



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
141 WORTH STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10013**

August 3, 2026

Honorable Julie Menin, Speaker
The Council of the City of New York
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Re. Petition

Dear Madam Speaker:

On July 2, 2026, a petition was filed in the Office of the City Clerk ("City Clerk") pursuant to section 37 of the Municipal Home Rule Law ("MHRL"). The petition seeks to amend the New York City Charter ("Charter") to require nonpartisan elections using ranked choice voting for ranked choice offices (i.e., Mayor, Comptroller, Public Advocate, Borough President, and City Councilmember), including "preliminary elections," which would replace partisan primary elections for such offices, and through which voters using ranked choice voting would select three "preliminary election winners" to compete on the general election ballot. The petition would also extend ranked choice voting to general elections for ranked choice offices. A copy of the petition is enclosed hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 24 of the MHRL requires the City Clerk to transmit to the City Council, no later than 30 days after the filing of a petition (i.e., August 3, 2026), a certificate that the petition complies or does not comply, as the case may be, with all requirements of law.

Section 37 of the MHRL requires that on this first submission the petition be signed by 30,000 qualified electors, who were registered to vote in the City at the last general election. While the petition includes not more than 38,227 signatures, based upon a review of the petition conducted by the Board of Elections in the City of New York ("BOE") pursuant to my request, I have concluded that the petition contains not more than 14,132 signatures of qualified electors. Based on the foregoing review I have further concluded that not less than 23,916 signatures contained on this first submission are invalid. The primary reason for such invalidity – comprising nearly half of the invalid signatures – was the failure of the signers to be registered and qualified to vote in the last general election conducted in the City of New York preceding the filing of the petition. Other reasons include, but are not limited to, the failure of signers to insert certain requisite information such as the signer's name or address, the failure to provide a legible

signature, and the failure to have such signatures correctly witnessed. The failure to meet this threshold renders the petition invalid.

Additionally, on July 29, 2026, the City Clerk received a timely proposal for amendments to the Charter from a Charter Revision Commission established by Mayor Mamdani pursuant to MHRL § 36(4), known as Commission on Government Efficiency (“COGE”). That proposal included five ballot questions to be submitted to voters at the November 3, 2026 election. The submission by COGE effectively preempts the petition. Section 36(5)(e) of the MHRL provides that where a charter revision commission appointed by the Mayor pursuant to MHRL § 36(4) submits one or more questions to the electorate, “no other question or questions shall be submitted to or voted upon by such electors pursuant to any local law, ordinance, resolution or petition” if the “other question or questions involve or relate directly or indirectly to . . . the amendment of a city charter [or] charter revision...” As the Appellate Division explained, the purpose of MHRL § 36(4) providing for a proposal initiated by a mayorly-appointed Charter Revision Commission to “bump” any other referendum off the ballot is to enable voters to “give their full attention to the important task of reviewing the City Charter.” Council of the City of New York v. Giuliani, 248 A.D.2d 1, 3 (1st Dep’t 1998), app. dism’d, lv. to app. denied, 92 N.Y.2d 938 (1998). The present petition seeks to so amend the Charter, and thus cannot be submitted to the electorate for placement upon the 2026 general election ballot.

Since the petition was filed under MHRL § 37, it is generally permissible pursuant to MHRL § 36(5)(g) to submit an otherwise lawful petition to the electorate at the general election in the year subsequent to its displacement by a proposal of a charter revision commission. In such event, a lawful petition timely filed for placement upon the 2026 general election ballot could be forwarded to the BOE for placement upon the 2027 general election ballot. However, based on the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, the petition is otherwise invalid for several reasons, including that the petition fails to include an adequate financial plan to fund the amendments proposed by the petition, as required by MHRL § 37(11); proposes amendments to the Charter that exceed the City’s local legislative authority; and is impermissibly vague and misleading to voters.

Accordingly, I hereby certify that the petition does not comply with the requirements of law and, therefore, it is ineligible for submission to the BOE. Pursuant to section 37(6) of the MHRL, a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the person who filed the petition pursuant to section 37(5) of the MHRL.

