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Res. No. 392

Resolution requiring that any resolution passed by the Council to authorize a franchise for privately-operated bus service within the city of New York provide for protection of the jobs, benefits and collective bargaining rights of employees of the current franchise holders.

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Whereas, For nearly 25 years, privately-owned bus companies have provided mass transit service within Queens and between Queens and Manhattan through a franchise granted by the City and with City financial subsidies; and

Whereas, Different Mayors of the City of New York have from time-to-time submitted proposals to the Council regarding these bus franchises and requested that the Council issue new authorizing resolutions for so that a new competitive bidding process may be undertaken; and

Whereas, The Council of the City of New York favors such competitive bidding provided that adequate job and collective bargaining protections are granted to employees; and

Whereas, any authorizing resolution for the provision of mass transit bus operations, which requires a new competitive bidding process for the selection of the franchisee or franchisees, whether or not such authorizing resolution provides for any change in the responsibilities of the franchisee for these operations must include language which (1) protects current employees of the franchisees from being displaced, from a reduction in their wages, hours, health care benefits or pension rights and from a diminution in their working conditions and (2) guarantees those employees continuation of their collective bargaining rights and the recognition of their collective bargaining representative, irrespective of whether the current franchise holder continues to provide those transportation services; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that any resolution passed by the Council to authorize a franchise for privately-operated bus service within the city of New York provide for protection of the jobs, benefits and collective bargaining rights of employees of the current franchise holders.

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