

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

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Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Summary Of Responses

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QUESTION 1

Do you want Lawrence voters to directly elect a Mayor to serve a four-year term?

		%	Count
Yes		65.2%	163
No		34.8%	87

QUESTION 2

If you answered "No" to the previous question, which of these options best describes why?

		%	Count
The term served should be less than four years		21.7%	20
The term served should be more than four years		2.2%	2
I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence		56.5%	52
Other		19.6%	18

QUESTION 3

City of Lawrence Government Restructure





Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Do you support the creation of six districts in Lawrence and the election of six non-partisan commissioners to represent those districts?

		%	Count
Yes		53.0%	134
No		47.0%	119

QUESTION 4

If you answered "No" to the previous question, which of the below options best describes why?

		%	Count
I think there should be more than six districts and six commissioners		7.3%	9
I think there should be less than six districts and six commissioners		6.5%	8
I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts		58.5%	72
Other		27.6%	34

QUESTION 5

If you have other thoughts about city government restructuring, please share them here.

Answered	117
Skipped	138

all also **commission** **commissioner** commissioners **community** current **directly** **district** **districts** don **each**
elected government **how** issues **lawrence** like **mayor** **more** need **one** **only** other **represent** representation residents **S** six
support **t** than they **think** time **vote** want what **who** work

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

Do you want Lawrence voters to directly elect a Mayor to serve a four-year term?

- Yes
- No

QUESTION 2

If you answered "No" to the previous question, which of these options best describes why?

- The term served should be less than four years
- The term served should be more than four years
- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence
- Other

QUESTION 3

Do you support the creation of six districts in Lawrence and the election of six non-partisan commissioners to represent those districts?

- Yes
- No

QUESTION 4

If you answered "No" to the previous question, which of the below options best describes why?

- I think there should be more than six districts and six commissioners
- I think there should be less than six districts and six commissioners
- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts
- Other

QUESTION 5

If you have other thoughts about city government restructuring, please share them here.

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Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Individual Responses

Topic Registration Type: No registration

Name not available

May 4, 2022, 3:22 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 11:04 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

• Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I like the idea of a district with its own commissioner because they might feel more accountable to the issues in that district. I also think they ought to live in that district.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 11:05 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

• Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 11:22 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

• Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

May 5, 2022, 11:24 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - I think that six commissioners is reasonable, but redistricting would take too long.

Question 5

I think this is a question to be asked after a 4 year term directly elected mayor has had at least two election cycles. This would reduce the amount of time this single change would take because of the lengthy process of districting the city.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 11:27 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

The above is a good plan. Citizens need more opportunities to have direct input on their community and accountability for city leaders.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 11:30 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Most work takes over a year to complete - to have a more uniform continuity of city council & mayor would be beneficial to the citizens of Lawrence & the employees of the city of Lawrence.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 11:44 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I think there should be more than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 11:48 AM

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Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Having elected reps to serve specific districts would go a long way toward creating equity for areas that are or are perceived to be unrecognized/unrepresented.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 11:53 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - I think changing to a strong mayor/district representative system is a terrible idea. It does nothing to form cohesiveness and does encourage "me/mine" mentality and further divisiveness.

Question 5

The City Manager/Commission we have is working fine. If some "groups" feel under-represented, they should work community-wide to correct that and encourage people to run for City Commission that represent them. One only has to watch the state and federal government to see what happens when represented by "districts". Who will be charged with drawing the districts and subsequently "re-drawing" them when the system is working for a particular "group" or "faction"?

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 12:03 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 12:13 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 12:18 PM

Question 1

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Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

My main concern is districts vs at large. Districts will result in significant incumbency issues, meaning actually getting the city to respond to changes will be harder and slower than it currently is. The strong mayor model doesn't offer much inherent benefit, just vague vibes, while the districts have specific flaws that will harm the city.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 12:18 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

With the restructuring comes a question about salary for the mayor and commission. Has that been discussed?

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 12:21 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

Only a handful of people run for city commission right now. I think creating districts would drastically limit our choices of having a commission that represents our values. There may be no candidates in some districts or a choice of one unqualified individual. I think it will discourage people from voting in the city commission race.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 12:24 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I think there should be less than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 12:25 PM

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Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 1:01 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I prefer the mayor position rotate through the commissioners. This way ALL areas of the city experience representation as mayor.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 1:04 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 1:22 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 1:34 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 1:41 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I answered yes to both. I believe with the growth of the city the last few decades, this form of government would make more sense and hopefully increase representation among everyone in the city.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 1:49 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 2:03 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 2:10 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 2:57 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

On the question of the major's term, I think a four-year term would allow residents to better engage with and "get to know" their major. It would also give the major more time to have an impact and see through their any policy changes or new initiatives. On the question of the commissioners, I would be interested to know more about how the six districts are being envisioned and to better understand how the decision was being made in regards to the boundaries of each of the districts. Thank you!

