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A Local Law to amend the charter of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting any funding or assistance to any entity that provides any support, material or otherwise, to the terrorist organizations known as Hamas, Hezbollah or Islamic Jihad, and to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the award of any city contract to entities that fund or assist Hamas, Hezbollah or Islamic Jihad.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Declaration of Legislative Findings and Intent. The Council is committed to the establishment of peace throughout the world. In the Middle East, the greatest threats to the peace process stem from the terrorist activities of the organizations known as Hamas, Hezbollah, or Islamic Jihad, one or more of whom have also been linked to terrorist activities here in the United States. Substantial funds from the United States have been transferred to areas in the Middle East and terrorist organizations in this area have received and made expenditures of such funds. One way to minimize support for terrorist organizations throughout the Middle East is to prohibit the payment of City funds or the awarding of City contracts to any entity that provides assistance of any kind to Hamas, Hezbollah or Islamic Jihad.

§2. Section 227 of the New York City charter is amended by adding a new subdivision c to read as follows:

c. No city agency, or entity, the majority of the members of whose board are city officials or are appointed directly or indirectly by city officials, shall use monies appropriated from any fund under the management of the city to pay any individual, corporation, organization or government that sends, conveys, solicits, distributes or channels funds, material support, or resources, either directly or indirectly, to the terrorist organizations Hamas, Hezbollah or Islamic Jihad, or any representative of such terrorist organizations.

§3. Title 6 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding thereto a new section 6-115 to read as follows:

a. No city agency shall contract for the supply of goods, services or construction with any contractor who does not stipulate, as a material condition of the contract, that the contractor, any franchiser of the contractor, and any subcontractor to be employed by the contractor, shall not send, convey, solicit, distribute or channel funds, material support, or resources to the terrorist organizations Hamas, Hezbollah or Islamic Jihad, or a representative of such terrorist organizations. Additionally, any contractor, franchiser of the contractor, and any subcontractor to be employed by the contractor shall certify that it is in compliance with the requirements of this section. Such certification shall be filed with the agency and made a part of the agency contract file.

b. Upon receiving information that a contractor who has made the stipulation and certification required by this section is in violation thereof, the contracting agency shall review such information and offer the contractor an opportunity to respond. If the contracting agency finds that a violation has occurred, it shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided for by law, rule or regulation, or contract, including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the contractor in default, and seeking debarment or suspension of the contractor.

§4. Any provision of this local law or application thereof is held invalid, the remainder of this local law and the application thereof to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected by such holding and shall remain in full force and effect.

§5. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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