



# Report and Advisory Board Review Commission

December 10, 2021

Improving government efficiency by  
streamlining the City's reporting and advisory  
board requirements

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks
- Mission and Work to Date
- 2021 Waiver Candidates
- Public Comment
- Discussion and Vote
- Next Steps



# Welcome and Introductory Remarks

# Welcome

- Commission Introductions:
  - Voting Members
    - Mayor's Office of Operations
    - City Council
    - Law Department
    - DoITT
    - OMB
  - Advisory Members
    - DORIS
- Remarks from the Chair



# Mission and Work to Date

# Our Mission

**Reports** should serve as informative and transparent tools that help New Yorkers to evaluate the efficacy and efficiency of their local government.

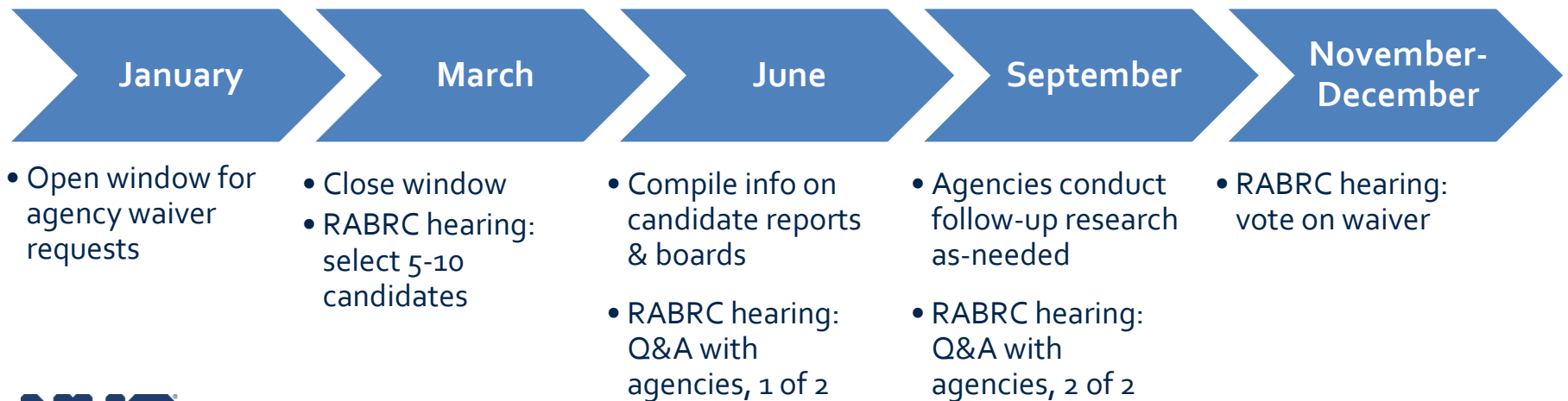
**Advisory Boards** should advance collaboration and provide relevant insights to City agencies, partners, and constituents.

# Work to Date: 2018 - 2021

- Commission met regularly in 2018 and 2019
- Work on pause during majority of COVID response, resumed January 2021
- May 2021 meeting: agreed to new standardized schedule for report review on an ongoing basis, identified 9 waiver candidates for 2021 cycle
  - Short-list of waiver requests submitted by agencies in 2018
- July 2021 meeting: finalized list of 2021 cycle candidates (6 of 9 reports identified), recapped agencies' waiver requests, solicited follow-up questions from commissioners
- August to December 2021: obtained agency answers to open questions, facilitated 1:1 meetings with commissioners as-needed
- Today: vote on 2021 cycle waiver candidates

# RABRC Timeline

- Transitioning to standardized timeline
- Goal: review 5-10 reports & advisory boards in-depth each calendar year
- Solicit waiver candidates directly from agencies each year
- Quarterly RABRC meetings: select candidates for consideration, discuss candidates with agencies
- Pilot approach this year: 9 candidates considered from last review cycle







# 2021 Waiver Candidates

# Rubric Guiding Themes

Per the Charter, this Commission must review reporting (and advisory board – to be discussed at a future date) requirements for utility, relevance, and value. Our over-arching goals are government efficiency, efficacy, and transparency.

