



DIGEST OF PUBLIC COMMENTS TO THE COMMISSION

The following is a digest of the testimony presented to the Charter Revision Commission for consideration at the Commission’s twelve public hearings.¹

PUBLIC HEARINGS	
Queens Borough Public Hearing (June 5, 2024)	
<p>Irak Cehonski Director of Budget Queens Borough President’s Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends review of borough budget allocation formula and redefining to account for population growth.
<p>Danielle Brecker Community Board 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports granting more authority to community boards.
<p>Yiatin Chu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opposes City Council’s advice and consent over mayoral appointments. - Supports Open Primaries. - Opposes DCP’s City of Yes and How Many Stops Act.
<p>Lauretta Humphrey President Greater TriAngular Civic Association (GTCA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wants additional infrastructure spending to address water table flooding concerns. - Against tax moratoriums for private developers.
<p>Frank Morano</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing non-partisan elections on ballot for referendum.
<p>Kimberley Comes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wants additional infrastructure spending to address flooding concerns.
<p>Sherif</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports open primaries. - Wants additional infrastructure spending on transportation, especially parking concerns.

¹ Not all testimony may be included in this abstract. Testimony unrelated to the New York City Charter may be omitted. Staff made best efforts to correctly identify the name and affiliations of all individuals presenting testimony.

Staten Island Borough Public Hearing (June 6, 2024)	
Daniel L. Master, Jr. Legal Counsel Staten Island Borough President's Office	- Recommends requiring City Council fiscal impact statements to contain a statement of compliance with fair share provision of Charter.
Michael Tannousis NYS Assemblyperson District 64	- Supports more community engagement in public safety legislation.
Frank Morano	- Recommends placing non-partisan elections on ballot for referendum.
Ann Marie Akash	- Expressed concerns on HRA's implementation of CityFHEPS.
Mona Davids	- Supports open primaries on behalf of the NYC School Safety Coalition. - Against City Council advice and consent on mayoral appointments. - Opposes ranked choice voting in her personal capacity.
Joann Ariola City Council Member District 32	- Opposes partisanship in public safety laws.
Manhattan Borough Public Hearing (June 13, 2024)	
Kathryn S. Wylde President & CEO Partnership for New York City	- Recommends language to ensure that there is meaningful public input on fiscal legislation.
Deborah J. Glick NYS Assemblymember District 66	- Concerned about opportunity for public engagement in Charter process.
James Bristow Counsel Intergovernmental Relations Task Force NYC Office of Management and Budget (OMB)	- Described OMB's role in promoting fiscal management and responsibility.
Matt Penfold Assistant Commissioner NYC Department of Finance (DOF)	- Described DOF's role in promoting fiscal management and responsibility.

<p style="text-align: center;">Louisa Chafee Director Independent Budget Office (IBO)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends enhancing public accessibility of financial impact statements. - Proposes two-year maximum for emergency contracts.
<p style="text-align: center;">Richard (Bo) Dietl</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against current Council policy that impedes effective policing
<p style="text-align: center;">Andrew Rein Citizens Budget Commission (CBC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Creating a rainy-day deposit with withdrawal and balance rules; ii. Establishing a retiree health benefits trust in the Charter with rules; iii. Strengthening legislative fiscal impact statements requirements; iv. Capping debt service at 15%; v. Creating resident survey.
<p style="text-align: center;">Edmund J. McMahon Founding Senior Fellow Empire Center for Public Policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Local laws cannot take effect unless appropriations are identified; ii. Appropriations with a fiscal impact of \$100 million or more can take effect only if balanced by similar reduction; iii. Addressing underbudgeting by requiring a budget line that forecasts year to year spending decreases; iv. The proceeds of long-term bonds and notes should not be used to pay operating expenses.
<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Mitchell Moss Henry Hart Rice Professor of Urban Policy and Planning New York University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggests OMB and IBO should be involved in fiscal impact statement.
<p style="text-align: center;">Brad Lander NYC Comptroller</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Adopting a rainy-day fund policy; ii. Overhauling approach to infrastructure and capital management; iii. Mandate timeframes for each step in the contract procurement process.
<p style="text-align: center;">Gale A. Brewer New York City Councilmember District 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stated further recommendations will be forthcoming.
<p style="text-align: center;">Barbara Blair President Garment District Alliance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that fair share is codified with centralized city oversight on compliance and regularly update the fair share criteria.

