**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK**



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**COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS**

**Hon. Karen Koslowitz, Chairperson**

**December 9, 2021**

**Chambers at City Hall**

***New York City Planning Commission – (Candidate for appointment by the Public Advocate upon the advice and consent of the Council)***

* **Leah Goodridge [M-346]**

***New York City Planning Commission – (Candidate for appointment by the Mayor upon the advice and consent of the Council)***

* **Joseph Douek [M-347]**

Pursuant to the *New York City Charter* (*“Charter”*) §192, there shall be a thirteen-member City Planning Commission, with seven appointments made by the Mayor (including the Chair), one by the Public Advocate, and one by each Borough President. [*Charter* §192(a)] All members, except the Chair, are subject to the advice and consent of the Council. [*Charter* §192(a)] Further, the *Charter* states that members are to be chosen for their independence, integrity, and civic commitment. [*Charter* §192(a)]

The *Charter* provides that CPC members shall serve for staggered five-year terms, except for the Chair, who as Director of the Department of City Planning (*Charter* §191), serves at the pleasure of the Mayor. [*Charter* §192(a)] For purposes of Chapter 68 of the *Charter* (Conflicts of Interest)*,* CPC members, other than the Chair, shall not be considered regular employees of the City. [*Charter* §192(b)] There is no limitation on the number of terms a CPC member may serve. [*Charter* §192(a)] CPC members are prohibited from holding any other City office while they serve on the CPC. [*Charter* §192(b)] The Chair receives an annual salary of $222,326.00. The member who is designated as Vice-Chair receives an annual salary of $73,855.00. The other members receive an annual salary of $64,224.00.

CPC is responsible for the following:

* CPC must engage in planning focused on the City’s orderly growth, improvement, and future development, which includes consideration of appropriate resources for housing, business, industry, recreation, and culture. [*Charter* §192(d)];
* CPC assists the Mayor and other officials in developing the ten-year capital strategy, the four-year capital program, as well as the annual *Statement of Needs.* [*Charter* §192(f)];
* CPC oversees and coordinates environmental reviews under the *City Environmental Quality Review* (“CEQR”), as mandated by state law (*Environmental Conservation Law* – Article 8). [*Charter* §192(e)]; and
* CPC must review, and either approve or deny, any City proposal involving the City’s request to make acquisitions for office space and any requests for existing buildings for office use. [*Charter* §195]

CPC is also responsible for promulgating various rules, some of which consists of the following:

* It is CPC’s responsibility to establish minimum standards for certifying the *Uniform Land Use and Review Procedure* (“*ULURP*”) applications, which includes providing specific time periods for pre-certification review. [*Charter* §197-c (i)];
* The criteria associated with the selection of sites for capital projects is also established by CPC. [*Charter* §218 (a)];
* CPC establishes the minimum standards for the form and content of plans for the development of the City and boroughs. [*Charter* §197-a (b)]; and
* CPC also adopts rules that either list major concessions or establishes a procedure for determining whether a concession is defined as a *major concession,* as it relates to the act of City Agencies granting concessions. [*Charter* §374 (b)].

If appointed to the CPC, Ms. Goodridge, a resident of Brooklyn, will succeed Michelle de la Uz and serve the remainder of a five-year term that began on July 1, 2020 and expires on June 30, 2025. A copy of the candidate’s résumé as well as the related associated message is attached to this briefing paper.

If appointed to the CPC, Mr. Douek, a resident of Brooklyn, will fill a vacancy and serve the remainder of a five-year term that expires on June 30, 2023. A copy of the candidate’s résumé as well as the related associated message is attached to this briefing paper.

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