**Utility:** A report should aid City operations, oversight, decision making, and/or resource allocation.

**Relevance:** A report should be about topics that are relevant to the City at this time, and take into account that agency, office, and Citywide goals evolve over time.

**Value:** A report should be worth the cost of production and staff time it takes to develop the product, and should not be duplicative in its efforts.

# 2021 Waiver Candidates – 6 Reports

Agency	Report Name	Source
DCAS	Assessment of city facilities regarding certain clean on-site power generation technologies	Administrative Code §4-207(c)
DOT	High Pedestrian Crash Location Report	Administrative Code §19-180.1(a)(2)(b)
NYC & Company	New York City Sports Commission Report	Charter §541(c)
NYPD	911 Operational Time Analysis Report	Administrative Code §14-149(b)-(c)
DYCD	Annual Youth Services Report	Administrative Code §21-402(a)
DYCD	Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Report	Administrative Code §21-402(b)(ii)

# 2021 Waiver Candidates

## 1. DCAS

Agency	Report Name	Source
DCAS	Assessment of city facilities regarding certain clean on-site power generation technologies	Administrative Code §4-207(c)

- **Background:** Report on an assessment to determine whether cogeneration and natural gas-based distributed generation projects are appropriate for City facilities with a peak demand of at least five hundred kilowatts.
- **Rationale for Waiver:**
  - **Irrelevant:** Since Local Law 1 of 2007 (Ad. Code § 4-207) has passed there have been significant changes in the energy landscape within New York State that have affected the economic and social value of distributed energy resources, including CHP. The carbon intensity of the electric grid has declined. In addition, due to the growing physical and economic threats associated with climate change, the policy imperative for resiliency has increased.
  - **Duplicative:** Mayor's Office of Sustainability is mandated by LL248 (2017) to create the broader Long-term Energy Planning process report, which entails an evaluation of cogeneration applicability.
  - **Benefits do not outweigh expenditure to produce:** This Report is prepared using approximately 200 hours of municipal employee time and \$120,000 of consulting resources. It requires the agency to gather inputs which are transferred to the consultant to produce a high-level, simplistic cost estimate. For any particular facility, more detailed studies are needed to assess the true feasibility, cost and benefit of installing cogeneration.

# Reports for Consideration

## 2. DOT

Agency	Report Name	Source
DOT	High Pedestrian Crash Location Report	Administrative Code §19-180.1(a)(2)(b)

- **Background:** Report identifies 20 high pedestrian crash locations and recommends safety enhancements.
- **Rationale for Waiver:**
  - **Irrelevant:** The Report uses stale data and does not assist in decision making. The Report is highly prescriptive, with a narrow definition of crash locations and requires the Department of Transportation to use data from New York State for a particular 5-year period. With such a limited scope, the Department of Transportation is not able to use more up-to-date information.
  - **Duplicative:** The Report is duplicative of several available resources. Much of the information in this Report is also available in annual Vision Zero reports, Borough Pedestrian Safety Action Plans, the Vision Zero View website, and on the NYC Open Data portal.
  - **Benefits do not outweigh expenditure to produce:** This Report requires approximately 100 hours of municipal employee time to produce. The Report is completed to satisfy the legal requirement but does not result in any other benefit to the City. Decisions about safety treatments are made using more recent data than specified in the reporting requirement.

# Reports for Consideration

## 3. NYC & Company

Agency	Report Name	Source
NYC & Company	New York City Sports Commission Report	Charter §541(c)

- **Background:** Report on the goals and operations of the NYC Sports Commission.
- **Rationale for Waiver:**
  - **Irrelevant:** The New York City Sports Commission was established in 1986, primarily to attract athletic events to New York City for the purpose of economic development. In 2010, Mayor Michael Bloomberg integrated the New York City Sports Commission with NYC & Company, the City's tourism agency. NYC & Company has a sports marketing division, but it is not charged with the same responsibilities outlined for the Sports Commission in the Charter. The City's economic development goals have shifted away from incentives for sports teams.

