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**County of       New York  
City of         New York**

**Local Law No.   211   of the year 2018**

**Amendments to the New York City Charter adopted by the voters at the general election held on November 6, 2018.**

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s:**

**I hereby certify that the foregoing revisions to the New York City Charter, designated as Local Law No. 211 for the year 2018 of the City of New York, having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the general election held on the 6th of November 2018, became operative.**



**MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk  
Clerk of the Council.**

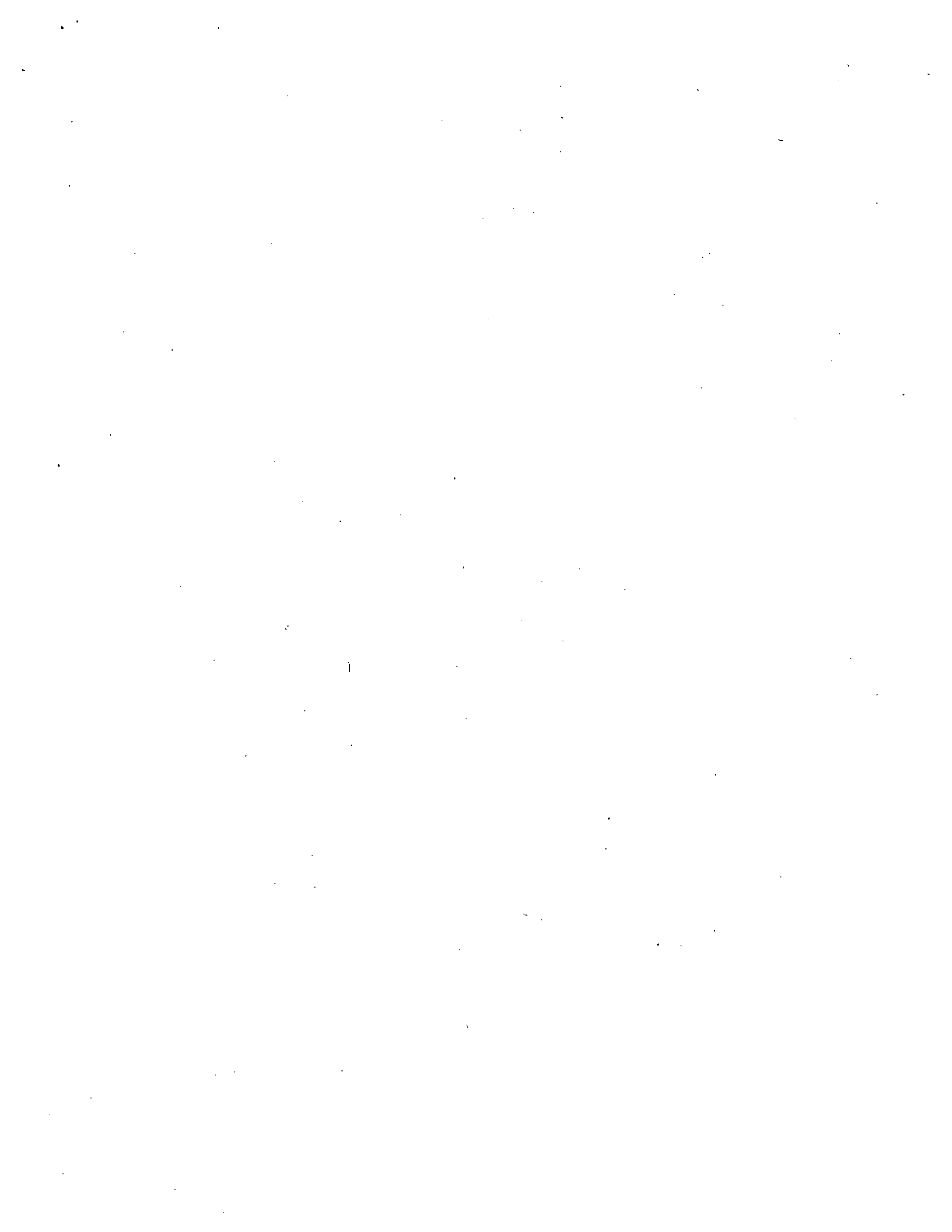
## SECTION 4

### Proposed Amendments to the City Charter

1. The underscored matter contained in these proposed charter revisions shall be read as matter being added to the charter by amendment.
2. The bracketed matter contained in these proposed charter revisions shall be read as matter being deleted from the charter by amendment.
3. The matter which is neither enclosed in brackets nor underscored consists of existing provisions of the charter which are to continue unamended. They are included for purposes of information and completeness.



## QUESTION 1



Section 1. Subdivision a of section 1052 of the New York city charter is amended by adding seven new paragraphs 16 through 22 to read as follows:

16. Statement of purpose. Because the city's campaign finance program performs a critical role in preventing corruption and the appearance of corruption, it is essential to the functioning of the city's democracy as codified in this charter. Therefore, it is appropriate for key components of the program to be established in the charter, which codifies the core elements of the city's governmental structure, while other details of the program remain in the administrative code. Paragraphs 17 through 22 of this subdivision fulfill this purpose

17. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the maximum contributions set forth in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph shall replace the maximum contributions set forth in subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 of section 3-703 of the administrative code and shall be applied to the same extent and in the same manner and subject to the same restrictions as described in this section and chapter 7 of title 3 of the administrative code.

