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A Local Law in relation to a housing lottery system report

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. No later than January 1, 2021, the department of housing preservation and development shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report providing details about the housing lottery systems used by such department for the selection of tenants to fill affordable housing units in affordable housing developments during the period between January 1, 2014 until the submission date of such report. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, a summary of implementation challenges, the procedures set forth by such department to screen and select tenants, the procedures for accepting and processing paper and other non-electronic applications, the procedures for populating waiting lists including the procedures for incorporating paper and other non-electronic applications into waiting lists, a summary of technical difficulties with the online housing lottery system application portal reported to such department and common substantiated applicant complaints about the selection process. In preparing such report, such department may consult with interested members of the public and stakeholders who have knowledge about affordable housing and affordable housing lotteries to ensure that the report required by this section is adequately comprehensive.

§ 2. No later than January 1, 2023, and every two years thereafter, the department of housing preservation and development shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report providing details about amendments to the housing lottery systems used by such department for the selection of tenants to

fill affordable housing units in affordable housing developments during the immediately preceding reporting period. The information included in such report shall include, but need not be limited to, a summary of implementation challenges, the procedures set forth by such department to screen and select tenants, the procedures for accepting and processing paper and other non-electronic applications, the procedures for populating waiting lists including the procedures for incorporating paper and other non-electronic applications into waiting lists, a summary of technical difficulties with the online housing lottery system application portal reported to such department and common substantiated applicant complaints about the selection process. In preparing such report, such department may consult with interested members of the public and stakeholders who have knowledge about affordable housing and affordable housing lotteries to ensure that the report required by this section is adequately comprehensive.

§ 3. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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