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Resolution calling on the Mayor of the city of New York to establish a commission to study the use and efficiency of consultants and contractors for the provision of city personnel services.

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Whereas, The City of New York, with a multi-billion dollar budget gap, currently faces one of the most serious fiscal challenges it has ever faced; and

Whereas, The mayor has stated that this budget crisis is so serious that there is a possibility of layoffs; and

Whereas, City workers strive each day to bring vital services to New Yorkers; and

Whereas, The City's budget should not and need not be balanced on the backs of these vital, competent workers; and

Whereas, In a recent report released by District Council 37, it was reported that the city has been hiring consultants to do the jobs of city employees, thereby displacing them, and that these consultants were being paid far more to do the same work; and

Whereas, At a time of fiscal crisis so grave that the mayor is threatening service cutbacks and layoffs, this wasteful displacement of city workers is shocking and unwarranted; and

Whereas, In addition to the plain fiscal downside to outsourcing, it is preferable from a practical standpoint to have city work performed by city employees; and

Whereas, Most city workers live in the city in order to be eligible for their city jobs-consultants are

under no such obligation; and

Whereas, As a result, more money paid to city employees is spent in the city thereby producing a multiplier effect of each worker's economic impact on the city; and

Whereas, Further, most city employees must take civil service examinations and undergo background checks to establish their fitness to be employed by the city while consultants need no such qualification; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the Mayor of the city of New York to establish a commission to study the use and efficiency of consultants and contractors for the provision of city personnel services.