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Res. No. 1329-A

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, Senate bill S.741-B, and its Assembly companion bill A.6394-B, in relation to the Rent Guidelines Board.

By Council Members Levin, James, Dilan, Brewer, Chin, Comrie, Eugene, Jackson, Koppell, Koslowitz, Lander, Lappin, Mark-Viverito, Mendez, Palma, Rose, Seabrook, Vann, Williams, Garodnick, Barron, Gennaro and Rodriguez

Whereas, According to Section 26-510 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, the Rent Guidelines Board is charged with determining the appropriate level of rent increases for apartments occupied by approximately one million New Yorkers; and

Whereas, The members of the Rent Guidelines Board serve an important public duty by establishing the “lease guidelines for apartments and hotels”; and

Whereas, Currently members of the Rent Guidelines Board are appointed by the Mayor and their appointment is not subject to the advice and consent of the Council; and

Whereas, Conferring upon the Council the power to consent to the appointment of members of the Rent Guidelines Board will give the Council the ability to evaluate the background in housing of proposed appointees and their qualifications to serve on the Rent Guidelines Board; and

Whereas, Senate bill S.741-B, and its Assembly companion bill A.6394-B would change the composition of the Rent Guidelines Board by requiring the five public members to have five years of experience in “public service, philanthropy, social services, urban planning, social sciences”; and

Whereas, Currently, the public members of the Rent Guidelines Board are only required to have experience in “finance, economics or housing”; and

Whereas, The Council finds that Senate bill S.741-B, and its Assembly companion bill A.6394-B would

authorize a much needed review of the members of the Rent Guidelines Board and provide the Council with proper oversight over a body with the power to affect the lives of nearly one million New Yorkers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, Senate bill S.741-B, and its Assembly companion bill A.6394-B, in relation to the Rent Guidelines Board.

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