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### Res. No. 1442

Resolution calling on the New York State Assembly to pass A.10291, the New York State Senate to introduce and pass similar legislation, and the Governor to sign such legislation into law, amending the membership of the New York City Water Board to include the five borough presidents, the mayor or a public member appointed by the mayor and a public member appointed by the governor who has experience in the science of water resource development.

By Council Members Vallone, Fidler, Gentile, James, Rose, Williams, Wills and Halloran

Whereas, New York City's entire water and sewer infrastructure, including operating and capital needs, is funded by revenue collected through water and sewer rates; and

Whereas, The New York City Water Board ("Water Board"), a public benefit corporation created by a special act of the State Legislature, is responsible for setting these rates; and

Whereas, Water rate increases have ranged from 7.5% to 14.5% since 2008, placing a significant burden on residents and businesses during difficult economic times; and

Whereas, The Water Board consists of seven members appointed by the Mayor, one of whom must have experience in the science of water resource development; and

Whereas, A.10291, currently pending in the New York State Assembly, seeks to amend the New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority Act to change the composition of the New York City Water Board to include the five borough presidents, the Mayor or the Mayor's appointee and a gubernatorial appointee with experience in the science of water resource development; and

Whereas, The proposed change to the Water Board's composition will facilitate broad public participation and representation from each borough in the work of the board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Assembly to pass A.10291, the New York State Senate to introduce and pass similar legislation, and the Governor to sign such legislation into law, amending the membership of the New York City Water Board to include the five borough presidents, the mayor or a public member appointed by the mayor and a public member appointed by the governor who has experience in the science of water resource development.

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