<p style="text-align: center;">Erica Vladimir New York State Sexual Harassment Working Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. CCRB have an independent budget; ii. An independent investigatory body to review harassment and discrimination claims against officials; iii. Designating the First Deputy Mayor be next in the line of succession and run on the same ticket as the Mayor.
<p style="text-align: center;">Jeanne Victor New York State Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEPC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Amending the Charter to require a comparative appropriations budget model similar IBO's fiscal structure; ii. Budgetary consequences for an entity's failure to comply with EEO; iii. Clarify which entities are subject to the EEPC.
<p style="text-align: center;">Howard Slatkin Executive Director Citizens Housing and Planning Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes adding a housing financial impact assessment when assessing regulations on construction and housing costs.
<p style="text-align: center;">David Schwartz NY Association of Wholesalers and Distributors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on illegal trafficking and sale of unused cigarettes.
<p style="text-align: center;">Layla Law-Gisko City Club of New York</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends prohibiting registered lobbyists from being appointed to commissions and boards.
<p style="text-align: center;">Ben Tocker YAFFED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports a Compulsory Education Law and vesting the NYC Comptroller with the power to audit private schools.
<p style="text-align: center;">Goran Svorcan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amend Charter to ban private parks to ensure universal access to nature.
<p style="text-align: center;">Tiffany Fulton Silent Voices United, Inc., C3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes establishing youth advisory boards.
<p style="text-align: center;">Frank Morano</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing non-partisan elections on ballot for referendum.
<p style="text-align: center;">Andrea Gordillo Manhattan Community Board 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends assigning more support for community boards. - Express disapproval of the 60-day limitation on the shelter stay for families with the NYCPS students and supports adding the Right to Stay to the Charter.
Bronx Borough Public Hearing (June 17, 2024)	
<p style="text-align: center;">Rafael Salamanca, Jr. Chair of Land Use City Council Member District 17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports expansion of DSNY's jurisdiction to allow DSNY enforcement over sanitation violations over all city-owned land.

<p style="text-align: center;">Susan Lerner Executive Director Common Cause/New York</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports ranked choice voting. - Suggests 2024 CRC defer election reform to a later commission. - Described alternative election reform options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Open Primaries: voters can vote on all candidates regardless of party label; ii. Partially Closed Primaries: voters must declare a party at the primary and will be registered to that party in subsequent elections; iii. Consolidate elections to years ending in even numbers.
<p style="text-align: center;">Ben Weinberg Director of Public Policy Citizens Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes mandated timelines for future Charter Revision Commissions. - Supports top-two elections: the first primary is open to all candidates and the top two candidates advance to the November general election.
<p style="text-align: center;">John Ketcham Legal Policy Fellow/Director of Cities Policy Manhattan Institute</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Described election reform options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Final Five: open primaries and top five candidates advance to general election; ii. Single Transferable Vote (Proportional Ranked Choice Voting); iii. List-Based voting; iv. Allow endorsements to be listed on ballots; v. Consolidate elections to even-year elections; vi. Require emergency procurements be published by the Comptroller for review.
<p style="text-align: center;">Mona Davids</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against ranked choice voting in city council elections. - Against expansion of City Council's advice and consent over mayoral appointments. - Supports terminating the Office of the Public Advocate
<p style="text-align: center;">Melissa Mark-Viverito Board Member Rank the Vote NYC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports ranked choice voting.
<p style="text-align: center;">Frank Morano</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends expanding ranked choice voting to general elections and eliminating signature requirement to get on the ballot and instead require filing fee of 1% of the salaried office position.
<p style="text-align: center;">Claire Stottleyer Legal Aid Society</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports greater enforcement of inmate voting rights.
<p style="text-align: center;">Lena Cohen Senior Policy Analyst United Neighborhood</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports ranked choice voting. - Recommends mandating set timeframes for each contract procurement stage.

