

January 15, 2026

Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections
The New York City Council
City Hall, New York
New York, NY 10007

RE: The New York City Council's "Advice and Consent" process

Dear Sandra Ung, David Carr, Julie Menin, Kevin Riley, Shaun Abreu, Shekar Krishnan and
Chris Banks,

I first would like to thank the Committee for having me at today's hearing. My name is Merih Anil. I live in Astoria/Queens. I have been an Astoria resident since 1997. I have been a NYC government employee since 2007.

I am here today because the Committee's meeting agenda was not announced and I thought it may be that the Committee was meeting to review Mayor Mamdani's nomination of Steven Banks to the Corporation Counsel position.

Since I am here today, I would like to respectfully inform you that I would like to testify at the public hearing for Steven Banks' nomination to the Corporation Counsel position. I have already been in touch with my City Council District staff (District 22), with District 5 staff and District 6 staff.

Today is a special day for my family. Our older daughter, Nora, is turning 18. She is a senior at LaGuardia High School. My younger daughter will turn 15 on January 20. She is a freshman at Frank Sinatra High School. They went to Louis Armstrong Middle School and Mamie Fay Academy. All NYC public schools in your districts. Wonderful teachers, administrators, parents, and students.

What motivated me to be here today is that I worry about my children's and their friends' future given my experience at my workplace. There is power in standing up for my rights and their rights, as a NYC resident, employee, and parent, thinking it will make a difference for their future.

Thank you for your time listening to me today.

Kind regards,
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Committee Agenda

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Sandra Ung, Chair

Members: David Carr, Julie Menin, Kevin Riley, Shaun Abreu, Shekar Krishnan and Chris Banks

Thursday, January 15, 2026

11:30 AM

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Room 1

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AGENDA TO BE ANNOUNCED