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 3:27 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - 4 districts w/4 commissioners and then 2 at-large commissioners for a total of 6 plus the mayor makes 7

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 3:34 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

The Above Would Be Major Steps In Giving The Government Back To The People.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 3:39 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

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Question 4

No response

Question 5

As a rural Douglas County resident with a Lawrence address, using Lawrence services, I wish I was able to vote in more City elections and ballot issues. I hope these "districts" would somehow include rural residents.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 3:52 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 4:10 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - This is a power grab by the commissioners. The terms should be short. Life has been made miserable by a few progressives. Leave us some hope by not putting these monsters in power for so long at one time.

Question 5

The city commission is largely deaf to the wishes of the public. Some have gone so far as to file for an order of protection against an outspoken citizen, on non-existent evidence. We cannot allow totalitarians to have unrestricted powers for interminably long periods of time. This proposal makes reform almost impossible.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 4:25 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I think the establishment of a mayor directly elected by voters, as well as the proposed district/commissioner set-up, will create much needed and renewed faith in city leadership.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 4:40 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

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- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

It is important that Lawrence continues to have a commission that views all issues in town as being "citywide." As the city expands aggressively westward to court Johnson County residents, the voting power of the historic neighborhoods and downtown is slowly waning. By providing areas such as west Lawrence with dedicated representatives, we could see the city further fracture. I don't want to see the day when a much needed infrastructure project in an area loses 5-1 due to politics.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 5:32 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 5:52 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I am worried that a district commissioner would veto projects in their district that would otherwise pass and benefit that district.

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 6:00 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 6:08 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

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• Yes

No response

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 7:25 PM

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 6:16 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

• Yes

Question 3

• Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 8:46 PM

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 6:52 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 1

• No

Question 2

No response

Question 2

• I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

• Yes

Question 3

• Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 4

Question 5

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 8:55 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 9:20 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 9:27 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be more than four years

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I think there should be more than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 5, 2022, 9:40 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - I believe a combination of both at-large and geographical districts would best serve the city and enable able the most able public servants to serve concurrently (e.g., 4 geographical districts and 2 at-large districts).

Question 5

How will districts be drawn? Will the creation of districts account for decreases or increases in population (i.e., areas of the city currently growing or shrinking)? Account for the student population? How often will districts be re-drawn, if ever? What prevents a tyranny of the majority if

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the Mayor and three commissioners are from the same "side" of town? What other, new responsibilities will the Mayor possess? What happens when the Mayor and City Manager disagree?

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 8:22 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 8:50 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I fully support the commission district proposal. The direct election of the

mayor is trickier. I would support that, I think. But I would also support 7 commission districts and having the commission select a mayor from among its members who could serve multiple terms as mayor consecutively, instead of having to turn over that position every year. Also, with a directly elected mayor, what about the role of vice-mayor? How would it be chosen and under what circumstances would that person serve?

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 11:26 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - I do not want to divide the city into competing interests

Question 5

I support a directly elected mayor for a three or four year term as a counter balance to the city manager who now canbe effectively manager/mayor.

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 11:31 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

Every commissioner should represent all of Lawrence--
Not a good idea to set up one district against another.

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 12:03 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I think there should be less than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

There is too much emphasis placed on making the college and the business owners who serve it as most important. There should have been partnering with other communities and industry to create a more diverse economy that serves and enriches everyone in the community- not just the few. We have too many fingers in the pie and too many of those are old Lawrence \$ & power.

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 12:30 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 12:56 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 1:27 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 2:52 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 4:17 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 4:38 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I think there should be less than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

We already have a City Manager, which negates the need to have a mayor beyond the ceremonial responsibilities currently given to them. Why pay a city manager to supersede them with a Mayor doubling the same responsibilities? No one person should have more authority over the governance of the city than the other commissioners. It also does not make sense to have an even number of districts, and I don't trust this commission to create districts that fairly represent the citizens in Lawrence.

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 4:54 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

The City Manager structure allows the City to run successfully with someone who is a full-time, trained and experienced individual to handle issues in the City. I want someone like that making decisions. Not some radical whackadoo who happens to get the most votes from the hippies and homeless people who have the time to leave work to vote in municipal elections decides to cast a ballot for.

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 5:45 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

We should go to ten districts not six.

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 6:36 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - No because it will cost more in salaries which are already high and the people elected will most likely be friends, family or those with money.

Question 5

Why do we have 4 city managers - if Wichita KS can have one city manager who does a great job, why does Lawrence have to have 4 and pay the extra salaries?? Maybe they need training???

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 7:07 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 8:09 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

No response

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 8:34 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

There is nothing wrong with the system that's in place now.

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 9:38 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I think there should be more than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

There should be 8 districts/wards, one for true north Lawrence north of the river, one at-large-elected representative and then six others using 15th as north-south dividing line and then two of the following:

Mass/Iowa/Kasold/Monterey/Folks as east-west dividing lines for six districts. That would be a total of 8 representatives with the mayor being a tie-breaking ninth vote.

Name not available

May 6, 2022, 10:37 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - I'm fine with direct election of a mayor, but I do not want to pay a full-time salary for the position. It should continue to be mostly ceremonial.

