



City of CHARLOTTE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lewis and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: Headlee Override Proposal

DATE: July 19, 2019

Council will recall that my budget message and other comments addressed concerns about the need for additional financial resources to meet obligations, including those for retiree health care. I suggested requesting voter approval for an override of the Headlee Amendment limitations that have had the effect of reducing the City's maximum millage levy from the Charter-authorized 15 mills to 14.2913 mills. This increase in millage would provide a source of funds that could address various underfunding issues. I am interested in dedicating this source of funds to paying for retiree health insurance obligations.

Included in the agenda packet is a resolution that Council would need to adopt to place this question on the November ballot. If approved, the millage would be levied beginning in July 2020.

I have also included a memorandum from City Attorney Tom Hitch dated June 24, 2011 regarding a similar ballot proposal Council considered at that time. This memorandum provides additional information that you might find useful as you consider this matter.