Sincerely,



Michael McSweeney
City Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Enclosure (Exhibit A)

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Exhibit A

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I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am a qualified elector of the City of New York, having been a duly registered voter of the City of New York who was entitled to vote at the General Election held therein on November 4, 2025; that my place of residence is truly stated opposite my signature hereon; and that pursuant to Section 37 of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law, I do hereby file in the office of the City Clerk a petition for submission to the electors of the City of New York the following proposed local law. Such local law sets forth the new matter to be added to the Charter underlined and the matter to be deleted therefrom in brackets:

Section 1. The title and subdivision a of section 1057-b of the New York city charter are amended to read as follows:

Section 1057-b. Designating [and independent nominating petitions] candidates for a ranked choice preliminary election ballot; number of signatures required for ballot petitions.

a. The number of signatures required for any ballot petition to designate a candidate for a ranked choice preliminary election ballot, or for certain preliminary election winners, to be placed on the general election ballot, as provided in clause 3 of subparagraph a of paragraph 2 of subdivision e of section 1057-g, [designating petition or independent nominating petition for the designation or nomination of a candidate for an elected office of the city shall be governed by applicable provisions of the New York state election law, except that in no event shall the number of signatures required] shall not exceed the following limits:

§ 2. Section 1057-b is amended by adding subdivisions c, d, e, and f to read as follows:

c. The board of elections in the city of New York shall have the power and duty to promulgate rules to specify:

1. the form of ballot petition for ranked choice preliminary elections, which rules shall adapt the form section 6-140 of the election law specifies for independent nominating petitions;

2. timing, circulation, filing, objections, acceptance, declination, vacancy-filling, opportunity to write-in, and other associated ballot petition procedures for: (a) ranked choice preliminary elections, which rules shall adapt the procedural provisions set forth in Article 6 of the election law for designating petitions, without regard to party enrollment; (b) vacancy elections, which rules shall adapt the procedural provisions set forth in Article 6 of the election law for independent nominating petitions; and, notwithstanding any provision of section 10, 24, 25, 81, or 94 of this charter to the contrary, such rules shall specify whether a vacancy shall be filed for the remainder of the term at a special election or a general election, according to the date the vacancy occurs in relation to the deadline for filing ballot petitions for ranked choice elections in that calendar year; and (c) certain preliminary election winners to qualify to be placed on the general election ballot, as provided in clause 3 of subparagraph a of paragraph 2 of subdivision e of section 1057-g, which rules shall adapt the procedural provisions set forth in Article 6 of the election law for independent nominating petitions. Except in the case of vacancy-filling among preliminary election winners, no candidate other than a preliminary election winner may be placed on the ranked choice general election ballot.

d. Notwithstanding any provision of section 10, 24, 25, 81, or 94 of this charter to the contrary, for a merged vacancy election and ranked choice preliminary election for the same ranked choice office, held pursuant to clause 4 of subparagraph a of paragraph 2 of subdivision e of section 1057-g, candidates may submit either ballot petitions for the ranked choice preliminary election or independent nominating petitions for the vacancy election, or both, to be placed on the same ballot for such ranked choice office.

e. The board of elections shall not accept any ballot petitions (including designating or independent nominating petitions) for a ranked choice preliminary election or general election, except as provided in this section. The board of elections shall prepare a sample form of a ballot petition for a ranked choice preliminary election which meets the requirements of this section and shall distribute or cause such forms to be distributed. Such forms shall be made available to the public upon request. Any petition that is a copy of such a sample shall be deemed to meet the requirements of form imposed by this section.

§ 3. The title of section 1057-g of the New York city charter is amended to read as follows:

Section 1057-g. Ranked choice voting; manner of voting in all elections for the offices of mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and council member [for certain primary elections and elections for which nominations were made by independent nominating petitions].

§ 4. Section 1057-g is amended by adding a new undesignated opening subdivision to read as follows:

Pursuant to the constitution of the state of New York, every citizen of this state is entitled to vote at every election for all officers elected by the people. It shall be the policy of the city of New York to conduct ranked choice elections in which all qualified voters in the city of New York shall be eligible to vote, without regard to any voter's party enrollment or non-enrollment. Pursuant to this policy, and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, non-partisan primary election as the term "primary election" is defined in subdivision a of section 1-114 of the election law shall be held for any ranked

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§ 5. The opening sentence of subdivision a of section 1057-g is amended to read as follows:

a. For the purposes of this [section] chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

§ 6. Subdivision a of section 1057-g is amended by amending the definitions of "batch elimination" and "ranked choice election" to read as follows:
Batch elimination. The term "batch elimination" means simultaneous elimination of multiple candidates whose [election] selection as an elected candidate or preliminary election winner is mathematically impossible.

