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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to waiving fees for the use of city facilities by city elected officials for constituent events.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 35 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 829.1 to read as follows:

§ 829.1 Fee Waiver.

a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(i) “City elected official” means any of the following officials of the city of New York: the mayor, the public advocate, a city council member, a borough president or the comptroller of the city of New York.

(ii) “City facility” means any land, building, structure or improvement that is owned or administered by the city and for the use of which a city facility fee must be paid.

(iii) “City facility fee” means any fee that is charged by the city or any of its agencies or other subdivisions in connection with the use of a city facility, including but not limited to any fee for use, setup, cleaning or security. Any fee that is charged by a private party for use of a city facility when such private party uses the facility pursuant to a franchise, concession, lease agreement or other contract with the city is not a city facility fee.

(iv) “Constituent event” means any event that is sponsored exclusively by one or more city elected officials for the primary purpose of promoting the general welfare or the social, educational or economic development of the residents of the elected official’s district or the city as a whole. A constituent event does not

include any event that requires the payment of an admission fee, that is not open to the general public or that is held for political, commercial or religious purposes.

b. No city elected official shall be required to pay a city facility fee in connection with the use of a city facility for a constituent event.

§2. This local law shall take effect 120 days after its enactment, except that the commissioner of citywide administrative services shall take such measures as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, before such effective date.

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