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A Local Law in relation to creating a nuclear disarmament and nuclear weapons-free zone advisory committee

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Advisory committee on nuclear disarmament and a nuclear weapons-free zone. a. There shall be an advisory committee to examine New York city's position on nuclear disarmament and issues related to recognizing and reaffirming New York city as a nuclear weapons-free zone.

b. The advisory committee shall consist of the following members, all of whom, except for the chairperson, shall have demonstrated understanding and experience of nuclear disarmament policy, or advocacy or activism relating to nuclear disarmament policy:

1. Four members appointed by the mayor, including a chairperson designated by the mayor who shall be the head of an agency appointed by the mayor or the head of an executive office of the mayor. Such chairperson may delegate the responsibilities of serving as chairperson to a person in such chairperson's agency or in the executive office of the mayor; and

2. Three members appointed by the speaker of the council.

c. The advisory committee shall conduct a review of New York city's current stance on nuclear weapons and, in consultation with a diverse group of individuals, including but not limited to victims of nuclear weapons and faculty members of academic institutions, shall draft a resolution declaring support for the city to remain a nuclear weapons free zone. The advisory committee shall also:

1. Establish a working definition for how a nuclear weapons-free zone might be defined in New York city;

2. Recommend mechanisms for encouraging and increasing community input with regard to education related to the nuclear weapons-free zone;

3. Make available educational materials or host discussions related to nuclear disarmament and the catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences of nuclear weapons production, testing, use and deployment; and

4. Where applicable, provide a summary of all related activities of the advisory committee and any relevant updates through the minutes of committee meetings.

d. The advisory committee shall meet no less than four times per year until its dissolution pursuant to subdivision f of this section.

e. The advisory committee shall, no later than one year after the effective date of this local law, and annually thereafter until its dissolution, submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and post online a report that contains its findings and conclusions and any recommendations for policy or legislation.

f. The advisory committee shall dissolve upon submission of the fifth report required by subdivision e of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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