Ranked choice election. The term "ranked choice election" means any [primary] special, general, or vacancy election for a ranked choice office [, and any election for a ranked choice office in which all candidates are nominated by independent nominating petition].

§ 7. Subdivision a of section 1057-g is amended by adding the following definitions to read as follows:

Elected candidate. The term "elected candidate" means the candidate elected to a ranked choice office at a general or vacancy election.

Party. The term "party" means a party as defined in subdivision three of section 1-104 of the election law.

Preliminary election winner. The term "preliminary election winner" means each of the three candidates for each ranked choice office selected at a ranked choice preliminary election for placement on the next following general election ballot. No candidate other than a preliminary election winner [or a candidate named to fill a vacancy among the preliminary election winners pursuant to vacancy-filling rules promulgated under subdivision c of section 1057-b] shall be placed on a ranked choice general election ballot.

Ranked choice preliminary election. The term "ranked choice preliminary election" or "preliminary election" means a non-partisan special election to select three candidates for placement on the next following general election ballot for each ranked choice office. The preliminary election shall be open to all candidates for election to a ranked choice office, regardless of their party enrollment or non-enrollment.

Vacancy election. The term "vacancy election" shall mean a special or general election to fill a vacancy in a ranked choice office held pursuant to section 4, 24, 25, 81, or 94 of the charter.

§ 8. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of subdivision c of section 1057-g are REPEALED and paragraph 1 reenacted to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in rules adopted pursuant to subdivision c of section 1057-b of the charter, Article 6 shall not apply to ranked choice elections.

§ 9. Paragraph 3 of subdivision c of section 1057-g is amended by adding a new subparagraph c to read as follows:

(c) Sections 7-114 and 7-116 shall not apply to ranked choice elections; otherwise Article 7 shall otherwise apply to ranked choice elections, except to the extent that any provision of that article prevents the application of this section, including any requirement that a ranked choice election ballot identify or be organized by party nomination or affiliation in a manner contrary to the requirements of subdivision m of this section.

§ 10. Paragraphs 4, 14 and 15 of subdivision c of section 1057-g are amended to read as follows:

4. [Paragraph] Paragraphs a and b of subdivision 1 of section 8-100 shall not apply to ranked choice [elections] offices.

14. [Section] Sections 9-200 and 9-202 shall not apply to ranked choice elections [, except that the tabulated statements referred to in subdivision 1 of section 9-200 shall be deemed to mean, for ranked choice elections, the number of votes cast for all candidates for a ranked choice office as tabulated pursuant to this section of the charter, and the results for each round of such tabulation for such office; and except that the nominee of his or her party for a ranked choice office shall be determined in accordance with this section of the charter.

15. Section 9-202 shall apply to ranked choice elections, except that the tabulated statements referred to in section 9-202 shall be deemed to mean, for ranked choice offices, the number of votes cast for all candidates for a ranked choice office as tabulated pursuant to this section of the charter, the number of votes cast for each such candidate for that ranked choice office for each round of tabulation, as tabulated pursuant to subdivision e of this section of the charter, and except that the nominee of his or her party for a ranked choice office shall be determined in accordance with this section of the

14. [Section] Sections 9-200 and 9-202 shall not apply to ranked choice elections [except that the tabulated statements referred to in subdivision 1 of section 9-200 shall be deemed to mean, for ranked choice elections, the number of votes cast for all candidates for a ranked choice office as tabulated pursuant to this section of the charter, and the results for each round of such tabulation for such office; and except that the nominee of his or her party for a ranked choice office shall be determined in accordance with this section of the charter].

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§ 11. Paragraphs 1, 2, and 5 of subdivision d of section 1057-g are amended to read as follows:

1. All candidates in a ranked choice election shall be listed on the ballot. The ballot shall permit a voter to rank five candidates in a ranked choice preliminary or vacancy election, and three candidates in a general election, inclusive of any write-in candidate permitted by law, in order of preference for a ranked choice office, unless there are fewer than [five] the maximum number of rankable candidates on the ballot for such office, as set forth in this paragraph, in which case the ballot shall permit a voter to rank the total number of such rankable candidates for such office inclusive of any write-in candidate permitted by law.