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## 4. NYPD

Agency	Report Name	Source
NYPD	911 Operational Time Analysis Report	Administrative Code §14-149(b)-(c)

- **Background:** Report on NYPD 911 calls and response times.
- **Rationale for Waiver:**
  - **Duplicative:** Administrative Code §14-149 requires the data to be included in mayor’s management reports. Local Law 119 of 2013 (Ad. Code § 15-129) required the Fire Department to publish response times on the New York City Open Data portal. When this law passed, the Police Department also began to publish their response time data on the Open Data portal. Additionally, Administrative Code §14-150 establishes Police Department reporting requirements, which cover portions of the Operational Time Analysis Report.
  - **Benefits do not outweigh expenditure to produce:** This Report requires employee time to produce and does not result in any other benefit to the city. Stakeholders that need response time data currently access this through the mayor’s management report and the Open Data portal.
  - **Irrelevant:** The Open Data Law (Local Law 11 of 2012) (Ad. Code § 23-502) mandated that all public data be made freely available on a single web portal. Administrative Code §23.501 sets forth the types of data that should be published. The police department currently publishes searchable data of response times in accordance with this law.

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## 5. DYCD

Agency	Report Name	Source
DYCD	Annual Youth Services Report	Administrative Code §21-402(a)

- **Background:** Report on youth services programs, including financial indicators, personnel indicators, performance goals, actual performances and other indicators.
- **Rationale for Waiver:**
  - **Duplicative:** The Department provides information on youth services through the mayor's management report. Included are performance indicators with targets and actual outcomes as well as number of youth served in particular program areas and agency resources.
  - **Benefits do not outweigh expenditure to produce:** The costs to produce the Report would far outweigh the benefits and usefulness. The Department does not currently have resources to dedicate to such an effort. The Report is burdensome due to the large volume of contracts at the Department that would be subject to such reporting.



# Reports for Consideration

## 6. DYCD

Agency	Report Name	Source
DYCD	Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Report	Administrative Code §21-402(b)(ii)

- **Background:** Requirement to submit copies of NYS reporting on CSBG funding to the City Council
- **Rationale for Waiver:**
  - **Irrelevant:** This state reporting landscape on CSBG funding has changed. DYCD completes only one annual state report on CSBG funding, submitted to the N.Y. Department of State. The report described in paragraph ii, to be submitted to the governor and state legislature, is no longer relevant.



# Public Comment



## Discussion and Vote

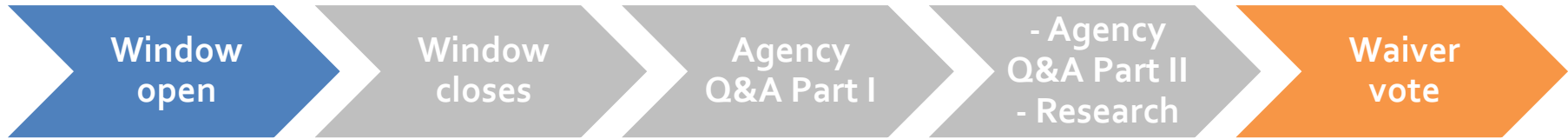
# Vote on 2021 Waiver Candidates

- Commissioner comments & discussion
- Review of the draft waiver determination and resolution
- Commission vote



## Next Steps

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- Finalize 2021 determination of waiver document, publish and send to City Council
  - 120 days to review and vote to approve or disapprove the determination (simple majority vote). If no vote is held, Council is deemed to approve determination.
  - Council disapproval is subject to Mayoral veto within 10 days. (Council may override veto by 2/3 majority vote within 15 days.)
- Begin 2022 cycle
  - January: Open window for new waiver requests. Select 2022 candidates at March meeting.
  - Working with Mayor's Office of Appointments on Advisory Boards
  - Mayoral transition documents