Shall Section 607 and Section 700 of the Charter of the City of Culver City be amended to change the appointing authority and the reporting responsibilities of the Fire Chief and Police Chief from the City Council to the City Manager, as follows (deletions indicated by strikethrough text; additions indicated by underlined text): 

SECTION 607. POWERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

All powers of the City shall be vested in the City Council, subject to the provisions of this Charter and the Constitution. The City Council shall have the power to:

(a) Appoint, suspend, remove and fix the compensation of the City Manager, Fire Chief, Police Chief and City Attorney, by a vote of at least three of its members;

(b) Create, modify or abolish any City department, and to prescribe the powers and duties of such departments and their Department Heads;

(c) Review and certify the results of all City elections;

(d) Control all legal business and proceedings, including, but not limited to, the authority to employ other attorneys to take charge of any litigation or other legal matters or to assist the City Attorney in connection with any legal matter, which authority, in whole or in part, may be delegated to the City Attorney; and

(e) Compel the attendance of witnesses, examine them under oath, and compel the production of evidence before it. The City Council may cause subpoenas to be issued in the name of the City and be attested to by the City Clerk. Disobedience of such subpoenas, or the refusal to testify, upon other than constitutional grounds, shall constitute a misdemeanor.
Council Members, and any City staff members designated by the City Council, shall have the power to administer oaths in any investigation or proceeding before it.

Additionally, the City Council shall have all other powers consistent with this Charter and the Constitution.

SECTION 700. POWERS AND DUTIES OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Council shall appoint the City Manager who shall be the chief executive officer of the City, responsible to the City Council for the management of all City affairs placed in the City Manager’s charge by or under this Charter, by ordinance, resolution or other action of the City Council. The City Manager, or his or her designee, shall:

(a) Appoint, suspend and remove all City employees, including Department Heads, the City Clerk, and the City Treasurer, the Fire Chief, and Police Chief, except as otherwise provided by State law or this Charter;

(b) Direct and supervise the administration of all City departments, except as otherwise provided by this Charter;

(c) Attend all City Council meetings, at which the City Manager shall have the right to take part in discussion, but shall not vote;

(d) Prepare and submit to the City Council an annual budget pursuant to this Charter, and implement the final budget approved by the City Council; and

(e) Perform such other duties as are specified in this Charter, or by ordinance, resolution or other action of the City Council.