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Preconsidered Res. No. 444

Resolution approving the rate set by the Commissioners of the Board of Elections in the City of New York pursuant to Section 7-207(5) of the State Election Law to compensate party representatives for their time spent monitoring the preparation of voting machines and devices pursuant to Sections 7-207(2) and 7-207(3) of the State Election Law.

By Council Members Brewer, Gennaro, Arroyo, Cabrera, Greenfield, Jackson and Williams

Whereas, Beginning with the September 14, 2010 Primary Election, New York City voters will no longer use lever voting machines but will cast their ballots using new pollsite voting systems, including optical scan voting machines; and

Whereas, State Election Law provides that party representatives are entitled to be present during the preparation of voting machines and devices to observe such preparation and examine the printed or photographic record or ballot programming data produced by such voting machines or devices in order to ensure that they are properly programmed and in appropriate condition for use on Election Day; and

Whereas, State Election Law also provides that such party representatives shall be compensated for their services at a rate set by the local Board of Elections and approved by the governing body of the municipality wherein such voting machines or devices are to be used; and

Whereas, On August 3, 2010, the Commissioners of the Board of Elections in the City of New York voted unanimously to set the pay rate for such party representatives at \$200 per day, which is the same rate received by Inspectors of Elections and other poll workers on Election Day; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York approves the rate set by the Commissioners of the Board of Elections in the City of New York pursuant to Section 7-207(5) of the State Election Law to compensate party representatives for their time spent monitoring the preparation of voting machines and

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