

The Ministry of Democratic Engagement & Social Equity

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Purpose:

To apply checks & balances to the other branches: City Council, Mayor's Office, and Attorney General for the progression for an equitable democratic society.
Facilitate citizen participation in legislation.

Activities:

- Audit the Political Policy, Processes & Structures, as well as Department Processes, within government with an Equity Perspective
- Audit Bills and offer Recommendations
- Audit/Engage the citizens in their challenges and aspirations for the city and neighborhoods; Citizen Assemblies are an example.
- Appeal Councilmanic Prerogative Incidents.
- Oversee the Ballot Initiative/Questions Process.
- The rest of the Civic Engagement & Volunteerism are supplementary activities.

- Work in hand with the Ethics Board and Chief Integrity Officer.

Structure & Nominations:

- The Ministry will have Cabinet of Ministers and a Prime Minister
- Candidates for Prime Minister are nominated by the General Public & City Council
- Vote will take place every 7 years via Ranked-Base Election
- Prime Ministers are tasked with compiling a Cabinet
- Prime Ministers can only have two terms
- The Prime Minister and its Cabinet are neutral to political parties but can hold opinions on Bills/Policy

Tentative Strategy:

1. Enshrining Ballot Question process into Charter that permits policy proposals from the citizens via petition. Make sure there is a department independent of the City Council to facilitate the process. Vive L'Emancipation!

2. Angle the campaign as “Democratic/Citizen Emancipation”. Moving some legislative power to the people and adding more accountability to City Council & Mayor.
3. Build Coalition and use storytelling to outreach & engage in why this initiative is important for the betterment of the City of Philadelphia and its Citizens.
4. Provide Examples of systems being used in other countries and cities. This is not new. It is a better alternative.

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