

ARTICLE 2-THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 2.1 County council composition

The legislative power of the county not reserved to the people or executive branch shall be vested in a county council. The council shall consist of five (5) members. The voters of each of four (4) districts shall nominate and elect one (1) council member to represent their district. The fifth member shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the entire county.

Section 2.2 Organization

A. The council member nominated and elected countywide shall be the chair of the council.

B. The chair shall preside over council meetings and ensure the orderly and efficient conduct of council meetings. The chair, or his or her designee, will be the county's spokesperson to articulate council policies, vision, strategies and plans; represent the county before the governor, state legislature and other state and federal agencies; meet and greet important visitors; supervise constituent response processes for the council as a whole; and serve as the county's lead representative at dedications, ceremonial activities and other public events.

C. The council shall annually elect one (1) of its members as vice-chair, who shall act in the absence of the chair.

D. The chair of the council shall serve on all boards and commissions that require representation by two (2) or more council members. Otherwise, the council shall vote to appoint its members to boards and commissions.

E. A majority of the council shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

F. The council shall take action by and pursuant to the vote of at least a majority of its members, except where a different vote is required by this charter. A two-thirds majority of members equals four (4) votes.

G. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the council shall be responsible for its organization and rules of conduct for business.