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I'd like more information for the future plans for the six districts. Will the districts be based on population, or only on location? If population, how often will they be reviewed and re-aligned? Also, will there be a mechanism for adding districts when the population reaches a certain threshold?

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 7:49 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

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- I think there should be less than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 7:57 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Our system of electing representatives hasn't changes in 70 years. People all over the city don't feel represented and connected to their commission.

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 8:00 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

My hope is that an independently elected, 4 year mayor would enable that person to focus on more long term goals & projects and leave the day to day administration of the city government to the commissioners. While dividing Lawrence into districts will take some adjustments by citizens, it will contribute to all parts of the city being equally represented.

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 8:02 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 8:09 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

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Question 5

No response

• I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 8:16 AM

Question 5

No response

Question 1

• No

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 8:48 AM

Question 2

• I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 1

• Yes

Question 3

• No

Question 2

No response

Question 4

• I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 3

• Yes

Question 5

Do not divide our community this way. Although I realize our current structure has its issues, I believe these solutions - particularly the district election system - creates WAY more problems.

Question 4

No response

I am not certain the actual question to which we are discussing this solution has been well defined and articulated.

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 8:18 AM

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 9:04 AM

Question 1

• No

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

• I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 2

No response

Question 3

• No

Question 3

• Yes

Question 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

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No response

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 10:11 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - We believe that additional concentration of duties/power is unwarranted. Direct mayoral election may well create problems downstream with mayor/commission/city administrator exercising undefined powers.

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - Our major concern with strict district representation is the possibility that it would increase parochial influence on certain "hot button" issues that have a geographic locus but ultimately have a city-wide impact.

Question 5

We support district representation to the extent that it provides a simply defined point of contact for concerned citizens attempting to express their desires. However, to avoid parochialism we believe it is best to be conservative and structure local representation with a substantial city-wide component. A hybrid (4 district/2 at-large) or 3 and 3 model could be a reasonable solution.

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 10:28 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

Districts create representatives not focused on the city as a whole, but on smaller segments they "represent". It results in specific, often single, issue candidates and may exacerbate division, decreasing the ability to reach compromises to benefit all of Lawrence. Nationally, the ability of partisans to compromise (let alone agree on underlying facts) has decreased. Districts create an unnecessary basis for division, decreasing the Commission's ability to work productively for all Lawrence

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 12:56 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 1:25 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

A directly elected mayor provides a longer term vision for the community. There is clear accountability and a focused discussion of leadership during the election process. Districts are more accessible for campaigning purposes. There is a more compact area to get your name out and engage with voters. The cost of running campaign is lower. It also allows for more direct access for voters to their representative.

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 1:31 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I have seen the proposed changes in city government work well where I've lived the past 30 years, at Lee's Summit, MO. It would work well in Lawrence, KS.

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 1:41 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

This change is critical to the future of Lawrence.

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 1:43 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 2:13 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 3:40 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 5:04 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 6:42 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I think there should be more than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

Elected commissioners by district with an odd number seated and no directly elected mayor is the best option.

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 6:53 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 7:24 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - Don't elect thieves

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - Lawrence is blue don't change it

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 7:47 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - I am concerned about how gerrymandering at the state and federal level has contributed to our polarized political landscape at those levels. So I'd want to see what the rules are for drawing district lines before I decide whether I want districts.

Question 5

Why 6 districts?

Name not available

May 7, 2022, 9:32 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - This city has absolutely went down hill since the 1990's!!! The city commission has been a joke since then!

Question 5

You can't fix it!

Name not available

May 8, 2022, 12:37 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

- Other - Four districts and three at-large commissioners

Question 5

Should have at least three commissioners elected at-large so everyone isn't only looking out for their district.

Name not available

May 8, 2022, 7:47 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Lawrence is not and has not been for a while a small town where you can have a few members vote for everyone. It's time to move like every other large city and have a mayor and districts. It gives the city stability.

Name not available

May 8, 2022, 11:32 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 8, 2022, 2:20 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

- Other - actually I'm unsure about electing a partisan mayor

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - Actually, I'm unsure about creating any number of districts. Would like to know if current commissioners feel bombarded with too many constituents.

Question 5

I feel pulled in both directions regarding these two issues. Would like to know more about experiences of present and past commissioners and mayors before making firm decisions. I don't want Lawrence divided by partisan politics and I want elected seats to be as accessible as possible, including those who lack personal monies to run campaigns. If mayors were elected, would this mean more time/energy spent doing govt. work and less time/ability to hold down a full time, salaried job?

Name not available

May 8, 2022, 3:28 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - Not enough space

Question 3

- No

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 8, 2022, 7:02 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I think the quality of the commissioners remains highest when we vote for the five best in the city instead one from our district.

Name not available

May 8, 2022, 7:33 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 8, 2022, 9:43 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

- Other - Sorry, answered Yes to previous question

Question 5

The sidewalks are the city's infrastructure property - service them when needed out of our tax dollars paid to the city. Do NOT expect homeowners to service/maintain/scoop/depoop your sidewalks!

