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A Local Law to create a commission to examine the cost of renovating jail facilities on Rikers Island

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. a. There is hereby established a commission to examine the cost of renovating jail facilities on Rikers Island, which shall consist of 10 members, none of whom may be employed by the city of New York, as follows: 3 members shall be appointed by the mayor, 3 members shall be appointed by the speaker of the council, and 4 members shall appointed jointly by the speaker of the council and the mayor.

b. Membership on the commission shall not constitute the holding of a public office, and members of the commission shall not be required to take and file oaths of office before serving on the commission. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

c. The commission shall meet on at least 4 occasions. At its first meeting, the commission shall select a chairperson from among its members by majority vote of the commission.

d. The commission may establish its own rules and procedures with respect to the conduct of its meetings and other affairs not inconsistent with law.

e. Each member shall serve for a term of 1 year, to commence after the final member of the commission is appointed. Any vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A person filling such vacancy shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term of the succeeded member.

f. No member of the commission shall be removed from office except for cause and upon notice and

hearing by the appropriate appointing official.

g. The commission may request and shall receive all possible cooperation from any department, division, board, bureau, commission, borough president, agency or public authority of the city of New York, for assistance, information, and data as will enable the commission to properly carry out its functions.

h. The commission shall issue a report to the mayor and council no later than 6 months after the final member of the commission is appointed. Such report shall include a detailed analysis of the costs of renovating jail facilities on Rikers Island, including the costs of so renovating relative to the costs of opening new jail facilities outside of Rikers Island.

i. The commission shall terminate upon the publication of the report.

§2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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