(b) A. For participating candidates, the maximum contributions shall be as follows:

- i. For the office of mayor, public advocate or comptroller, \$2,000;
- ii. For borough president, \$1,500; and
- iii. For member of the city council, \$1,000.

B. For non-participating candidates, the maximum contributions shall be as

follows:

i. For the office of mayor, public advocate or comptroller, \$3,500;

ii. For borough president, \$2,500; and

iii. For member of the city council, \$1,500.

(c) The maximum contributions described in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph shall be adjusted by the campaign finance board on March 1, 2022 and every four years thereafter, in accordance with the process described in subdivision 7 of section 3-703 of the administrative code, except that any reference to calendar year 2015 in subdivision 7 of section 3-703 of such code shall be read as a reference to calendar year 2019.

(d) Any reference in this charter, the administrative code or any other local law to the contribution limits set forth in subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 of section 3-703 of the administrative code shall be deemed a reference to subparagraph (b) of this paragraph.

18. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the threshold for eligibility for public funding for participating candidates in a primary or general election, or special election to fill a vacancy, shall be in the case of: (i) mayor, not less than \$250,000 in matchable contributions comprised of sums up to \$250 per contributor including at least 1,000 matchable contributions of \$10 or more; and (ii) public advocate and comptroller, not less than \$125,000 in matchable contributions comprised of sums of up to \$250 per contributor including at least 500 matchable

contributions of \$10 or more. The thresholds for eligibility for public funding for participating candidates for the offices of mayor, public advocate or comptroller described in this paragraph shall replace the thresholds for eligibility for public funding for participating candidates for the offices of mayor, public advocate or comptroller set forth in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 3-703 of the administrative code and shall be applied to the same extent and in the same manner and subject to the same restrictions as described in this section and chapter 7 of title 3 of the administrative code. Any reference in this charter, the administrative code or any other local law to the thresholds for eligibility for public funding for participating candidates for the offices of mayor, public advocate or comptroller set forth in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 3-703 of the administrative code shall be deemed a reference to this subdivision.

19. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the threshold for eligibility is met, the participating candidate's principal committee shall receive payment for qualified campaign expenditures of: (i) \$8 for each \$1 of matchable contributions, up to \$2,000 in public funds per contributor, obtained and reported to the campaign finance board in accordance with the provisions of this section and chapter 7 of title 3 of the administrative code, with respect to any participating candidate for nomination for election or election to the office of mayor, public advocate or comptroller; and (ii) \$8 for each \$1 of matchable contributions, up to \$1,400 in public funds per contributor, obtained and reported to the campaign finance board



in accordance with the provisions of this section and chapter 7 of title 3 of the administrative code, with respect to any participating candidate for nomination for election or election to the office of borough president or member of the city council. The formula for determining public matching funds for matchable contributions described in this paragraph shall replace the formula for determining public matching funds for matchable contributions set forth in paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 3-705 of the administrative code and shall be applied to the same extent and in the same manner and subject to the same restrictions as described in this section and chapter 7 of title 3 of the administrative code. Any reference in this charter, the administrative code or any other local law to the formula for determining public matching funds for matchable contributions set forth in paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 3-705 of the administrative code shall be deemed a reference to this paragraph.

20. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in no case shall the principal committee of a participating candidate receive public funds pursuant to paragraph 19 of this subdivision in excess of an amount equal to 75 percent of the expenditure limitation provided in subdivision 1 of section 3-706 of the administrative code for the office for which such candidate seeks nomination for election or election, as adjusted by the campaign finance board pursuant to paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 3-706 of the administrative code. The percentage of the expenditure limitation at which public funds are capped pursuant to this subparagraph shall be applied to the same extent and in the same manner

and subject to the same restrictions as described in this section and chapter 7 of title 3 of the administrative code. Any reference in this charter, the administrative code or any other local law to the percentage of the expenditure limitation at which public funds are capped set forth in the first sentence of paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 3-705 of the administrative code shall be deemed a reference to this subparagraph.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to be eligible for the disbursement of optional public financing occurring prior to two weeks after the last day to file designating petitions for a primary election, in addition to satisfying the requirements of section 3-703 of the administrative code and all other applicable requirements of this section and chapter 7 of title 3 of the administrative code, the participating candidate shall demonstrate that at least one of the conditions set forth in paragraph (b) or (c) of subdivision 7 of section 3-705 of the administrative code is satisfied, as determined by the campaign finance board. The participating candidate seeking such monies shall submit a certified signed statement attesting to the need for such public funds and identifying the condition or conditions set forth in paragraph (b) or (c) of subdivision 7 of section 3-705 of the administrative code that apply and supporting such statement with relevant documentation. The board shall be authorized to verify the truthfulness of any certified statement submitted pursuant to this subparagraph and of any supporting documentation and shall post such certified statements and supporting documentation on its website.

(c) This paragraph shall supersede paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 3-705 of the administrative code in its entirety and paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 3-705 of the administrative code shall hereinafter have no force and effect.

21. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no monies shall be paid to participating candidates in a primary or general election any earlier than February 15 in the year such election is scheduled to be held. Any reference in this charter, the administrative code or any other local law to the earliest date by which monies shall be paid to participating candidates in a primary or general election set forth in subdivision 5 of section 3-709 of the administrative code shall be deemed a reference to this paragraph. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the disbursement of optional public financing occurring prior to two weeks after the last day to file designating petitions for a primary election the campaign finance board shall schedule a minimum of three payments on February 15, April 15 and June 15 in the year such election is scheduled to be held, or as soon after each such date as is practicable.

