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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to a cabinet for older New Yorkers

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 66 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 2405 to read as follows:

§ 2405. Cabinet for older New Yorkers. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Mayor’s office for people with disabilities. The term “mayor’s office for people with disabilities” means the office established under executive order number 17 for the year 1990.

Mayor’s office of talent and workforce development. The term “mayor’s office of talent and workforce development” means the office established under executive order number 22 for the year 2022.

NYC service. The term “NYC service” means the division of the office of the mayor focused on volunteerism and service in New York city established in the year 2009.

b. The entities defined in subdivision a of this section shall include any successor office or other agency that carries out the same or substantially similar functions as such entities.

c. Cabinet. There shall be a cabinet for older New Yorkers. The cabinet shall meet at least once quarterly.

d. Duties. The cabinet shall facilitate coordination across agencies to further the elimination of age-related barriers and inequities in the provision of services to older adults and review current and future

initiatives to ensure that such initiatives are inclusive of older adults.

e. Members. The cabinet shall be composed of the following members, or their designees:

1. Commissioner for the aging, who shall serve as chair;
2. Chair of the civic engagement commission;
3. Commissioner of information technology and telecommunications;
4. Commissioner of equity;
5. Chair of the commission on human rights;
6. Commissioner of consumer and worker protection;
7. Commissioner of cultural affairs;
8. Commissioner of health and mental hygiene;
9. Commissioner of housing preservation and development;
10. Commissioner of parks and recreation;
11. Police commissioner;
12. Commissioner of small business services;
13. Commissioner of social services;
14. Commissioner of transportation;
15. Commissioner of veterans' services;
16. Commissioner of youth and community development;
17. Chief service officer of NYC service;
18. Director of the office of community mental health;
19. Director of the office of criminal justice;
20. Director of the office of food policy;
21. Director of the office of immigrant affairs;
22. Commissioner of the mayor's office for people with disabilities;

23. Director of the office of talent and workforce development; and

24. Director of the office of urban agriculture.

f. Required invitations. The commissioner shall also invite to participate in the work of the cabinet the following persons, or their designees:

1. Chancellor of the city school district of the city of New York;

2. Chief executive officer of the New York city health and hospitals corporation;

3. Chief executive officer of the New York city housing authority;

4. President of the Brooklyn public library;

5. President of the New York public library; and

6. President of the Queens public library.

g. Optional invitations. The commissioner may invite representatives of any relevant federal, state, or local entity to participate in the work of the cabinet.

h. Report. One year after the effective date of the local law that added this section and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit to the speaker of the council, the public advocate, the comptroller, and the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island borough presidents, and post on the website of the department a report on the work of the cabinet. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. Actions taken or proposed as a result of the meeting of such cabinet;

2. Attendance at cabinet meetings; and

3. Minutes of cabinet meetings.

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

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