2. The sections of the ballot containing ranked choice elections shall be organized in the form of a grid, with dimensions and spacing sufficient to facilitate a ranked choice election pursuant to the requirements set forth in this subdivision. The title of the office shall be arranged horizontally in a row at the top of such grid, with columns underneath. The leftmost column shall contain the names of the candidates for such office and the slot or device for write-in candidates for such office, arranged vertically. For any vacancy election [for a ranked choice office in which all candidates are nominated by independent nominating petition], the names selected for the independent bodies making the nomination of the candidates shall be included on the ballot in accordance with the election law. The subsequent columns shall contain ovals or squares, with one oval or square per each column and row. Each column containing ovals or squares shall be labeled with a consecutive numeral, starting from "1" and going up to a maximum of "5", representing the ranking for that column. The word "choice" shall appear once above the set of ranking columns.

5. If a ranked choice election is on the ballot with one or more elections using other methods of voting, to the extent practicable, the ranked choice elections shall be grouped together and presented either on a separate ballot page from the non-ranked choice elections, or on one side of a combined ranked choice and non-ranked choice ballot page, except that the ballot for a primary election shall not be combined with the ballot for a ranked choice election.

§ 12. The opening undesignated paragraph, paragraph 1, and subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 2 of subdivision e of section 1057-g are amended to read as follows:

e. [For all ranked choice elections, the] The following tabulation procedures apply:

1. In a ranked choice election, other than a preliminary election, if [(i) a candidate receives a majority of highest rank votes, that candidate shall be declared [the nominee of his or her party for a primary election, or declared] the elected [winner] candidate [for an election for which nominations were made by independent nominating petitions].

(a) 1. In a ranked choice election, other than a preliminary election, if [(i) there are two continuing candidates, the candidate with the most votes shall be declared the [nominee of his or her party for a primary election, or] elected [winner] candidate [for an election for which nominations were made by independent nominating petitions].

2. In a ranked choice preliminary election, the three continuing candidates with the most votes shall each be declared a preliminary election winner.

3. The preliminary election winners for each ranked choice office as certified pursuant to this section shall advance to the general election, except if a preliminary election winner has received less than five percent of the total votes cast, such candidate shall not appear on the general election ballot unless such candidate has qualified to appear on the general election ballot pursuant to general election ballot petitioning rules promulgated under subdivision c of section 1057-b.

4. Notwithstanding any provision of this subdivision or section 4, 24, 25, 81, or 94 of the charter to the contrary, if a vacancy election for a ranked choice office is scheduled to be held on the date of a preliminary election, those two elections shall be merged into a single election to determine, pursuant to the tabulation procedures of this subdivision, both: (i) the elected candidate to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term, and (ii) the preliminary election winners who may be placed on the next following general election ballot for that ranked choice office.

5. At a ranked choice election, the rights to have watchers that are provided by section 8-500 of the election law to independent bodies shall be afforded to each ranked choice candidate whose name appears on the ballot.

(b) If there are more than two continuing candidates in a general election or vacancy election or more than four continuing candidates in a ranked choice preliminary election, the last place candidate shall be eliminated and a new round shall begin; provided, however, that batch elimination shall occur at the same time as such elimination of the last place candidate, unless such batch elimination for: (i) a vacancy election or general election would result in only one continuing candidate, or (ii) for a preliminary election would result in only three continuing candidates; in either which case no such batch elimination shall occur.

§ 13. Section 1057-g is amended by adding new subdivisions l, m, n, o, p, and q to read as follows:

l. Notwithstanding any provision of section 10, 24, 25, 81, or 94 of the charter to the contrary, (1) no primary election to nominate candidates to fill a vacancy in an office at a general election shall be held pursuant to any of these sections; and (2) each vacancy election held pursuant to any of those sections shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term and not merely on an interim basis.

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forth in this paragraph, in which case the ballot shall permit a voter to rank the total number or such remaining candidates for such office inclusive of any write-in candidate permitted by law.