22. The provisions of paragraphs 16 through 21 of this subdivision shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of subdivision 1 of section 1152.

§ 2. Section 1152 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subdivision 1, paragraph (1) to read as follows:

1. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the amendments to the charter adding paragraphs 16 through 22 of subdivision a of section 1052.

approved by the electors on November 6, 2018, shall take effect on January 12, 2019, and thereafter shall control as provided with respect to all the powers, functions and duties of officers, agencies and employees, except as further specifically provided in other sections of this charter.

(b) Officers and employees of the city shall take any actions as are necessary and appropriate to prepare for the implementation of such amendments prior to January 12, 2019.

(c) With respect to candidates seeking office in any covered election held prior to the primary election held in the year 2021, such amendments shall not apply and the law as in effect prior to January 12, 2019 shall govern.

(d) (i) Candidates seeking office in covered primary, run-off primary, and general elections held in the year 2021 who intend to participate in the voluntary system of campaign finance reform described in this section and chapter 7 of title 3 of the administrative code shall file with the campaign finance board a non-binding written statement declaring whether they intend to select the terms, conditions, and requirements for contribution limits and for the provision of public matching funds, including those pertaining to the matching formula, qualifying threshold, public funds cap, and distribution schedule, under Option A or Option B provided in clause (iii) of this subparagraph. Such statement shall be made on the date of the filing of the first disclosure report required pursuant to section 3-703 of the administrative code, provided that candidates who intend to participate in such system who filed such first disclosure report prior to January 12, 2019 shall file

such non-binding written statement with the campaign finance board no later than July 15, 2019, and provided further that such non-binding written statement shall not be required if a candidate has already complied with clause (ii) of this subparagraph as of the date of the filing of the first disclosure report. Failure to file the statement required pursuant to this clause (i) shall not be deemed to preclude a candidate from choosing to participate in the voluntary system of campaign finance reform described in this section and chapter 7 of title 3 of the administrative code pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 3-703.

(ii) Participating candidates seeking office in covered primary, run-off primary, and general elections held in the year 2021, shall state in the written certification filed pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 3-703 of the administrative code, whether they agree to the terms, conditions, and requirements for contribution limits and for the provision of public matching funds, including those pertaining to the matching formula, qualifying threshold, public funds cap, and distribution schedule, under Option A or Option B provided in clause (iii) of this subparagraph, provided that participating candidates who filed such certification prior to January 12, 2019 shall file an amended certification with such information with the campaign finance board no later than January 15, 2021.

(iii) Option A. The contribution limitations and public matching funds provisions, including those pertaining to the matching formula, qualifying threshold, public funds cap, and distribution schedule, as in effect on and after January 12, 2019.

Option B. The contribution limitations and public matching funds provisions, including those pertaining to the matching formula, qualifying threshold, public funds cap, and distribution schedule, as in effect prior to January 12, 2019.

(e) For participating candidates and their principal committees seeking office in covered primary, run-off primary, and general elections held in 2021, the campaign finance board shall administer and enforce the contribution limitations and public matching funds provisions, including those pertaining to the matching formula, qualifying threshold, public funds cap, and distribution schedule in accordance with whether the participating candidate has chosen Option A or Option B pursuant to subparagraph (d) of this paragraph.

(f) For nonparticipating candidates and their authorized committees seeking office in the general election held in 2021 or any covered election held prior thereto, the contribution limitations as in effect prior to January 12, 2019 shall remain applicable.

(g) With respect to candidates seeking office in any covered election held after the general election in 2021, the contribution limitations and public matching funds provisions, including those pertaining to the matching formula, qualifying threshold, public funds cap, and distribution schedule, shall apply as in effect on and after January 12, 2019.

(h) The campaign finance board shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this paragraph, which shall include provisions addressing contributions made prior to January 12, 2019, provided that: (i)

candidates who received eligible contributions prior to January 12, 2019 shall not be required to refund such eligible contributions or any portion thereof solely by reason of electing Option A as set forth in subparagraph (d) of this paragraph; and (ii) eligible contributions received prior to January 12, 2019 shall be subject to the matching formula in effect prior to such date, regardless of whether the participating candidate chooses Option A or Option B.

(i) If any provision of paragraph 17 or 19 of subdivision a of section 1052 shall be finally adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or otherwise cannot be implemented, all provisions of paragraphs 16 through 22 of subdivision a of section 1052, except for subparagraph (a) of paragraph 20 of subdivision a of section 1052, together with provisions of this section authorizing or mandating the application of such provisions to candidates in any election, shall be without any further force and effect and, at such time, section 1052 and chapter 7 of title 3 of the administrative code, as such provisions existed immediately prior to January 12, 2019 shall be reinstated, except to the extent such provisions are modified, altered or superseded by subparagraph (a) of paragraph 20 of subdivision a of section 1052, and in that event such subparagraph shall apply to all participating candidates.

## QUESTION 2





Section 1. Chapter 10 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 225-a to read as follows:

§ 225-a. Citywide participatory budgeting. The mayor shall, consistent with this charter and other applicable law, establish a program to be implemented no later than the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020, to promote the participation of residents in identifying and expressing preferences among recommendations for local projects in their communities, and shall consider such projects for inclusion in the executive budget. The council, borough presidents, community boards, and city agencies shall, to the extent practicable, coordinate with the mayor and the civic engagement commission in implementing such program established pursuant to this section and section 3202.