Name not available

May 8, 2022, 11:03 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 5

It's about time. 4 districts 2 at large plus 1 Mayor who can break ties if needed.

Name not available

May 9, 2022, 8:38 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

As our City grows, I think it's important to have districts to properly represent people in their neighborhoods. I also like the idea of a mayor that can steer strategic planning for a longer period of time. Thank you for letting us folks have our say!

Name not available

May 9, 2022, 9:44 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I don't feel that the district structure is warranted in Lawrence. The city is not that large and does not truly have such differing needs and concerns as to merit this change. If the goal is better focus and consistency districts will likely have the opposite effect; consistently bringing individuals or small groups interests to the commission instead of addressing the community at large. Districts seem most preferred by groups that already abuse neighborhood powers to this end.

Name not available

May 9, 2022, 10:54 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - Districts may be a good idea. Concerned about creating division when it comes drawing lines.

Question 5

An elected mayor would better develop political skills, local and regional influence, and sustained focus needed to optimize community well-being. A mayoral race would bring greater clarity to community needs and desired outcomes, and increase accountability re: accomplishing the public's desires. A four year terms would give an elected mayor time to implement meaningful policies and programs.

Name not available

May 9, 2022, 2:58 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Institute rank voting.

Name not available

May 9, 2022, 5:55 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I don't think we have enough voters to elect commissioners at the district level. I also think having distinct commissioners weakens the voice of residents (right now, all 5 commissioners have to consider me a constituent regardless of where I, or they, live).

It is worth considering ranked choice voting.

Eliminating the independent audit function was a mistake and weakened accountability.

Name not available

May 9, 2022, 7:13 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 10, 2022, 8:22 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I think restructuring the City Government is important and will help us feel like we have more of a voice that is heard.

Name not available

May 10, 2022, 9:05 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 10, 2022, 1:57 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

A large percentage of residents don't have a voice in City government. These residents participate in City elections but their issues are never raised with the current form of City government. The City could more fully engage its residents if there are six districts that can bring issues to the City Commission rather than the frequent parties that seem to have the Commission's ear. A nonpartisan elected mayor could represent all of Lawrence rather than the special interest groups

Name not available

May 10, 2022, 7:54 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 11, 2022, 1:04 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 11, 2022, 1:47 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I agree with increasing to 6 commissioners, including the mayor to assure an odd number of votes. Having all commissioners serve the entire city requires that each look at the big picture rather than prioritizing a single area or interest. Lawrence citizens have good access to our commissioners and strong neighborhoods so I feel they are responsive and informed without increasing the sense of divisiveness that occurs with geographic divisions. An elected mayor will provide continuity

Name not available

May 13, 2022, 1:37 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 13, 2022, 9:35 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - I feel the current system works.

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 13, 2022, 8:59 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 16, 2022, 5:15 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Mayor is needed to provide facilitation at Commission meetings, promote community discussion on priorities, remind Commission of 2040 Comprehensive guidelines

Name not available

May 16, 2022, 7:29 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

- Other - I'm open to the idea but not sold either way

Question 5

Cities with Directly elected mayors have higher rates of corruption

Name not available

May 16, 2022, 7:42 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- No

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 16, 2022, 8:02 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Six districts would provide a fair representation of all delightful cultural neighborhoods./ districts. All citizens of our city would be represented in their own districts. The representatives of these neighborhoods have made a commitment to live there and will have an excellent of the problems, needs that are distinct to each individual district

Name not available

May 16, 2022, 8:05 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

- Other - I think it should be a mix of at-large commissioners and district.

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 16, 2022, 9:03 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I can see some valid arguments for the separate election of a mayor, but I'm strongly against commission districts. All commissioners should be focused on the good of the community as a whole and not on representing any specific geographic or ideological constituency. This idea may have been floated to ensure diverse representation on the commission, but that isn't really a problem as illustrated by our current, highly diverse commission.

Name not available

May 16, 2022, 9:12 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

City Commissioners should represent the city as a whole, not individual districts. Otherwise, ward politics will dictate the Commission's actions. Vote trading for parochial issues will become predominant. We already have that in Topeka and Washington. We don't need it in Lawrence.

Name not available

May 16, 2022, 9:17 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - No directly elected mayor in Kansas history has come without corruption or without cost to the city's marginalized residents.

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - I assert that any form of "District Representation" should be redefined to include areas conterminous with neighborhood association boundaries.

Question 5

District reps would better serve IF *how* the districts are defined, and *who* the representatives' "constituents" would be changed (see above).

Large parts of Lawrence are split among industrial, retail, entertainment, education, various trade associations, our school board, volunteer committees & watchdog groups. All lobby the city behind the scenes & with undue influence!

"Districts" should follow residential neighborhood association boundaries rather than geographical.

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Name not available

May 17, 2022, 6:13 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 17, 2022, 6:48 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

- Other - The term should be four years.

