

CURRENT INTRODUCTION NUMBER:

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INITIAL SPONSORS:

Council Member Levin, Van Bramer, Chin, Cumbo, Johnson, Mendez, Reynoso, Torres, Rodriguez, Wills, Deutsch, Richards, Dickens, Vallone, Cohen, Rose, Barron, Maisel, Eugene, Treyger, Espinal, Lancman, King, Lander, Williams, Levine, Ferreras, Kallos, Miller and Constantinides

TITLE:

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to a comprehensive cultural plan.

BILL SUMMARY:

Presently there is no comprehensive cultural plan in the City of New York. This bill would require the creation of a cultural plan for the City (the Plan). The Commissioner of Cultural Affairs would be required to submit to the Mayor and the Speaker of the Council a comprehensive cultural plan on or before July 1, 2015.

The Plan would require analysis of whether some neighborhoods are better served than others, what the needs of artists are, and how artists can remain in the City and be supported by the City's real estate, along with an examination of several other factors including how the arts can be incorporated into community development and economic development planning processes and policies, what the current state of arts education in department of education schools is, recommendations on how the city can create a more arts-friendly regulatory structure, and data sets on the distribution of cultural resources throughout the City.

The bill would mandate that, where possible, technology be used to enhance outreach and communication during the planning process. It would require that recommendations and conclusions be incorporated into DCLA's budget and programming, along with other relevant agencies. The bill would require a report detailing the progress of all recommendations, initiatives and priorities coming out of the Plan, to be submitted one year after the Plan's release and annually thereafter.

CODE SECTIONS AFFECTED:

- Adds Charter § 2506

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Immediately after enactment into law.

NOTE: When reading the full text of the bill online at legistar.council.nyc.gov, language that is enclosed by [brackets] is proposed to be removed, and language that is underlined is proposed to be added.