

Whereas, The merit based system recommended in Assembly Bill 04440 will ameliorate the problems associated with judicial elections by creating judicial nominating commissions similar to the commission for the Court of Appeals; and

Whereas, The judiciary is necessary to the maintenance of our democracy and a merit based system will ensure that the members of this branch of government are both highly competent and reflect the populations they serve; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 04440, a bill establishing a system of merit selection for judges in New York State.

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