§ 2. The New York city charter is amended by adding a new chapter 76 to read as follows:

Chapter 76. Civic Engagement Commission

§ 3200. Civic engagement commission. There shall be a civic engagement commission, the purpose of which is to enhance civic participation in order to enhance civic trust and strengthen democracy in New York city, including through the commission's own initiatives and partnership with public and private entities related to civic service, volunteerism, stewardship of public spaces, civic education, participatory budgeting, participation in community boards, civic organizations and community groups, and other related activities, and to support and encourage New Yorkers to meaningfully participate in civic life.

§ 3201. Membership of the commission. a. The commission shall consist of 15 members. The mayor shall appoint eight members, one of whom shall be designated by the mayor as its chair and shall serve as such at the pleasure of the mayor, and provided further that at least one of the mayor's appointees shall be enrolled in the political party that, based on the most recent data available as of 30 days before the initial date of the term for which the member is serving, had the highest total number of registered voters in the city, and at least one shall be enrolled in the political party that, based on the most recent data available as of 30 days before the initial date of the term for which the member is serving, had the next highest total number of registered voters in the city. The speaker of the city council shall appoint two members. Each borough president shall appoint one member. In appointing members to the commission, the mayor, speaker and borough presidents shall consider individuals who are representative of, or who have experience working with, immigrants, limited English proficient individuals, people with disabilities, students, youth, seniors, veterans, community groups, advocacy groups that seek to promote transparency and accountability in government or protect civil rights, and groups or categories of residents that have been historically underrepresented in or underserved by city government and its processes.

b. The first members, other than the chair, shall be appointed to serve as follows:

1. Three members appointed by the mayor for a term of two years:

2. Four members appointed by the mayor for a term of four years. Such members shall include at least one member who is enrolled in the political party that, based on the most recent data available thirty days before the initial date of the term for which the member is serving, had the highest total number of registered voters in the city, and at least one member who is enrolled in the political party that, based on the most recent data available thirty days before the initial date of the term for which the member is serving, had the next highest total number of registered voters in the city;

3. One member appointed by the speaker for a term of two years;

4. One member appointed by the speaker for a term of four years;

5. One member appointed by each of the borough presidents for a term of three years.

The first term shall commence on April 1, 2019. Thereafter, each member other than the chair shall be appointed by the mayor, the speaker, or a borough president, according to the original manner of appointment, for a term of four years. Upon expiration of the term of a member, if the appointing official shall fail to appoint a member within 120 days of the expiration of such term, the member whose term has expired shall be deemed appointed for an additional term of four years. In case of a vacancy, a member shall be appointed to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term according to the original manner of appointment of the member whose seat has become vacant. Each member shall be a resident of the city. No member shall serve as an officer of a political party, or be a candidate for

nomination for election or election to the office of mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president or member of the city council. Except with respect to the position of chair, no person shall be ineligible for membership on the commission because such person holds any other public office, employment or trust, nor shall any person be made ineligible to hold or forfeit such person's right to hold any public office, employment or trust by reason of such appointment.

c. The chair shall also serve as executive director. The chair and executive director shall have charge of the organization of the commission's office and have authority to employ, assign and superintend the duties of such officers and employees as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The chair and executive director shall devote his or her full time to the position and shall be entitled to compensation for the position.

d. The other members of the commission shall not be entitled to compensation for their service to the commission but shall be compensated for expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties, and provided further that a city employee may continue to receive regular compensation for city employment.

e. A majority of the whole number of members of the commission then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. The commission shall have power to act by a majority of its members.

§ 3202. Jurisdiction, powers and duties of the commission. a. The commission shall, subject to appropriation, have the power and duty to:

1. Citywide participatory budgeting. Implement any program established by the mayor acting in accordance with section 225-a to promote the participation of residents in identifying and expressing preferences among recommendations for local projects to be considered for inclusion in the executive budget. In developing a plan for implementation of such program, the commission shall:

(a) Provide opportunities for public participation throughout the city;

(b) Coordinate with borough presidents, community boards and other city agencies and elected officials to the extent practicable, in the development and implementation of such program;

(c) Establish a participatory budgeting advisory committee, which shall provide recommendations to the commission regarding the development and implementation of such program, which may include recommendations regarding best practices for outreach and education, use of technological tools to promote participation by a wide range of residents, reporting of demographic information, and methods to promote efficiency and equity in the administration of such program. In selecting the members of such committee, the commission shall consider whether individuals have knowledge and experience in the planning and management of city projects or in participatory budgeting; or are representative of or have experience working with immigrant communities, limited English proficient individuals, people with disabilities, youth, students, seniors, veterans, community groups, or groups or categories of residents that have been historically underrepresented in or underserved by city government and its processes. Any

action or recommendation of the participatory budgeting advisory committee shall be solely advisory in nature and shall have no binding effect on the commission or any other city agency.