<p style="text-align: center;">Gloria Kim Director of Policy Research & Impact Human Services Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set timelines for Procurement Policy Board in contracting process. - Require Procurement Policy Board publish reports for transparency. - Allow vendors to collect interest if city payments are late. - Grant MOCS authority over agency contracts.
<p style="text-align: center;">Pedro Suarez Executive Director Third Avenue Business Improvement District</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Revising city procurement process; ii. More even distribution of methadone clinics throughout the boroughs; iii. Greater community involvement in land use; iv. Clarifying which office enforces unlicensed street vending.
<p style="text-align: center;">Roxanne Delgado</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against How Many Stops Act and Defund the Police. - For eliminating community boards. - For eliminating Office of the Public Advocate. - Supports nonpartisan elections or expanding ranked choice voting to general election
<p style="text-align: center;">Michael Darryl-Torres</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against City Council's advice and consent over mayoral appointments. - Against further curtailment of executive power.
Brooklyn Borough Public Hearing (June 20, 2024)	
<p style="text-align: center;">Antonio Reynoso Brooklyn Borough President</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expand Department of City Planning's jurisdiction - Creating an office to support community boards
<p style="text-align: center;">Howard Singer Deputy Chief of Staff Department of Correction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Updating Charter language to remove outdated references; ii. Requiring agencies be consulted in legislation that affects their operations; iii. Sunset clauses for all reporting bills.
<p style="text-align: center;">Jason Shelly Assistant Commissioner Intergovernmental FDNY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Updating Charter language to remove outdated references; ii. Requiring agencies be consulted in legislation that affects their budgets.
<p style="text-align: center;">Robert Barrows Deputy Commissioner NYPD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Requiring agencies be consulted in legislation that affects their operations; ii. Greater public input in public safety legislation; iii. Reviewing reporting mandates.
<p style="text-align: center;">Carolina Chavez Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support reforms to promote transparency and include the voice of the community.

<p align="center">Jumaane Williams Public Advocate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Exploring what a different modality of multiagency rapid response; ii. More infrastructure to supplement need for NYPD intervention; iii. An additional number for mental health crises besides 911.
<p align="center">Lincoln Restler City Council Member District 33</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports ranked choice voting and advice and consent - Recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Creating an office to investigate incidents of harassment and discrimination against city employees; ii. Banning elected officials, commissioners, and senior government leadership from lobbying for two years in city government after leaving city service.
<p align="center">Patrick Hendry President Police Benevolent Association (PBA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports greater public input in public safety legislation. - Allow all CCRB unfounded or unsubstantiated complaints be scrubbed from records.
<p align="center">Jim Brosi President Uniformed Fire Officers Association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports greater involvement of stakeholders in legislative process. - Expand fire service in areas undergoing significant change.
<p align="center">Benny Boscio Correction Officers Benevolent Association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports greater involvement of union leaders in legislative process that impacts their members. - Opposes Local Law 42 of 2024.
<p align="center">Andrew Quinn General Counsel Sergeant Benevolent Association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports greater public input in public safety legislation. - Opposes How Many Stops Act.
<p align="center">Robert Camacho Chair Community Board 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opposes obstructions to effective policing.
<p align="center">Hailey Nolasco Director of Government Relations Center for Justice Innovation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports greater public input in public safety legislation.
<p align="center">Hayley Gorenberg Friends of Prospect Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amend Charter to preserve and mandate greenspace.
<p align="center">Paullette Healy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends creating a commission on disability. - Requests better training of NYPD officers on de-escalation for people with disabilities.

<p align="center">Dr. Kim Best President 79th Precinct Community Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports greater community input to ensure transparency and understanding of neighborhood-specific needs in policymaking.
<p align="center">Minister Sherrani Perry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports greater investment in in jobs, after-school, and summer programs and gun buyback programs.
<p align="center">John Ricottone First Vice President Community Education Council, District 20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes requiring elected officials do a ride along with public safety enforcement.
<p align="center">Amaury Dujardin Public Policy Manager Citizens Union</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on the Commission's timeline. - Supports advice and consent for agency heads.
<p align="center">Natasha Duncan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on the Commission's timeline
<p align="center">Yiatin Chu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against the How Many Stops Act. - Against advice and consent for agency heads. - Abolish the Office of the Public Advocate. - Opposes sanctuary city policies.
<p align="center">Amit Pratap Shah Member of Community Board 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports greater public input on public safety legislation.
<p align="center">Jean H.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bring the Masking Ban to referendum. - Opposes sanctuary city policies. - Against the How Many Stops Act. - Abolish the Office of Public Advocate.
<p align="center">Samy Feliz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on the Commission's outreach. - Supports the How Many Stops Act.
<p align="center">Maria Danzilo New York City Rising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends community board members be elected and have term limits.
<p align="center">Donghui Zang</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against the How Many Stops Act. - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p align="center">Mona Davids</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against advice and consent for agency heads.
<p align="center">Minister Irene Estrade</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against advice and consent and bail reform.

