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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to posting information about community board members online

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 48 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 1076 to read as follows:

§ 1076 Community Board Data. The department of information technology and telecommunications, or such other agency or office as the mayor may designate, shall develop and maintain a portal on the city's website that provides information about the members of community boards. Such portal shall be available to the public at no charge and without any registration requirement. The information on such portal shall be updated as frequently as practicable, but in no case less often than once every two months. Such portal shall include, but not be limited to, the following information, which shall be in a machine readable and externally searchable format:

a. the name of each community board member;

b. the neighborhood, as designated by the department of city planning, within which each such member resides;

c. the employer and occupation of each such member, if any;

d. the attendance record of each such member at full board meetings and meetings of committees to which they are assigned;

e. the council member who recommended each such member, if any, and the name of the borough

president who appointed each such member;

f. the original appointment date for each such member;

g. the committees upon which each such member sits and the committees for which each such member acts as chairperson;

h. the number of members serving on each community board who currently reside in each neighborhood, as designated by the department of city planning, served by each such board;

i. the number of vacancies on each community board;

j. the average length of time members have served on a community board; and

k. demographics information for (1) each community board in the aggregate, (2) each borough in the aggregate and (3) all community boards in the city in the aggregate, which demographics information shall include race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, income, age, employment status, disability status, level of education, language spoken at home, marital status, veteran status, and status as an automobile owner or lessor, as determined by an optional survey of community board members.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect 180 days after it becomes law; provided, however, that the department of information technology and telecommunications, or such other office or agency as the mayor may designate to carry out this local law, shall take such actions prior to such time as are necessary for timely implementation of this local law.

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