2. The sections of the ballot containing ranked choice elections shall be organized in the form of a grid, with dimensions and spacing sufficient to facilitate a ranked choice election pursuant to the requirements set forth in this subdivision. The title of the office shall be arranged horizontally in a row at the top of such grid, with columns underneath. The leftmost column shall contain the names of the candidates for such office and the slot or device for write-in candidates for such office, arranged vertically. For any vacancy election [for a ranked choice office in which all candidates are nominated by independent nominating petition], the names selected for the independent bodies making the nomination of the candidates shall be included on the ballot in accordance with the election law. The subsequent columns shall contain ovals or squares, with one oval or square per each column and row. Each column containing ovals or squares shall be labeled with a consecutive numeral, starting from "1" and going up to a maximum of "5", representing the ranking for that column. The word "choice" shall appear once above the set of ranking columns.

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(a) 1. In a ranked choice election, other than a preliminary election, if [if] there are two continuing candidates, the candidate with the most votes shall be declared the [nominee of his or her party for a primary election, or] elected [winner] candidate [for an election for which nominations were made by independent nominating petitions].

2. In a ranked choice preliminary election, the three continuing candidates with the most votes shall each be declared a preliminary election winner.

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m. 1. In a ranked choice preliminary election, the ballot shall in a space adjacent to each candidate's name include the phrase "Enrolled Party," immediately followed by either: (i) the name of the party in which the candidate is enrolled, if any, as of the last day for submitting ballot petitions, or (ii) the word "None" for each candidate not enrolled in a party as of such day.

2. In a ranked choice general election, the ballot shall:

(i) in a space directly below each candidate's name include the phrase "Enrolled Party," immediately followed by either: (A) the name of the party identified as the enrolled party for that candidate on the preceding preliminary election ballot, or (B) the word "None" for each candidate not identified as enrolled in a party on the preceding preliminary election ballot; and

(ii) in the space directly below the phrase "Enrolled Party," for each candidate additionally include the phrase "Fusion Parties," immediately followed by either: (A) the name of each party which has fusion-designated the candidate, as provided in rules adopted pursuant to paragraph three of subdivision n of this section, if any, other than the name of the party identified as the "Enrolled Party," or (B) the word "None" for each candidate not fusion-designated by any party.

3. Except as provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subdivision, there shall be no partisan, party or independent body identification symbol or emblem of any kind on the ballot for a ranked choice election.

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1. ordering candidate names on the ballot for a ranked choice election, provided no candidate's name may appear more than once on a

ranked choice preliminary election, the last place candidate shall be eliminated and a new round shall begin; provided, however, that batch elimination shall occur at the same time as such elimination of the last place candidate, unless such batch elimination for (i) a vacancy election or general election would result in only one continuing candidate, or (ii) for a preliminary election would result in only three continuing candidates; in either which case no such batch elimination shall occur.

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n. The board of elections in the city of New York shall have the power and duty to promulgate rules to specify standards for:

1. ordering candidate names on the ballot for a ranked choice election, provided no candidate's name may appear more than once on a ranked choice election ballot;

2. separating the ranked choice election offices from the ballot or ballot sections, listing candidates for other offices or party positions in elections to be voted on the same day as the ranked choice election;

3. permitting a party committee, as chosen by the rules of the party, to make a fusion-designation of one preliminary election winner on the ballot (who shall not be a candidate identified as enrolled in that party on the preceding preliminary election ballot) for each office in the next following general election; and

4. abbreviating the names of the parties, and ordering the names of the fusion parties, that are identified on the ballot pursuant to this section, notwithstanding any provisions of section 7-104 of the election law to the contrary.

o. The board of elections shall conduct the canvass of votes after each ranked choice election pursuant to the provisions of the election law, except as otherwise provided in this section. The board of elections shall certify the names of the preliminary election winners to be placed on the general election ballot and elected candidates for each ranked choice office. In addition to any filings required by article nine of the election law, one copy of the certificate shall be filed with the city clerk.

p. The provisions of this chapter and any local law regarding the voluntary system of campaign finance reform shall apply to all ranked choice elections, notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions except that any reference therein to a "primary election" shall be deemed to refer to a ranked choice preliminary election and that any reference therein to a "special election" or "special election to fill a vacancy" shall be deemed to refer to a vacancy election.

q. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit a party's choice of process for determining the party's candidates for ranked choice office, provided that the city of New York shall not appropriate funds or otherwise use governmental resources for the conduct of any such process.