Christopher Leon Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against the How Many Stops Act, Local Law 42 of 2024, and sanctuary city policies.
Raul Rivera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against the How Many Stops Act - Abolish the Office of the Public Advocate
Francisco Marte Founder and President Bodega and Small Business Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against “defund the police” policies. - Supports greater transparency in legislative process.
Vishnu Mahadeo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expressed community concerns.
Limor Neshner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes restoring the mask ban for crowds of 50 people or more to allow identification.
Quiann Simpkins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against bail reform. - Eliminate Office of the Public Advocate.
Staten Island Borough Public Hearing (June 24, 2024)	
Vickie Palandino Council Member of District 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
Richard Flanagan Professor College of Staten Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. new position of elected vice-mayor; ii. non-partisan elections at the mayoral level; iii. direct election of community board members.
Hal Wacker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Extending ranked choice voting to all elections; ii. Reducing city elected office terms to 2 years; iii. Eliminating district residency limitations by allowing voters to vote for candidates and sign petitions to nominate any candidate regardless of district; iv. Reform campaign finance matching; v. Reviving trashed votes in ranked choice voting.
Laura Sword Chair Staten Island Democratic Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opposes open primaries.
Lois Giambrone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerned about “City of Yes” policies.
Frank Morano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends nonpartisan elections. - Make community board districts coterminous with City Council districts.

<p align="center">Tony Carrasquillo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p align="center">Stephanie Prassos</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p align="center">Mark Flynn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p align="center">Denise Zayas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p>Queens Borough Public Hearing (June 26, 2024)</p>	
<p align="center">Robert Holden Council Member District 30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum. - Supports preliminary report's recommendation for reforming fiscal impact statements. - Supports preliminary report's recommendation for increased public input on public safety legislation. - Supports preliminary report's recommendation to expand DSNY jurisdiction to clean all city-owned land
<p align="center">Magalie D. Austin Executive Deputy Commissioner Department of Design and Construction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creating M/WBE as an independent agency; centralizing functions will allow M/WBE to monitor on the city level and not just at the agency level.
<p align="center">Michael J. Garner Chief Business Diversity Officer Mayor's Office of M/WBE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creating M/WBE as an independent agency; current functions are divided between SBS, M/WBE, and MOCS – consolidation will focus resources.
<p align="center">Maya Powell on behalf of Council Member Nantasha Williams</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends greater city investment to the NYC Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEPC).
<p align="center">Samuel Padilla Padilla Construction (M/WBE contractor)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creating M/WBE as an independent agency, which will create a single point of contact; current M/WBE contractors must navigate between too many agencies.
<p align="center">Rohan DeFreitas Crescent Consulting (M/WBE contractor)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creating M/WBE as an independent agency.

<p align="center">Everett Perry Urban Ecospaces (M/WBE contractor)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creating M/WBE as an independent agency, which will expedite contracts and payments to M/WBE companies.
<p align="center">Victor Trombetta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p align="center">Joy Amanda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against vaccine mandate. - Opposes removing surety bonds.
<p align="center">Alex Vega</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum. - Allow recall vote for elected officials.
<p align="center">Claudine Thuilot</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p align="center">Joi Schlapp</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p align="center">Frank Morano</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nonpartisan elections should be placed on referendum, citing previous charter commissions have looked at the issue. - Supports creating an office to support community boards' operations.
<p align="center">Stephanie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p align="center">Maria Danzilo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports nonpartisan elections. - Supports creating an office to support community board operations. - Recommends requiring future Comptrollers have a financial background as a qualification to run for office.
<p align="center">Special Hagan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creating M/WBE as an independent agency. - Recommends strict enforcement of M/WBE, such as requiring commissioners' complete performance evaluations on M/WBE goals and banning M/WBE companies if there is evidence of "fronting."
<p align="center">Oneximo Feliz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum. - Supports requiring future Comptrollers have a financial background as a qualification to run for office.

Brooklyn Borough Public Hearing (June 27, 2024)