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I am a former city commissioner who used to support district elections. My position has changed. We need commissioners elected to represent all of Lawrence and bring us together for the good of the city. I do think a stronger mayoral position is good. We need a bit more of a clear vision and political culture that can direct the city. Switching mayors every year

does not allow for real leadership to develop.

Name not available

May 17, 2022, 7:09 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 17, 2022, 7:15 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

The city is growing and pure fairness of representation would show that six districts would be an excellent idea. This plan provides FAIR representation by those who live in each district who are aware of each district needs, problems and possible solutions.

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Name not available

May 17, 2022, 10:53 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 17, 2022, 12:15 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 17, 2022, 1:34 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 17, 2022, 3:03 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 17, 2022, 9:59 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - I think there should be some commissioners elected by districts and some elected at-large.

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 18, 2022, 12:18 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

After 28 years working for a government form similar as proposed I observed significant district factionalism and the "horse trading" of votes. I'm a 42 year resident of Lawrence and worked 8 years in the City. The annual rotation of mayorship provides diversity including the opportunity for commission members to take on and experience leadership responsibilities as well as the immediate and direct accountability that accompanies the role. Rotation also minimizes the potential for autocracy.

Name not available

May 18, 2022, 4:20 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - this creates less authority for the residents and each commissioner and more control with staff

Question 5

The more commissioners the more likely one, two or even three become irrelevant and thus reduce representation of the residents of Lawrence, especially if elected by district. The better solution is for the Mayor to take back control of the agenda from staff and begin to represent the residents not pretend they are the city's CEOs managing staff

Name not available

May 18, 2022, 11:42 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - I would like to see two districts that each elect three members by ranked choice voting, staggered every two years.

Question 5

Lawrence should adopt ranked choice voting for a new at-large mayor. The primary should be a straight single vote "regular election" to narrow the general election candidates down to the top five vote-getters. In the general election, the voters could rank the mayoral candidates 1st-5th, using the instant runoff method to choose a candidate with a majority

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

support of the city's voters. If going to six, single member districts, the commission elections should be held under same method above.

Name not available

May 19, 2022, 10:19 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

If elected by districts, commissioners will have less incentive to consider the community as a whole and more prone to rigid positions prioritizing their district only.

More commissioners = more tax dollars to pay them.

Don't want to be stuck with a bad mayor for four years.

Name not available

May 19, 2022, 10:43 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 19, 2022, 10:09 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 23, 2022, 7:35 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Name not available
May 23, 2022, 9:51 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

The current structure of the city commission does not represent the city as a whole, and the process of appointing instead of electing a mayor is not appropriate for a community of our size.

Name not available
May 23, 2022, 10:57 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

We need someone who can cut through all the red tape encountered when someone wants to build, remodel, etc. The book of "this is what we have done for the last 100 years" is severely outdated and prohibits growth, uniqueness, anyone which wants to take a chance and clean up a neighborhood or eliminate downtrodden residences.

Name not available
May 23, 2022, 11:07 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available
May 23, 2022, 7:23 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available
May 24, 2022, 3:42 PM

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I think that the creation of commissioner districts will further create divisiveness within the city. People already hate the fact that OWL is trying to limit 'outsiders' from access to the PUBLIC streets in their neighborhood and the fact that East Lawrence delayed the renovation of a grocery store and that school closures appear to be aimed at only Lawrence east of Iowa. Why aggravate this more. What Lawrence needs is a higher voter turnout in Commission elections.

Name not available

May 24, 2022, 5:33 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Long overdue changes. Far more representative process than our current all commissioners elected at large.

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 8:54 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - I am comfortable with a mayor coming from the city commission. Hence you need an odd number on the commission., not 6

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

- Other - There should be an odd number not 6. 7 would be best for tie breaking.

Question 5

We need representation by districts and it would be best to have an odd number like 7 (not 6-where did you come up with that number???). Actually we need a unified government like Wyndotte County. It would save tremendous amounts of money for police, courts, jail, administrators, etc. 1 commission representing the whole county, divided into districts so there would be equal representation.

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 9:07 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - I believe the current system has worked well for Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 9:25 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I am opposed to districts as I believe everyone should get a chance to vote for every commissioner regardless of where they live. Major should be a shorter term but elected by the people.

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 10:03 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I believe it is critical for the various areas of Lawrence to have directly elected representatives who will reflect and represent more accurately and fairly the interests of those people they serve in their respective areas. As things stand now, it is possible for some areas of Lawrence, depending on where commissioners live, to have disproportionately more representation or, conversely, less representation than their population numbers merit.

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 12:23 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 12:34 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 12:47 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 1:17 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 1:26 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 1:30 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

It is about time this is done. The county should look to expand to 7 as well. 3 is a joke.

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 1:42 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 1:42 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 2:23 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Make it non partisan and candidates must pass a background check for mental fitness.

