, we appeal to all citizens to vote and urge their friends and neighbors on Tuesday to

VOTE "AGAINST" THE CHARTER AMENDMENT

(Signatures to be attached)

(CONFIDENTIAL)

THE CHARTER AMENDMENT

Rabbi. A. H. Silver.

Dear Sir:

We are asking you and about fifty other representative citizens to permit the use of your name to the attached appeal to the voters which will appear in daily papers both in the news column and as a half page advertisement.

Quick action is necessary and we are asking you to telephone your consent to the League of Women Voters office (Superior 2068) not later than Friday morning.

Very truly yours,

John H. Clarke
William Feather Carl D. Friebolin
Walter L. Flory Corliss E. Sullivan

Yes

A CALL
FOR A CITY CHARTER MEETING

My dear Sir:

Harry L. Davis has begun the circulation of petitions seeking to repeal the city manager charter and return to the old mayor-council form of government for Cleveland.

A luncheon meeting of a group of representative citizens is called for

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 12 O'CLOCK NOON

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to consider what steps should be taken in this charter situation.

We sincerely hope that you will make every effort to be present and also bring with you someone who is interested.

Very truly yours,

A. A. Benesch	James J. Hoban
Dan F. Bradley	D. S. Humphrey
Dan B. Cull	Mrs. Malcolm L. McBride
Carl D. Friebolin	Stanley L. McMichael
Mrs. E. L. Hessenmueller	Joseph Trinastic

City of Cleveland

WILLIAM R. HOPKINS
CITY MANAGER
W. J. MURPHY
SECRETARY

February 4, 1928

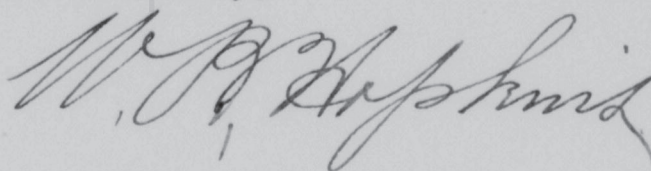
Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
1485 East 106th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I shall be very glad if you can find it possible to meet, at my office at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, February 7, a group of representative men to consider a matter of civic interest and importance.

With much regard, believe me

Yours sincerely,



W. R. Hopkins



July
Tenth
1928.

William R. Hopkins,
City Manager,
City Hall,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hopkins:-

I read this morning
your forecful, convincing and courageous
statement on the gas rate schedule of
The East Ohio Gas Company. I applaud
your stand. More power to you!

Very sincerely yours,

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