Goals and Mission of the Bexley Charter Review Commission

**Historical Context:** Mayor Ben Kessler stated on July 2, 2018, “The purpose of the Charter Review Commission is to bring together residents who are passionate about the City and the community to see if there are any changes that should be brought to the Charter.” The Charter provides for the possibility of a review every 10 years.

In the summer of 2019, applicants were sought to serve on the Commission and were asked to respond to 4 questions posed by City Council and to submit a CV. After reviewing these materials, City Council held a public vote on all the candidates and selected the top 10. The Mayor was asked to select 5 members to complete the total of 15 Commissioners.

**Goals, and Mission of the work of the Charter Review Commission:**

The Bexley Charter is the foundation upon which our city government is built and serves as our municipal *Constitution*.

It sets out the roles and powers of our elected officials and establishes a framework for how our local government operates and establishes a system of checks and balances to sustain fair governance that is responsive to change.

Our overriding goal is to act in the best interests of the residents of Bexley through a process that is inclusive, transparent, efficient, responsive, and accountable, and which provides a workable structure to get things done.

In doing this, we hope to increase citizen awareness of our codes and government processes, to encourage residents both to observe city regulations and to take an active **part** in our city government, while being mindful of the responsibility we all have to facilitate our government’s smooth, effective, fair, and efficient operation.

To this end, we want our Charter to be aspirational, clear, concise, and easily read.