



## **MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 24, 2024 HEARING OF THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

A duly noticed meeting of the New York City Charter Revision Commission was held at Curtis High School in Staten Island, at 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2024.

The Chair, Carlo Scissura, presided at the meeting. The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 5:12 p.m. Also present were the following members of the Commission:

- Ken Ngai
- Kyle Bragg<sup>1</sup>
- Christopher B. Lynch
- Max Rose
- Jackie Rowe-Adams
- Dr. Hazel Dukes
- Stephanie McGraw

The Chair acknowledged the presence of a quorum. Chair Scissura made a motion to adopt the minutes of May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and June 6<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Commission. Commissioner Rose seconded the motion, which was thereafter adopted unanimously by all the Commission members present. Introductions of the commissioners present were made.

The Commission held a public forum during which it heard testimony from the public concerning any comments, proposals, and recommendations for possible revisions to the New

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<sup>1</sup> Attended via teleconference

York City Charter. The Commissioners periodically asked for clarification on the testimony presented throughout the hearing.

Vickie Palladino, Council Member for District 19, testified in support of placing New York City's sanctuary city status for referendum on the November ballot.<sup>2</sup>

Richard Flanagan, in his testimony, recommended (1) New York City create a new position of elected vice-mayor akin to the Vice President's role at the federal level; (2) non-partisan elections at the mayoral level; and (3) direct election of community board members.

Hal Wacker testified in support of various electoral reforms including but not limited to (1) extending ranked choice voting to all elections, (2) reducing all office terms to two years, (3) eliminating district residency limitations by allowing voters to vote for candidates and sign petitions to vote for any candidate regardless of district, (4) reform campaign finance matching, and (5) revising exhausted votes in ranked choice voting.

Laura LoBianco Sword, Chair of the Staten Island Democratic Party, testified in opposition to open primaries.

Lois Giambrone testified against City of Yes implementation.

Frank Morano testified in support of proposing non-partisan elections on the general election and making all community districts coterminous with City Council districts.

Tony Carrasquillo, Stephanie Prassos, Mark Flynn, and Denise Zayas testified in support of placing New York City's sanctuary city status on the ballot for referendum.<sup>3</sup>

After hearing from all those members of the public in attendance who wished to speak, the Chair closed the public hearing portion of the meeting. A motion was made by Chair Scissura to

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adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dr. Dukes and was thereafter adopted unanimously by all Commission members present.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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New York City Charter Revision Commission