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 3:05 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 4:56 PM

Question 1

- Yes

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 5:26 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 9:56 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 10:02 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 25, 2022, 11:19 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

Having six commissioners, each representing a particular district, is a bad idea. It will greatly exacerbate the East/West split in town, which is already bad and getting worse. Downtown will suffer, as each commissioner will be primarily beholden to his/her district. How will the city be divided? As an East-sider, I fear that the political clout will favor the money of the West Side. Best thing about city governance now is that each commissioner represents the whole town!

Name not available

May 26, 2022, 8:27 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I think there should be less than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 26, 2022, 9:26 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - Do not think it is a good idea

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - Encourages narrow view of city

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 26, 2022, 4:51 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 26, 2022, 8:06 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

- I think there should be more than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

No response

I fully support a directly elected mayor for 4 year term AND six at-large commission members. I do NOT support districts for commissioners because as a community we need to be able to engage with all commissioners and mayor to achieve goals. Our community is small enough that all commissioners can serve the entire city.

Name not available

May 27, 2022, 8:56 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 28, 2022, 11:35 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

Name not available

May 28, 2022, 8:12 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 28, 2022, 9:12 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 29, 2022, 3:32 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 30, 2022, 8:52 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 31, 2022, 8:35 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - Not necessary, just another layer of bureaucracy

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

This proposal will likely create more narrowly constructed special interests

Name not available

May 31, 2022, 10:22 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

If the mayor does not have veto power and cannot make executive administrative decisions, then these changes will not produce much structural change. The mayor will still rely on personal relationships to accomplish legislative goals. The information in the report is unclear on how the primaries will work (e.g. do the top two in each district's primary

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Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

advance?)

May 31, 2022, 6:57 PM

Name not available

May 31, 2022, 6:01 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - I do believe a hybrid approach would best serve this community equitably

Question 5

no commissioner should serve less than 4 years -- they all work hard to get elected. To "punish" the person who comes in third place further perpetuates disparate impact and access to leadership.

Name not available

May 31, 2022, 6:56 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

May 31, 2022, 7:00 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

Name not available

May 31, 2022, 7:22 PM

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - An elected mayor will bring forth partisan politics, increase larger campaign spending inside and outside of the City, and require city funds to pay mayor. There must be term limits if an elected mayor and district representation is voted in.

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - Partisan politics will be increased with districts. If a mayor and districts are voted in, I prefer 4 districts 2 at large plus 1 Mayor who can break ties and represent the entire City (facilitator Mayor).

Question 5

Not in favor of changes. An elected mayor will bring forth partisan politics, increase campaign spending/contributions inside and outside of the City, and require city funds to pay mayor. However, if the government structure is changed, I'd prefer 4 districts 2 at large plus 1 Mayor who can break ties and represent the entire City (facilitator Mayor). If there's a change, an elected Mayor and elected commissioners should serve more than two four-year terms.

Name not available

May 31, 2022, 8:30 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

This is a solution in search of a problem. I encourage advocates to speak with citizens in Topeka or other cities with a similar structure and they complain about their councils being too fractured.

Name not available

May 31, 2022, 10:26 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 7:51 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

No response

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 9:31 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 9:31 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Each commissioner should be required to live in the district they are running for.

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 9:32 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Lawrence continues to grow and diversify. It is a good time to establish a more inclusive form of representation in city leadership. Perhaps each commissioner could take a particular area of concern/development and be a "lead" on bringing ideas to the table. With 6 we have enough to do some special projects that may get to root causes of issues rather than a few overworked folks simply responding "after the fact" to issues.

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 9:37 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

The voting should be ranked-choice voting. This would have many benefits for the city and voters.

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 9:48 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 10:06 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 10:03 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

What problem are we trying to solve? The current form of governance has swerved the city well. Dividing the city up into districts and electing a mayor will increase politicization and divide the city. I urge caution moving forward because it will be difficult to turn back once implemented.

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 10:38 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 11:18 AM

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - Not enough information has been provided about how the districts would be drawn up

Question 5

The present isn't perfect but any means but it works reasonably well. Having an elected mayor would inevitably become partisan and nothing has been said about term limits.

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 12:12 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I grew up in Wichita when the city commissioners were elected by districts. When members represent a small sector of the city, they make decisions based only on their limited area. In Wichita, there were real fist fights among the commissioners at least 1-2 times a year. Electing officials that make decisions beneficial to our entire community is not always possible under the current configuration but will be impossible with elected district representatives.

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 1:15 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - At large is best to ensure equal representation. Why divide the city further?

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 1:47 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

Let's not turn our community into Topeka. Look at that city's failed form of city government. There is no equity in city-backed economic development, parks and recreation, and other areas of city planning the council governs because the city council districts and their representative are always competing for resources, instead of working as one cohesive

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

team for the betterment of the city. Lawrence has grown and prospered under the current form of city government. Let's not mess that up.

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 2:25 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - It depends on whether you allow property owners to be considered but donot live within the city limits

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - we have enough government

Question 5

How does this affect county residents?

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 2:50 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Care must be taken in the determining the guidelines for drawing district boundaries so that similar socio-economic populations in our community

are fairly represented and that no voices are left out. I don't like the hybrid model because who knows how that would actually work and it seems as if it would be confusing. Lastly, I would really need to understand the accountabilities/interactions between the mayor and commission before totally agreeing with this. Basically who polices whom?

