

# GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION NEWSLETTER BOROUGH OF CARLISLE

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## GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION BEGINS EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

On November 18<sup>th</sup> the Government Study Commission approved its Report of Findings and Recommendations and transmitted the report to the Borough Secretary. In accordance with the Pennsylvania Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law of 1972 (as amended) the Cumberland County Board of Elections will place the following question on the ballot at the Borough of Carlisle municipal primary election on May 19, 2015:

"Shall the Home Rule Charter contained in the report, dated November 18, 2014, of the Government Study Commission, prepared in accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, be adopted by the Borough of Carlisle?"

A copy of the final report and charter can be found [here](#) on the Borough of Carlisle web site.

Between now and the municipal primary on May 19, 2015, the government study commission will conduct an education campaign to inform citizens, to include elected and appointed municipal officials and candidates for public office, on the charter content and how the changes will impact Carlisle municipal government.

The commission will next meet at 7:00 p.m. at Carlisle Borough Hall, 53 West South Street, Carlisle, PA on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. At this time the commission will discuss its education campaign and the best methods to inform the most citizens on how the proposed home rule charter provides an appropriate method to increase municipal government efficiency and effectiveness and to provide greater opportunity for citizen participation in local government.

The commission asks your help in recommending ways to make this education campaign as widespread and effective as possible. Please consider attending the meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> to offer ideas you may have on how to best inform citizens on the proposed charter. In addition, we encourage citizens and community and neighborhood groups to contact us and permit us an opportunity, through your meetings and publications, to ensure citizens understand home rule and the opportunities this charter provides to the citizens of Carlisle. Please contact the commission via e-mail at [CarlislePaHR@gmail.com](mailto:CarlislePaHR@gmail.com) if you have questions or need additional information. You can also find the commission on Facebook at Carlisle Home Rule Study Commission.

### **Commission Members**

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