§ 14. A new section 1057-h is added to the New York city charter to read as follows:

Section 1057-h. Voting rights act, preclearance and judicial review. a. Section 1057-g establishes a method of election within the meaning of subdivision 2 of section 17-210 of the election law. On behalf of the city, on or prior to the one hundred eightieth day following enactment, the corporation counsel shall submit sections 1057-b and 1057-g, and subdivision 10-a of section 1052, for preclearance by a designated court pursuant to the process specified in subdivision 5 of section 17-210 of the election law.

b. Article 16 of the election law shall apply to ranked choice elections, except that the supreme court shall not be vested with jurisdiction to determine any challenge to the constitutionality of any provision of sections 1052, 1057-b, 1057-g, 1057-h, or of subdivision a of section 1152 of the charter, or any related statutory claims. In any proceeding brought pursuant to that article, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a judicial proceeding to determine any such constitutional challenge or statutory claim shall have first preference over all other proceedings.

§ 15. Section 1052 of the New York City Charter is amended by adding subdivision 10-a to read as follows: "

10-a. Financial plan: reduced payments to candidates. (a) The board of elections in the city of New York shall each year prepare and submit to the campaign finance board in a timely manner a detailed estimate of the incremental additional expense, if any, of administering ranked choice elections in which all qualified voters in the city of New York shall be eligible to vote, without regard to any voter's party enrollment or non-enrollment, pursuant to section 1057-g. Such estimate shall:

1. exclude the baseline expense, as adjusted for inflation, of administering primary, special, and general elections for ranked choice offices held prior to the effective date of this subdivision;

2. exclude the incremental additional expenses, if any, estimated for the remainder of the current fiscal year and each of the next three

specified in subdivision 5 of section 17-210 of the election law.

b. Article 16 of the election law shall apply to ranked choice elections, except that the supreme court shall not be vested with jurisdiction to determine any challenge to the constitutionality of any provision of sections 1052, 1057-b, 1057-h, or of subdivision a of section 1152 of the charter, or any related statutory claims, in any proceeding brought pursuant to that article. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a judicial proceeding to determine any such constitutional challenge or statutory claim shall have first preference over all other proceedings.

§ 15. Section 1052 of the New York City Charter is amended by adding subdivision 10-a to read as follows:

10-a. Financial plan. reduced payments to candidates. (a) The board of elections in the city of New York shall each year prepare and submit to the campaign finance board in a timely manner a detailed estimate of the incremental additional expense, if any, of administering ranked choice elections in which all qualified voters in the city of New York shall be eligible to vote, without regard to any voter's party enrollment or non-enrollment, pursuant to section 1057-g. Such estimate shall:

1. exclude the baseline expense, as adjusted for inflation, of administering primary, special, and general elections for ranked choice offices held prior to the effective date of this subdivision;

2. specify in detail the incremental additional expenses, if any, estimated for the remainder of the current fiscal year and each of the next three fiscal years; and

3. include detailed adjustments to account for the difference between actual total incremental expenses incurred in the current and preceding fiscal years and the total amount of money the board of elections previously received pursuant to this subdivision for such fiscal years.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the campaign finance board shall:

1. calculate a fractional reduction in the amount otherwise payable under local law to candidates for ranked choice offices participating in such voluntary system of campaign finance reform in elections held in the current and next following fiscal years sufficient to finance such board of elections estimate for such two fiscal years, and provide notice of such fractional reduction in effect for each such fiscal year to all candidates for ranked choice offices;

2. permanently reduce payments, and the total amount payable, from such special fund or funds to participating candidates in such fiscal years by the amount of that fractional reduction;

3. not make any additional funding submission to the commissioner of finance, and the commissioner of finance shall not transfer any such additional funding, pursuant to subdivision 10 of this section, on account of any such required fractional reduction in the amount otherwise payable under local law to candidates;

4. not include in any estimate of financial needs it submits to the mayor pursuant to subdivision c of this section or otherwise any request for appropriations to offset any such required fractional reduction in the amount otherwise payable under local law to candidates; and

5. direct a transfer to the board of elections in a timely manner of an amount of money from such special fund or funds sufficient to finance such board of elections estimate for the current and next following fiscal years.