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 2:55 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

Lawrence is way too small to break up into districts. The appeal of citywide elections is voting for commissioners that have Lawrence's interest at mind, not just their slice of Lawrence.

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 5:14 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- No

Question 4

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

Citizens are fed up with all the gerrymandering that goes on in the eternal struggle for unlimited governmental power and domination. As it is, only progressive socialists even run for office in this crazy town. It makes me want to pull up stakes and move away, after coming here in 1978.

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 5:55 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - This would make it more expensive to run as mayor and lead to a mayor being beholden to big donors, not citizen. It might be okay if the term was 2 years, and there were recall provisions.

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - Never. Right now all the commissioners represent me, and will listen to my opinions. If you do this I will only have one who would bother hearing me. Also, I don't want to further pit one area of Lawrence against another.

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 6:28 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 1, 2022, 9:34 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 2, 2022, 7:25 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 2, 2022, 7:50 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 2, 2022, 8:12 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 2, 2022, 9:09 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I want all Commissioners to be responsive to my neighborhood's concerns. Representation and responsiveness is a huge issue for neighborhoods with low civic engagement. Not all parts of the city can get good options for commissioner candidates.

Name not available

June 2, 2022, 10:36 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 2, 2022, 3:56 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

Before changing system, I would like to hear advantages/disadvantages of current system, and pressing reasons for us to change. Like our present system because I feel free to approach any of our commissioners, not just the one that represents my particular district.

Name not available

June 2, 2022, 4:55 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 2, 2022, 5:36 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 3, 2022, 9:17 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Name not available

June 3, 2022, 1:51 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

The 500 maximum character limit forces the writer to convey the message by another means.

Name not available

June 3, 2022, 4:39 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - I think there should be 6 districts & 2 at large reps, w/ a 3/1 election every 2 years

Question 5

I think that the restructuring should include city commission/mayor sponsored regular/quarterly structured official town halls alternating between specific policy topics & then general governance/city vision open assemblies.

Name not available

June 5, 2022, 8:27 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I think there should be more than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 6, 2022, 8:18 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

This plan would pit neighborhoods against each other and there are no obvious districts. Totally unworkable. Why would the city choose to undertake major changes in its governing structure at this time of struggles with the pandemic, safety and problems with our public schools, competing priorities for city funds and staff time? In order to achieve more civic engagement the city should become more user friendly and

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accessible in cc Mtg agenda, process and website. City Mgr has too much power!

Name not available

June 6, 2022, 9:36 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

- Other - A: Maybe. I'm open to the idea, but would like more information.

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

Concerns re:Districts

- Reduced voter influence (we would only have say in 1/6 of the commission, rather than the whole of it)
- Reduced voter choice (can only vote for limited options within district, rather than just by preference. What if only one person runs in your district?)
- Seems very arbitrary. As noted in the report, districts wouldn't have uniquely different interests. Most voters think of Lawrence as a whole. Which is good, honestly
- All that might lead to less voter engagement

Name not available

June 6, 2022, 10:54 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - As proposed, the mayor would have no veto power or exec/admin power. We are electing a mere ribbon cutter. We may as well continue to pass the honor around among the Commissioners. Give the job some power or why bother.

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - If we wanna change, I favor a hybrid system, with some elected at large and some by district. This promotes access and accountability. 4 by district and 2 AL means everyone has 3 + the mayor directly accountable to them. Works well in many places.

Question 5

Solution in search of a problem. Citizens want access and want elected officials to be accountable. Representation by 1 council member out of 6 provides neither. It takes a majority to act, not just your 1. Citizen "interests" are not always geographically based, eg. 2 W side candidates won seats on votes from E side. if we wanna change, let's elect 4 by district, 2 AL and a mayor so each citizen and area of town has 4 of 7 that are directly accountable to them, not 2 as currently proposed.

Name not available

June 10, 2022, 1:11 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 10, 2022, 1:24 PM

Question 1

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - See comment

Question 5

The idea of creating districts has merit but I am very concerned about the effect it might have on North and East Lawrence. These areas are already frequently ignored or harmed by groups of Lawrencians who live in a wealthy West Lawrence bubble that has become like its own suburb.

Name not available

June 10, 2022, 1:28 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

- I think there should be less than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 10, 2022, 2:52 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 10, 2022, 3:55 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 10, 2022, 4:28 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 10, 2022, 7:46 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 10, 2022, 9:04 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

We do t have a very high voter turn out as is. If we were to create districts I believe you would see contested races where a candidate could win we just a few hundred votes, or situations where there is an uncontested race. Both these situations are bad for democracy and lead to small minority making decisions for a city of 100,000 people

Name not available

June 10, 2022, 11:11 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 11, 2022, 8:10 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be more than four years

Question 3

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

• Yes

No response

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 11, 2022, 5:28 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

• Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Four years is a pretty significant investment of time, might be worth considering 2 years term instead.