(d) Establish multiple methods of public participation, which shall include but need not be limited to public meetings, online tools and other forms of community involvement:

(e) Establish that any resident of New York city at least 16 years of age shall be eligible for participation in such program regardless of immigration status, provided that the commission may promulgate rules establishing a minimum age requirement lower than 16 years and any restrictions the commission deems appropriate for the protection of minors:

(f) In consultation with the mayor's office of immigrant affairs, the mayor's office for people with disabilities, the department of youth and community development, the department for the aging, and the department of veteran services, identify and implement measures, including but not limited to staff training, community outreach, and language assistance tools, to promote participation in the program by a wide range of residents, including non-citizens, members of immigrant communities, residents under the age of 18 that are eligible to participate in the program pursuant to this section and the rules of the commission, students, seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, and limited English proficient individuals.

2. Community partnerships. Develop new initiatives to support and partner with community-based organizations, institutions and civic leaders in the public and private sectors in their civic engagement efforts, which may include, among other activities, leadership skills development, stewardship of public spaces, youth and student engagement, civic education, and outreach to seniors, veterans, immigrant communities, groups or categories of residents that have been historically underrepresented in or underserved by city government and its processes, and communities and neighborhoods throughout the city.

3. Language access. Develop a plan to consider the language access needs of limited English proficient individuals in the development and implementation of the commission's programs and services, consistent with the requirements of section 23-1102 of the administrative code. Except with respect to services provided pursuant to paragraph 4 of this subdivision, the commission shall be deemed a covered agency pursuant to section 23-1101 of the administrative code.

4. Poll site language assistance program. (a) Subject to appropriation and after consultation with the mayor's office of immigrant affairs and the department of city planning, establish a program for providing language interpreters at poll sites throughout New York city for the purpose of facilitating participation by limited English proficient individuals in voting in elections held in the city. To the extent practicable, the commission shall consult and coordinate with the board of elections of the city of New York in the development and implementation of the program established pursuant to this paragraph.



(b) The commission shall establish a language assistance advisory committee to provide recommendations for the development and implementation of the program established pursuant to this paragraph and assist the commission's efforts to promote public education and awareness regarding the program. To the extent practicable, there shall be at least one member of the committee with fluency in each of the designated citywide languages. In selecting the members of such committee, the commission shall also consider whether individuals have expertise in language accessibility or experience working with limited English proficient individuals within the city, and shall seek out individuals from diverse backgrounds. Any action or recommendation of the language assistance advisory committee shall be solely advisory in nature and shall have no binding effect on the commission or any other city agency.

(c) On or before January 1, 2020, the commission shall develop and make available on its website a proposed methodology, or proposed methodologies, to determine the poll sites and languages covered by such program, consistent with the following:

i. The commission shall determine which poll sites are likely to have a significant concentration of limited English proficient speakers of designated citywide languages, as such term is defined in section 23-1101 of the administrative code, based on neutral criteria, which shall include consideration of the following information, where available, provided that the commission shall not be required to

include any particular category of information in its methodology if, after consideration, it determines that such category should not be included:

A. Relevant data from the most recent American Community Survey from the United States census bureau;

B. The locations of poll sites and the boundaries of election districts;

C. Information related to voter turnout;

D. Such other information as deemed appropriate by the commission, which may include the results of a surname analysis of registered voters;

ii. Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, the commission shall not provide interpreter assistance in a language covered by the voting rights act in a jurisdiction where such language has been determined to be a covered language pursuant to such law;

iii. Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, the commission shall not provide interpreter assistance at a poll site where the board of elections of the city of New York has stated an intention to provide the same service in the same language;

iv. The commission may make a determination to provide interpreters in any language that is not deemed a designated citywide language, as such term is defined in section 23-1101 of the administrative code, where: (A) the number of limited English proficient speakers of such language within New York city is greater than the number of limited English proficient speakers of the lowest ranking designated citywide language, based on United States census data, as

determined by the department of city planning and the office of the language services coordinator, and (B) at least one poll site is likely to have a significant concentration of limited English proficient speakers of such language.

(d) On or before April 1, 2020, the commission shall publish a final methodology to determine the poll sites and languages covered by such program after accepting public comments for at least 30 days and conducting at least one public hearing on the methodology proposed pursuant to subparagraph (c) of this paragraph.

(e) Subject to appropriation, the commission shall implement such program no later than the general election held in 2020.

(f) On or before September 1, 2022 and at least every five years thereafter, the commission shall review the final methodology established pursuant to subparagraph (d) of this paragraph and the poll sites and languages covered by such program and, after consultation with the mayor's office of immigrant affairs and the department of city planning, shall update such methodology and such poll sites and languages as deemed appropriate by the commission in accordance with the criteria described in clauses i through iv of subparagraph (c) of this paragraph, after consideration of newly available United States census data or other relevant data, provided that the commission shall also consider the degree to which interpreter services provided pursuant to this paragraph were utilized at each covered poll site in previous elections. The commission shall publish any updates to

such methodology or to the poll sites and languages covered by such program on the commission's website.

(g) In consultation with the mayor's office of immigrant affairs, the commission shall promulgate rules establishing minimum standards and training requirements for individuals who provide interpreter assistance pursuant to this paragraph, which shall include at a minimum, a requirement that such individuals shall comply with all applicable laws, including prohibitions on electioneering, and shall comply with all lawful orders from staff of the board of elections of the city of New York.

(h) The commission shall develop a plan to notify the public of the languages and poll sites covered by the program established pursuant to this paragraph in advance of each election at which such services will be offered and shall utilize strategies to promote public education and awareness regarding the program.