§ 16. Section 1152 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subdivision q to read as follows:

a. 1. The amendments to the charter amending sections 1052, 1057-b, and 1057-g, and adding section 1057-h, as approved by the electors, shall take effect on December 1, 2028, and shall apply to elections for the offices specified in section 1057-g held on and after such date. Such amendments thereafter shall control as provided with respect to all the powers, functions and duties of officers, agencies and employees. Officers, agencies, and employees of the city, including the board of elections in the city of New York and the campaign finance board, shall take any actions as are necessary and appropriate to prepare for the implementation of such amendments prior to the effective date prescribed in this subdivision. The board of elections in the city of New York shall promulgate all final rules authorized by such amendments on or before November 1, 2028 so that such rules are in effect on or before December 1, 2028, and shall be authorized to amend such final rules thereafter.

2. If any clause, sentence, subparagraph, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of section 1052, 1057-b, 1057-g, or 1057-h, or of paragraph 1 of this subdivision, or any rule promulgated thereunder, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or otherwise cannot be implemented pursuant to law, including but not limited to Election Law § 17-210, such judgment or inability to implement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, subparagraph, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered or in the matter with respect to which implementation may not occur.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, the day and year placed opposite my signature:

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	6/13/26	Haktheno Necemer	309 Park St	Long
2	DATE	SIGNATURE (Signature required. Printed name may be added)	RESIDENCE	COUNTY
	6/13/26	Salun Thaci	445 Lynn St	Queens
		Name of Signer:		

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	6/13/26	Matthews Meccimen	304 Park Pl	Kings
		Name of Signer:		
2	DATE	SIGNATURE (Signature required. Printed name may be added)	RESIDENCE	COUNTY
	6/13/26	Calvin Thaci	1445 Lynn St	Richmond
		Name of Signer:		
3	DATE	SIGNATURE (Signature required. Printed name may be added)	RESIDENCE	COUNTY
	6/1/13	Helen Melamed	1749 61st	Kings
		Name of Signer:		
4	DATE	SIGNATURE (Signature required. Printed name may be added)	RESIDENCE	COUNTY
	6/1/13	Adrian Zhar	200 Baltic St	Kings
		Name of Signer:		
5	DATE	SIGNATURE (Signature required. Printed name may be added)	RESIDENCE	COUNTY
	6/1/13	Angela Lee	200 8th St	Queens
		Name of Signer:		
6	DATE	SIGNATURE (Signature required. Printed name may be added)	RESIDENCE	COUNTY
	6/1/13	Charles Lee	784 Croes	B. X,
		Name of Signer:		
7	DATE	SIGNATURE (Signature required. Printed name may be added)	RESIDENCE	COUNTY
		Name of Signer:		
8	DATE	SIGNATURE (Signature required. Printed name may be added)	RESIDENCE	COUNTY

6/13		Name of Signer: <u>Charles</u>		784 Croes		B. X.	
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10	DATE	SIGNATURE (Signature required. Printed name may be added)		RESIDENCE		COUNTY	
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Complete ONE of the following:

1. Statement of Witness: I Asley Walker state: I am a duly registered voter of the City of New York. (name of witness) I now reside at (residence address) 92 Pitkin St Bk 11207

Each of the individuals whose names are subscribed to this petition sheet containing (fill in number) 6 signatures, subscribed the same in my presence on the dates above indicated and identified himself or herself to be the individual who signed this sheet. I understand that this statement will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit and, if it contains a material false statement, shall subject me to the same penalties as if I had been duly sworn. 6/13/26

Witness Identification Information: The following information for the witness named above must be completed prior to filing with the Office of the City Clerk in order for this petition to be valid.

Date 6/13/26 Signature of Witness AW
 Town or City Where Witness Resides New York City County Where Witness Resides Kings

2. Notary Public or Commissioner of Deeds: On the dates above indicated before me personally came each of the voters whose signatures appear on this petition sheet containing (fill in number) _____ signatures, who signed same in my presence and who, being by me duly sworn, each for himself or herself, said that the foregoing statement made and subscribed by him or her was true.

Date _____

Signature and Official Title of Officer Administering Oath _____

	Name of Signer:		
8	DATE	SIGNATURE (Signature required. Printed name may be added)	RESIDENCE
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