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A Local Law in relation to creating a nuclear disarmament and nuclear weapons-free zone advisory committee

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Advisory committee on nuclear disarmament and a nuclear weapons-free zone. a. There shall be an advisory committee to examine nuclear disarmament and issues related to recognizing and reaffirming New York city as a nuclear weapons-free zone.

b. The advisory committee shall consist of the following members:

1. The commissioner of the mayor's office on international affairs or such commissioner's designee, who shall serve as chair of the advisory committee; and

2. Six members, of which 3 such members shall be appointed by the speaker of the council and 3 such members shall be appointed by the mayor, provided that each member shall have demonstrated understanding and experience of nuclear disarmament policy, advocacy or activism.

c. The advisory committee shall conduct a comprehensive review of New York city's current stance on nuclear weapons and the process for recognizing and reaffirming the city as a nuclear weapons free zone, in consultation with a diverse group of individuals, including but not limited to victims of nuclear weapons and academic institutions. The advisory committee shall also:

1. Establish a working definition for how a nuclear weapons-free zone might be defined in New York city;

2. Recommend mechanisms for encouraging and increasing community input with regard to education related to the nuclear weapons-free zone;

3. Recommend or host discussions, public programs and other educational initiatives related to nuclear disarmament and the catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences of nuclear weapons production, testing, use and deployment; and

4. Where applicable, provide a summary of all related activities and any relevant updates for the previous 12 months of advisory committee activities.

d. The advisory committee shall meet no less than 4 times per year.

e. No later than 1 year after the effective date of this local law, and annually thereafter, the advisory committee shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and post online a report that contains its findings and conclusions and any recommendations for policy or legislation.

f. The advisory committee shall dissolve upon submission of the fifth report required by subdivision e of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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