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By The Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito) and Council Members Cumbo, Chin, Dromm, Rose, Cohen, Kallos, Crowley, Koslowitz, Levin and Rosenthal

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to creating a commission on gender equity

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 20-b to read as follows:

§20-b. Commission on gender equity. a. There shall be a commission on gender equity to study the nature and extent of inequities facing women and girls in the city; to study their impact on the economic, civic, and social well-being of women and girls; to advise on ways to analyze the function and composition of city agencies through a gender-based lens and ways to develop equitable recruitment strategies; and to make recommendations to the mayor and the council for the reduction of gender-based inequality. Such commission shall consist of 26 members appointed by the mayor; 5 members appointed by the speaker of the council; and the chair of the commission on human rights, who shall serve as an ex officio member. Members of the commission shall be representative of the New York city population and shall have experience in advocating for issues important to women and girls. The mayor shall designate one member to serve as chair of the commission, and may also designate a member to serve as co-chair. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. In the event of the death or resignation of any member, his or her successor shall be appointed by the official who appointed such member. The mayor shall appoint an executive director for the commission.

b. The commission shall have the power and duty to:

1. hold at least one meeting every four months, including at least one annual meeting open to the public;
2. keep a record of its activities;

3. determine its own rules of procedure; and

4. perform such advisory duties and functions as may be necessary to achieve its purposes as described in subdivision a of this section.

c. The commission may request information from any city agency or office it deems necessary to enable the commission to properly carry out its functions. The commission may also request from any private organization providing services to women and girls in the city pursuant to a contract with a city agency or office, information necessary to enable the commission to properly carry out its functions.

d. No later than December 1, 2017 and annually by December 1 thereafter, the commission shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report concerning its activities during the previous twelve months, the goals for the following year, and recommendations pursuant to subdivision a of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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