(i) The commission shall develop a process to monitor and timely respond to public complaints regarding the program.

(j) Any interpreter services performed by the commission or agent thereof pursuant to this paragraph shall not be construed to supplant, replace, or satisfy any obligations or responsibilities of the board of elections of the city of New York.

(k) Nothing in this paragraph or the administration or application thereof shall be construed to create a private right of action on the part of any person or entity against the city or any agency, official, or employee thereof.

5. Partnerships with city agencies. Conduct programming in partnership with other city agencies to increase awareness of and access to city services and public engagement processes, create tools to assist city agencies in developing and promoting civic engagement initiatives, and develop strategies to centralize public information about opportunities for civic engagement in the city and to make such information accessible to all city residents, including strategies for outreach to groups or categories of residents that have been historically underrepresented in or underserved by city government and its processes;

b. Reporting. No later than September 30, 2021, and by September 30 of each year thereafter, the commission shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and shall make available on the commission's website a report that shall include the following information for the previous fiscal year, or as otherwise specified:

1. With respect to the citywide participatory budgeting program established pursuant to section 225-a and paragraph 1 of subdivision a of this section:

(a) The number of individuals who participated in the program, disaggregated by borough, and any voluntarily disclosed demographic information about participants, as deemed appropriate by the commission, reported in aggregate and anonymized form:

(b) The number of projects selected for recommendation, disaggregated by borough:

(c) A description of the public outreach tools employed to promote participation in the program;

(d) Any recommendations for changes to enhance participation or other aspects of the program;

(e) Such other information that the commission deems relevant.

2. The locations of poll sites at which interpreters were provided pursuant to paragraph 4 of subdivision a of this section, the languages provided, and the number of individuals who utilized such language interpretation services, disaggregated by poll site, as well as any recommended changes to better serve the needs of limited English proficient voters; and

3. Any other information the commission deems relevant.

c. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit the authority or powers of the voter assistance advisory committee, the campaign finance board or the board of elections of the city of New York or the enforcement of applicable laws or rules promulgated or enforced by such agencies.

d. Additional powers and duties. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the mayor shall be authorized to assign by executive order any powers and duties performed by the executive office of the mayor, any other office of the mayor or any department the head of which is appointed by the mayor to the civic engagement commission, where such powers and duties are directly related to the mission of the civic engagement commission as described in section 3200 or

otherwise in this chapter. The mayor may withdraw or modify any such order at any time.

§ 3204. Cooperation of mayoral agencies. Heads of mayoral agencies shall cooperate to the extent practicable with the civic engagement commission in the development and implementation of its initiatives to strengthen civic engagement in New York city and shall offer assistance as practicable to the commission in the carrying out of the functions stated in this chapter.

§ 3. Section 1152 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subdivision 1, paragraph (2) to read as follows:

1. (2) (a) The amendments to the charter adding section 225-a and chapter 76, approved by the electors on November 6, 2018, shall take effect on April 1, 2019, and thereafter shall control as provided with respect to all the powers, functions and duties of officers, agencies and employees, except as further specifically provided in other sections of this charter.

(b) Officers and employees of the city shall take any actions as are necessary and appropriate to prepare for the implementation of such amendment prior to April 1, 2019.

### QUESTION 3





Section 1. Section 82 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subdivision 17 to read as follows:

17. a. No later than July 1, 2019, and by July 1 of each year thereafter, each borough president shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and shall make available on the borough president's website a report in a format that is searchable and downloadable that shall include the following information for the previous calendar year, or as otherwise specified:

(i) The names of persons serving in community board member positions in the previous calendar year, disaggregated by community district, including the first date of appointment, dates of reappointment, if any, length of service, nominating council member or other nominating party, and community board leadership positions, if any;

(ii) Demographic information about community board members voluntarily disclosed pursuant to clause (v) of subparagraph 1 of paragraph b of this subdivision for each community board in an aggregate form that is anonymized, provided, however, that age shall be reported in 10 year age ranges, and provided further that no information shall be required to be reported pursuant to this subparagraph if such information may be withheld from disclosure pursuant to article 6 of the New York public officers law;

(iii) The number of vacant community board member positions within the borough, disaggregated by community district;

(iv) A description of the borough president's recruitment plan for filling vacant community board member positions, including:

(a) A description of outreach efforts to publicize community board member openings; and

(b) The particular methods used to seek out candidates for membership from diverse backgrounds, including with regard to race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability status, sexual orientation, language, geographic residence, and other characteristics the borough president deems relevant to promoting diversity and inclusion of under-represented groups and communities within community boards;

(v) The number of applicants for open community board member positions received, disaggregated by community district;

(vi) The number of persons interviewed for open community board member positions, disaggregated by community district;

(vii) A general description of the evaluation criteria followed in the selection process;

(viii) Any particular tools employed by such borough president in the selection process, such as the use of a screening panel;

b. 1. Each borough president shall make available on the borough president's website an application for community board member positions, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following information regarding the applicant:

(i) Name and address;

(ii) Residence, business, professional or other significant interest in the community district;

(iii) Past service on a community board, including prior appointment dates and number and length of prior terms served;

(iv) Age, if less than 18 years old, or a certification that the applicant is at least 18 years old;

(v) The option to provide additional demographic information, including age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability status, languages spoken, or other demographic information the applicant chooses to disclose, together with a notification that such information will be made public in aggregate and anonymized form as provided in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph a of this subdivision;

(vi) Work and education history, special skills, and professional licenses;

(vii) Relevant professional, civic or community involvement experience;

(viii) Disclosure of city employment as such term is used in subdivision (a) of section 2800;

(ix) Disclosure of potential conflicts of interest;

(x) Statement describing the applicant's interest in the community board member position;

(xi) A certification that the applicant meets all requirements for the position of community board member pursuant to subdivision a of section 2800 and section 1135 and any other applicable law and, if appointed, will abide by all applicable conflicts of interest laws; and

(xii) Any additional information that the borough president determines to be relevant or necessary to the application process.

