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By Council Members Lander and Brannan

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to establishing the office of civic engagement

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 20-D to read as follows:

§ 20-D Office of Civic Engagement. a. The mayor shall establish an office of civic engagement. Such office may, but need not, be established in the executive office of the mayor, and may be established as a separate office within any other office of the mayor or within any department, the head of which is appointed by the mayor. Such office shall be headed by a coordinator who shall be appointed by the mayor or the head of such department.

b. Powers and duties. The coordinator of the office of civic engagement shall:

1. advise the mayor, and any other elected city official upon request, in developing and implementing policy designed to increase public engagement in community and civic affairs;

2. advise and assist mayoral agencies in developing and implementing policy to: (a) increase utilization of social services offered by city agencies or not-for-profit organizations, (b) facilitate community service, volunteer, and student internship opportunities, and (c) establish programs that enable direct public input and participation in the repurposing of public space and infrastructure for collaborative community use;

3. implement a community ambassador program that trains local resident volunteers to offer and provide within their communities general assistance, information and referrals regarding available social services, and

report hazards and emergencies to city agencies; and

4. review budget requests of all agencies for programs related to increased civic engagement and recommend to the mayor budget priorities among such programs, and assist the mayor in prioritizing such requests.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after enactment.

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