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## **VECHE AS ONE OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY INSTITUTIONS OF MODERN UKRAINE**

The article is devoted to the research of the Veche as an institution of civil society of modern Ukraine, which promotes the democratization process of Ukrainian present society and which allows to improve relations between the government and the people.

Current political events that shook Ukrainian society have demonstrated the evolution of democratic institutions and the rise of the political awareness of Ukrainian citizens. Such a burst of civic activity confirms the need for further development of civil society.

Further development of the democratization of Ukrainian civil society depends on the improvement of relations between the state and society, the government and citizens. That is why in Ukraine, after several centuries of oblivion, the institution of the Veche begins to be used by citizens to influence the public authorities.

The current Veche is also the public meeting, where the people of Ukraine (the only source of power in Ukraine – art. 5 of the Constitution of Ukraine) express their position and try to build a

dialogue with the authorities. This council as an institution of civil society must actively participate in creating the way to solve the most “painful” and important problems. Thus, in this way the potential of civil society is involved into solving the political problems.

However, the Veche has no legal basis nowadays. The current Ukrainian legislation does not contain such a phenomenon of the political Ukrainian life. That is why today, in my opinion, we need to change the law in the direction of establishing the legal status of the Veche as an institution of civil society in Ukraine.

During the reformation of the Constitution of Ukraine by providing the mechanism of power decentralization and empowerment of local government, it would be appropriate to add the article about the Veche.

Of course the final content of articles must be agreed with the general concept of constitutional reform in Ukraine, but it is undeniable that it has to contain a section about the Veche. After all, the present has proven the viability of the Veche.