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By Council Members Menchaca, Dromm, Williams, The Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito), Levin, Kallos, Chin, Gibson, Gentile, Rosenthal, Koo and Espinal

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to an immigrant affairs task force

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 18 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subdivision g to read as follows:

g. 1. There is hereby established an interagency task force on immigrant affairs to ensure interagency communication and coordination on issues relating to and impacting immigrant affairs. Such task force shall:

(i) review and make recommendations to relevant agencies on implementation of sections of the charter and the administrative code that are relevant to immigrants;

(ii) review legal and policy developments presented by the state and federal affairs unit in the office and their potential impact on city agencies;

(iii) review and make recommendations to address obstacles to accessing city programs, benefits, and services;

(iv) review and make recommendations to address the unique needs of particularly vulnerable immigrant populations, including, but not limited to, victims of crime, domestic violence, and human trafficking; individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or intersex; individuals involved in the criminal justice system; and minors;

(v) review the solicitation and consideration of community and stakeholder input received by the office pursuant to paragraph 6 of subdivision d of this section; and

(vi) perform such other functions as may be appropriate in furtherance of the policies set forth in this chapter.

2. Such task force shall be led by the director, or by the head of such other officer or agency as the mayor may designate, and shall include at a minimum:

(a) the commissioners of the following agencies or offices or such commissioners' designees:

(1) the administration for children's services;

(2) department of social services;

(3) department of homeless services;

(4) department of health and mental hygiene;

(5) department of youth and community development;

(6) department for the aging;

(7) police department;

(8) department of correction; and

(9) department of probation;

(b) the chancellor of the city school district, or their designee;

(c) the coordinator of the office of civil justice, or their designee; and

(d) representatives of other such agencies or offices as the mayor may designate.

3. Such task force shall meet regularly in furtherance of its functions and at any other time at the request of the director or other designated task force leader.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 60 days after it becomes law.

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