2. The department of information technology and telecommunications shall provide assistance to borough presidents in developing such an application and making the application readily accessible to the public online.

§ 2. Subdivision a of section 2800 of the New York city charter, as amended by chapter 251 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

a. For each community district created pursuant to chapter sixty-nine there shall be a community board which shall consist of (1) not more than fifty persons appointed by the borough president [for staggered terms of two years], at least one-half of whom shall be appointed from nominees of the council members elected from council districts which include any part of the community district, and (2) all such council members as non-voting members. The number of members appointed on the nomination of each such council member shall be proportional to the share of the district population represented by such council member. The city planning commission, after each council redistricting pursuant to chapter two-A, and after each community redistricting pursuant to section twenty-seven hundred two, shall determine the proportion of the community district's population represented by each council member. Copies of such determinations shall be filed with the appropriate borough president, community board, and council member. Members appointed to community boards shall be appointed to serve staggered terms of two years. One-half of the members appointed to any community board shall serve for a

term of two years beginning on the first day of April in each odd-numbered year in which they take office and one half of the members appointed to any community board shall serve for a term of two years beginning on the first day of April in each even-numbered year in which they take office. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed but no member may serve for more than sixty days after the expiration of his or her original term unless reappointed by the borough president, and provided further that no person shall be eligible to be appointed as a community board member if that person has previously held such appointment for four or more consecutive full terms that commenced on or after April 1, 2019, unless one full term or more has elapsed since that person last held such office; provided however, that in the case of a community board member appointed or re-appointed for a term that commenced on April 1, 2020, the borough president may appoint such member for up to five consecutive terms commencing on such date. Not more than twenty-five percent of the appointed members shall be city employees. No more than two members shall be less than eighteen years of age. No person shall be appointed to or remain as a member of the board who does not have a residence, business, professional or other significant interest in the district. The borough president shall assure adequate representation from the different geographic sections and neighborhoods within the community district. In making such appointments, the borough president shall consider whether the aggregate of appointments fairly represents all segments of the community. The borough president shall seek out persons of diverse backgrounds, including with regard to

race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability status, sexual orientation, language, and other characteristics the borough president deems relevant to promoting diversity and inclusion of under-represented groups and communities within community boards, to apply for appointment. Community boards, civic groups and other community groups and neighborhood associations may submit nominations to the borough president and to council members.

§ 3. Paragraph (21) of subdivision d of section 2800 of the New York city charter, as added by a vote of the electors on November 7, 1989, is amended and a new paragraph (22) is added to read as follows:

(21) Conduct substantial public outreach, including identifying the organizations active in the community district, maintaining a list of the names and mailing addresses of such community organizations, and making such names and, with the consent of the organization, mailing addresses available to the public upon request; and

(22) With assistance and support from the department of information technology and telecommunications, maintain a website that provides adequate public notice of upcoming meetings, minutes from past meetings for the past twelve months, and contact information for the board.

§ 4. The New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 3203 to read as follows:

§ 3203. Assistance to community boards. a. Subject to appropriation, the civic engagement commission shall provide assistance and training to community boards.

in consultation and coordination with the department of city planning and other relevant city agencies and with borough presidents to the extent practicable, including but not limited to:

1. Identifying qualified firms, professional staff members or consultants to provide urban planning or other technical assistance related to land use who do not otherwise have an interest in land use proposals with respect to which they are providing assistance, and administering a program for providing such services to community boards upon request. In administering such a program, the commission shall, to the extent practicable: seek to ensure that available resources are accessible to all community boards and that such resources are administered in a neutral and impartial manner; seek to ensure that such resources are provided in a manner that allows community boards to direct any provider of professional services in a manner that is consistent with their needs and objectives; and provide a mechanism for community boards to provide feedback regarding resources provided pursuant to this paragraph;

2. To the extent practicable, in consultation with the mayor's office of immigrant affairs, identifying and providing services requested by community boards to address the needs of limited English proficient individuals, including but not limited to staff training, community outreach, and language assistance tools;  
and



3. Developing and providing training and other assistance to community boards, which may include but need not be limited to assistance in utilizing technological tools and assistance in developing uniform meeting procedures.

b. Reporting. The commission shall include in its annual report a description of the categories of resources made available to community boards pursuant to this section and the number of community boards that utilized each category of resources, disaggregated by borough, as well as any recommended changes to better serve the needs of community boards.

§ 5. Section 1152 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subdivision l, paragraph (3) to read as follows:

l. (3)(a) The amendments to the charter amending section 82 and subdivisions a and d of section 2800, approved by the electors on November 6, 2018, shall take effect on January 1, 2019, and thereafter shall control as provided with respect to all the powers, functions and duties of officers, agencies and employees, except as further specifically provided in other sections of this charter.

