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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to requiring that all community board full board meetings be webcast.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision h of section 2800 of the New York city charter is amended to read as follows:

h. Except during the months of July and August, each community board shall meet at least once each month within the community district and conduct at least one public hearing each month. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a community board shall be required to meet for purposes of reviewing the scope or design of a capital project located within such community board's district when such scope or design is presented to the community board. Such review shall be completed within thirty days after receipt of such scope or design. Each board shall give adequate public notice of its meetings and hearings and shall make such meetings and hearings available for broadcasting and cablecasting. Each board shall record its public meetings and hearings in digital video format. Such meetings and hearings shall be webcast live, and the recordings of such meetings and hearings shall be archived and made available to the public on the community board or city's website not more than seventy-two hours after adjournment of the hearing recorded. These recording, webcasting, and online posting requirements shall not apply to executive sessions of community boards, entered into pursuant to section 105 of the New York state public officers law, or to committee meetings, held pursuant to subdivision i of this section. At each public meeting, the board shall set aside time to hear from the public. The borough president shall provide each board with a meeting place if requested by the board.

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§2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment.

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