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By Council Members Kallos and Yeger

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to a civic participation framework

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 47 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 1069.2 to read as follows:

§ 1069.2 Civic participation framework. a. The department of records and information services shall adopt a standard schema and template or templates for the presentation of participation information for every city government meeting, activity or proposed action for which participation by the public, whether in person or through another method, is possible. Such template or templates shall be in plain language, both machine and human readable, and shall, at minimum, include fields for the event title, event location, event date, event time, method of participation, requirements for participation and the location or locations impacted by the subject of the event. The adopted standard template or templates shall be made available online.

b. For every city government meeting, activity or proposed action for which participation by the public, whether in person or through another method, is possible the agency responsible for such meeting or activity shall fill out the relevant template for the presentation of participation information, pursuant to the standard adopted in subdivision a. Such completed template shall be available, in advance of such meeting, activity or proposed action and contemporary with any other notice or outreach efforts, on the agency's website, through a web application program interface and in such other locations as the commissioner of records and information services shall require.

§ 2. Within 30 days of the effective date of this section, the commissioner of records and information services shall convene a working group that shall include the department of information technology and telecommunications, the office of operations, and such other agencies or offices as the commissioner may deem necessary, as well as the city council and members of the public, to recommend a standard schema and template or templates pursuant to subdivision a of section 1069.2 of the New York city charter. Within 6 months of the effective date of this section, the commissioner of records and information services shall report such working group's recommendations to the mayor and the speaker of the council.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 9 months after it becomes law, except that section two of this local law takes effect immediately.

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