Name not available

June 13, 2022, 11:40 AM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

• Yes

Question 4

Question 5

All organizations face complex challenges in todays environment. Such challenges and opportunities take time for preparation, formulation and implementation. In addition, they require vision. Organizational leadership needs some tenure to enable consistency and build relationships to advance the tactics required to accomplish good things. Our current model of governance does not facilitate these qualities and the proposed model has a significantly better chance to do so.

Name not available

June 15, 2022, 3:32 PM

Question 1

• No

Question 2

• I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

• No

Question 4

• I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I have not heard any discussion of what these changes will cost the taxpayers. It is not responsible to consider changes without knowing the cost of the change, particularly in challenging fiscal conditions.

Name not available

June 20, 2022, 9:08 PM

Question 1

• Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 20, 2022, 9:36 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I think there should be more than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

There should be a directly elected mayor and 8 districts. One at-large-elected commissioner, one commissioner for true "north Lawrence north of the river and then 6 other districts, using 15th street/Bob Billings as the north-south dividing line and then 3 of Mass./Iowa/Kasold/Monterey as the east-west dividing lines. The mayor would then provide a tie-breaking ninth vote among the eight commissioners. This change should have happened decades ago since Lawrence has tripled in size in 70 years.

Name not available

June 21, 2022, 3:34 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I think there should be more than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 22, 2022, 9:41 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 22, 2022, 10:29 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 22, 2022, 10:35 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 22, 2022, 2:47 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I think there should be more than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

I really like the idea of splitting up the city into districts. But I think elected mayors are more harmful than helpful to a functioning city.

Name not available

June 22, 2022, 5:12 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I like the idea of having six districts with commissioners elected directly by their districts. Care should be taken to not increase tax burdens in the process, as our tax rates are already burdensome for middle class families. Also please be honest when creating boundaries- no gerrymandering or cutting lines through the middle of neighborhoods.

It is also important to know what powers the six district commissioners would possess. Would love to hear more.

Name not available

June 22, 2022, 8:44 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 22, 2022, 10:40 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I think there should be less than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 24, 2022, 9:48 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- Other - The drawing of district lines is often used to undermine particular populations.

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 25, 2022, 11:13 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

June 27, 2022, 10:55 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I don't think the Lawrence population is large enough to support voter

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

turnout for six districts. I like that residents can currently vote on all commissioners. I would not like only being able to vote on the one running in my district. I don't want to see Lawrence broken into political districts that may work against each other. We should work together on priorities, not have commissioners/districts fighting over project priority. Perhaps increasing the length of commissioner terms would work

Name not available
July 3, 2022, 1:45 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Elections turn political, my opinion, and we don't need that.

Name not available
July 3, 2022, 6:14 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available
July 4, 2022, 10:10 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available
July 9, 2022, 9:38 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I like the current system and particularly do not want to see the city pit our commissioners against each other based on the area that they represent. The Commissioners should represent ALL of us and be elected

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

by majority of voters from entire city.

oriented.

Name not available

July 9, 2022, 1:05 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

July 10, 2022, 12:07 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

Commissioners should represent and care about ALL of Lawrence and not just the district they were voted into. This kind of government structure seems like it leads to division and does not feel community

Name not available

July 11, 2022, 6:28 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

It's about time underrepresented parts of the city will be able to have a voice at the table!

Name not available

July 11, 2022, 6:35 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

- The term served should be less than four years

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

I have concerns about dividing the city into official geographical districts, which could result in pitting various parts of Lawrence against each other

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

within city government. We already struggle, sometimes more, sometimes less successfully with perceived and real differences between "east" and "west." And other regions and factions. But the city commission represents all of us. A 4-year mayor could be a disaster...too much power for too long!

Name not available

July 11, 2022, 12:59 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

July 11, 2022, 2:53 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I think there should be less than six districts and six commissioners

Question 5

elected mayor and 3 or 5 council members.

Name not available

July 11, 2022, 5:37 PM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

July 12, 2022, 12:42 AM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- Other - I'd support the change only if other aspects changed, such as districts. Otherwise it just complicates things for something that really isn't that important. The mayor doesn't have that much more power than a regular commissioner.

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

- Other - I answered yes, but I think there should be a hybrid of 4-5 districts and 1-2 elected at large plus a mayor. Preferably I'd be ok with 5 district commissioners serving 2 years, and a mayor and at large serving 4 years.

City of Lawrence Government Restructure

Do you want to see changes to the structure of the Lawrence City Commission?

Question 5

No response

Council districts would promote neighborhood interest groups which might or might not support the good of the City as a whole.

Name not available

July 13, 2022, 1:52 AM

Question 1

- Yes

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Yes

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Name not available

July 15, 2022, 8:12 PM

Question 1

- No

Question 2

- I do not want a directly elected Mayor in Lawrence

Question 3

- No

Question 4

- I do not want to create districts with commissioners to represent those districts

Question 5

Electing a mayor would be pointlessly divisive.