(b) Officers and employees of the city shall take any actions as are necessary and appropriate to prepare for the implementation of such amendment prior to such date.

§ 6. Section 1152 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subdivision l, paragraph (4) to read as follows:

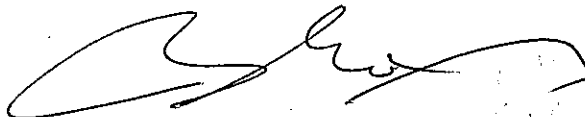
l. (4) The amendments to the charter adding section 3203, approved by the electors on November 6, 2018, shall take effect on April 1, 2019, and thereafter shall

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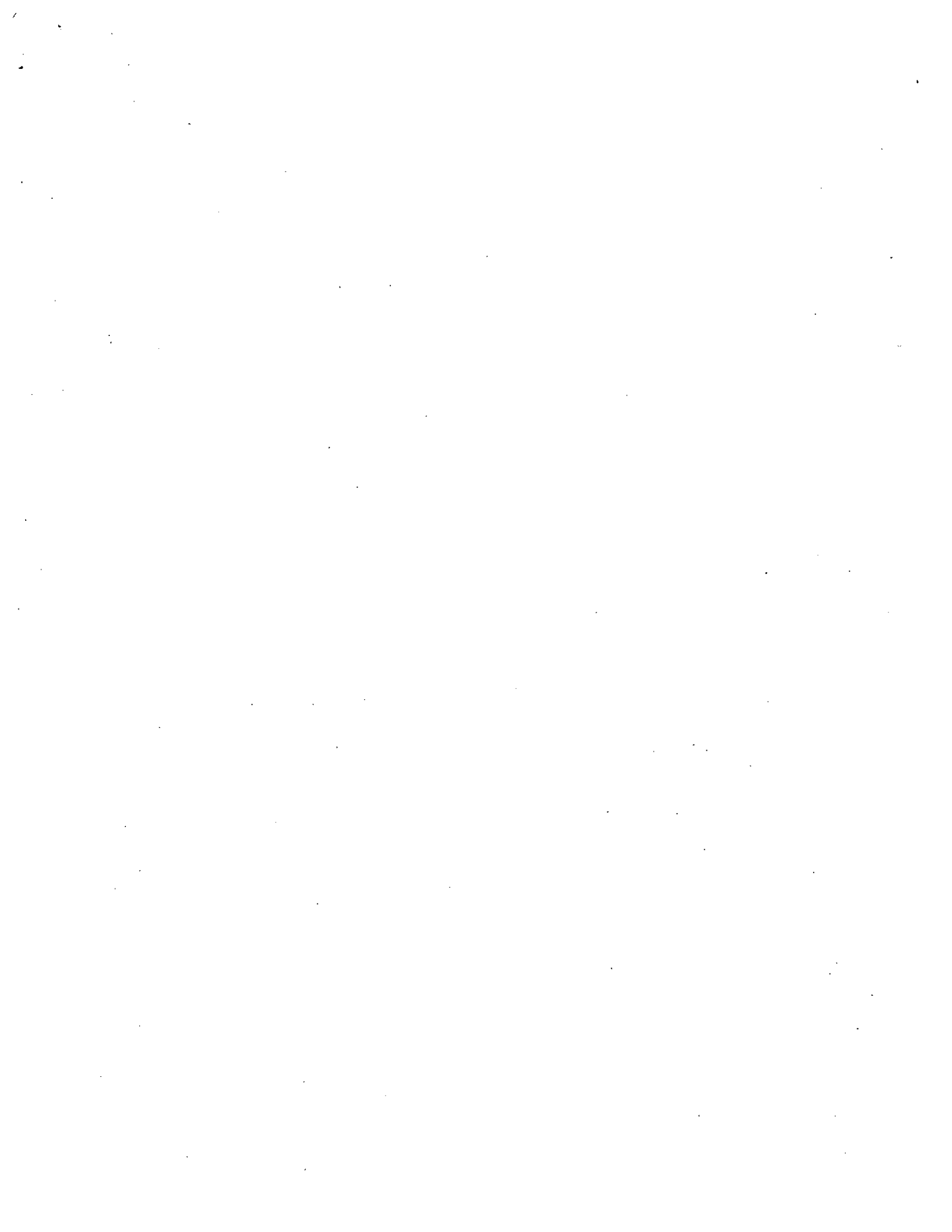
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**THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s:**

I hereby certify that the foregoing revisions to the New York City Charter, designated as Local Law No. 211 for the year 2018 of the City of New York, having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the general election held on the 6th of November 2018, became operative.



**MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk  
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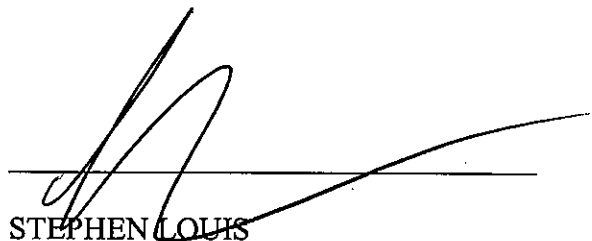
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I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed revisions to the New York City Charter (designated as Local Law No. 211 of 2018) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text, as filed with the City Clerk by the New York City Charter Revision Commission on September 6, 2018 and adopted by the voters at the general election held on November 6, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Louis", written over a horizontal line.

STEPHEN LOUIS

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