

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Aren't you afraid that charter
2 in its popular meaning might be understood to mean
3 something that would preclude a County Commissioner form
4 of government?

5 MRS. FREEDLANDER: I don't think so. I think
6 we can explain this. I think it is more understandable,
7 both to those who favor it as well as those opposed to
8 it. I think basically we all agree that these governments,
9 these County governments in order to be able to accept
10 all their Home Rule powers we are giving to them have to
11 have framework, charter, not an instrument, but frame-
12 work and within this framework, they can provide for
13 whatever form of government they want.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Further discussion?

15 DR. BURDETTE: Would you accept the term,
16 written framework, in lieu of charter?

17 MRS. FREEDLANDER: Accept it is not a succinct
18 word. I think the charter has a meaning. It is a Con-
19 stitution. It is synonymous with the word Constitution.
20 If we accept Constitution, I think we should accept
21 charter; and then within that, they can have whatever we