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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the anti-graffiti task force.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 10-117.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 10-117.1 Anti-graffiti task force. a. There is hereby established an anti-graffiti task force consisting of at least seven members. The speaker of the council shall appoint three members, and the mayor shall appoint the balance of the members, one of whom shall be the commissioner of the police department, or his or her designee, who shall serve as chairperson. The members of the task force shall be appointed within thirty days of the effective date of this section and shall serve without compensation. The duration of the task force shall be at

the discretion of the mayor, but in any event shall last at least twenty-four [have a duration of twelve] months.

b. The task force shall:

1. Assess the scope and nature of the city's graffiti problem, including geographical concentration, perpetrator profile and future trends
2. Examine the effectiveness of existing provisions of law aimed at curbing graffiti vandalism, and propose amendments to strengthen such legislation.
3. Review current law enforcement activity, clarify enforcement responsibility and suggest ways to augment enforcement capability.
4. Identify all existing public and private anti-graffiti programs citywide and in each borough.
5. Survey efforts to combat graffiti in other jurisdictions, consider the replication of such programs in New York city and recommend further programmatic initiatives.
6. Propose a coordinated, comprehensive anti-graffiti program encompassing prevention, education, removal and enforcement.
7. Maintain regular and systematic contact with civic associations, community boards and other concerned groups and individuals.
8. Assist in the establishment of borough and community anti-graffiti task forces.
9. Identify gang signs, tags, and other affiliations and messages, and include such information in its reports.

c. The task force shall meet at least quarterly and shall issue a [final] report after each twelve month period to the mayor and the council detailing its activities and recommendations from the previous twelve month period.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately after its enactment into law.