

MEMORANDUM

TO: Centralina Member Governments

FROM: Geraldine Gardner, Executive Director

DATE: June 17, 2022

RE: Request to Ratify Centralina Regional Council's Amended Charter

Earlier this year, Centralina management identified an unresolved issue with the organization's tax status. Legal counsel determined that Centralina qualifies for federal income tax exempt status because the organization performs an "essential government function" consistent with Internal Revenue Code Section 115(1), which specifies tax exemption for income derived from such a function. Specific sections of the Centralina Charter and Bylaws needed to be amended to prohibit any private party from benefitting from or having an interest in the organization's earnings and assets, however.

At the February 9th Centralina Board of Delegates meeting, the Board adopted a resolution to amend the Charter and Bylaws to resolve this issue. To finalize the Charter amendment process, the governing body of each Centralina member government must ratify the updated Charter.

At your governing body's upcoming July or August meeting, I ask that you include the attached resolution on your Consent Agenda. A copy of the amending resolution adopted by the Centralina Board of Delegates and the updated Charter are also attached for reference. Centralina staff are available if you have any questions about the process. Once your council or board has ratified the Charter, please send a copy of your adopted resolution to Connor Choka at cchoka@centralina.org.

We greatly appreciate your membership in Centralina and thank you for your support of this request.

