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A Local Law in relation to the creation of a state of emergency response and recovery task force

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. For purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

Emergency plan. The term “emergency plan” means a plan made by a city agency to respond to a declared state of emergency.

State of emergency. The term “state of emergency” means a declaration of a local state of emergency by the mayor or a declaration of a state disaster emergency by the governor, provided that the city of New York, or some portion thereof, is also declared an affected area.

§ 2. Task force established. There is hereby established a task force to be known as the state of emergency response and recovery task force.

§ 3. Duties. The task force shall review every city agency’s emergency plan and shall make recommendations for legislation and policy to address any concerns identified.

§ 4. Membership. a. The task force shall be composed of the following members:

1. The commissioner of emergency management or such commissioner’s designee, who shall serve as co-chair of the task force;

2. Three members appointed by the public advocate, one of whom shall serve as co-chair of the task force;

3. Three members appointed by the mayor; and

4. Two members appointed by the speaker of the council.

b. All appointments required by this section shall be made no later than 60 days after the effective date of this local law.

c. Each member of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of the officer who appointed the member. In the event of a vacancy on the task force, a successor shall be selected in the same manner as the original appointment. All members of the task force shall serve without compensation.

§ 5. Meetings. a. The co-chairs shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than 30 days after the last member has been appointed.

b. The task force may invite relevant experts and stakeholders to attend its meetings and to otherwise provide testimony and information relevant to its duties.

c. The task force shall meet no less than once each quarter to carry out the duties described in section three and may hold additional meetings as deemed necessary by the co-chairs. The task force shall hold at least one public hearing each year.

§ 6. Report. a. No later than 1 year after the effective date of this local law, and annually thereafter, the task force shall submit a report to the mayor, the speaker of the council and the public advocate, setting forth its recommendations for legislation and policy relating to each agency's emergency plan. The report shall include a summary of information the task force considered in formulating its recommendations.

b. The commissioner of emergency management shall publish the task force's report electronically on the emergency management department's website no later than 30 days after its submission to the mayor, the speaker of the council and the public advocate.

§ 7. Agency support. Each agency affected by this local law shall provide appropriate staff and resources to support the work of such agency related to the task force.

§ 8. Effective date. This local law takes effect immediately.

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