<p align="center">Michael J. Garner Chief Business Diversity Officer Mayor's Office of M/WBE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creating M/WBE as an independent agency to promote cost-effectiveness, transparency, and accountability.
<p align="center">Robert Holbrook Executive Director Mayor's Office of Get Stuff Built</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed creating a single system to get permits for waterfront construction, stating the current system requires applicants to obtain permits from multiple agencies is inefficient.
<p align="center">Ana Diaz M/WBE Contractor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creating M/WBE as an independent agency.
<p align="center">Barbara Blair Randall President Garment District Alliance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends establishing guidelines for fair share by requiring non-profits contracted to perform city services be counted as a city facility and requiring agencies submit a neighborhood impact report when proposing sites.
<p align="center">Daniel Gollither Founder Maximum New York</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes changing the name of comptroller to "Chief Financial Officer" to promote voter education and literacy.
<p align="center">NYS Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn Chair, Kings County Democratic Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creating M/WBE as an independent agency.
<p align="center">Kwame Amoaku Deputy Commissioner Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports transferring film permit issuance authority from SBS to MOME.
<p align="center">Karl-Henry Cezar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on the Commission's timeline.
<p align="center">Jarryd Rauch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports expanding DSNY's authority for enforcing sanitation laws on all city-owned land.
<p align="center">Andrea Biro</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports removing the Sheriff's Office from the Department of Finance. - Against removing surety bond requirement and suggests that elected officials be required to pay for bonds instead of the City.

<p align="center">Mona Davids on behalf of the School Safety Coalition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p align="center">Minister Irene Estrada-Rukaj</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum. - Against “defund the police” policies.
<p align="center">Melkis Antigua</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raised concerns about NYCHA maintenance issues.
<p align="center">David Turner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on the Commission's timeline.
<p align="center">Frank Morano</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends community board member be appointed ½ by Borough Presidents & ½ directly by City Council members. - Suggests that a portion of community board members be elected in the future.
<p align="center">Jay Sorid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on the Commission’s timeline. - Recommends community board members be elected. - Proposes ULURP process have some sort of veto process. - Supports revising fair share to account for government contracted entities.
<p align="center">Special Hagan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raised concerns about the fiscal cost of creating M/WBE as an independent agency and the progress of the M/WBE mentorship program.
<p align="center">Heba Khalil Executive Director Emgage Action-New York Chapter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports ranked choice voting (RCV) and delaying electoral reform until more data can be assessed.
Manhattan Borough Public Hearing (July 8, 2024)	
<p align="center">Cordell Cleare NYS Senator District 30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creation of M/WBE as an independent agency. - Recommends creating neighborhood Area Median Income (AMI) to resolve the current disparities with the current AMI calculation. - Supports greater use of landmarking and zoning to preserve affordable housing against private university encroachment
<p align="center">Inez E. Dickens NYS Assembly Member District 70</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creation of M/WBE agency; currently only 30% of city contracts (OMB contracts) have M/WBE requirements. - Wants the city contracts to be more inclusive.

<p style="text-align: center;">Jordan J.G. Wright NYS Assembly Member-Elect District 70</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creation of M/WBE as an independent agency.
<p style="text-align: center;">Michael J. Garner Chief Business Diversity Officer Mayor's Office of M/WBE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creation of M/WBE as an independent agency.
<p style="text-align: center;">Pauline Ann Toole Commissioner Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Described the background of the Archival Records and Research Advisory Board and the Archival Review Board. - Supports consolidation of the two boards for efficiency.
<p style="text-align: center;">Andrew Rein Citizens Budget Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Earlier introduction of fiscal impact statements and validation by the Independent Budget Office (IBO); ii. Requiring explanation of causes when estimates change by set percentages; iii. A 5-year resident survey; iv. Establishing withdrawal rules for the rainy-day fund; v. Long-term debt be limited to 15% of debt service.
<p style="text-align: center;">Amaury Dujardin Public Policy Manager Citizens Union</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opposes CRC's preliminary report recommendations arguing there is currently sufficient public input and transparency in the city's legislative process.
<p style="text-align: center;">Kieth L.T. Wright County Leader Manhattan Democratic Party</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against nonpartisan elections - Against reforming ranked choice voting until its impact has been assessed through more election cycles.
<p style="text-align: center;">Garry Anthony Johnson Chair of Economic Development NAACP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creation of M/WBE as an independent agency, which can pursue payment reform and better enforcement on M/WBE contracts.
<p style="text-align: center;">Keaton Morris President KW Tech Corp (M/WBE contractor)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creation of M/WBE as an independent agency.

<p align="center">Jimmy Pan Former Public Policy Director and Special Counsel 2021 Racial Justice Charter Revision Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends revising the Charter to bolster oversight agencies, i.e. IBO, EEPC, CCHR, CORE. - Against revising fiscal impact statements because it does not affect policy decisions - Against altering current balance of power in New York City government.
<p align="center">Adrienne Felton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creation of M/WBE as an independent agency. - Recommends audits of older M/WBE contracts. - Recommends revision of affordable housing lottery system.
<p align="center">Marilyn Galfin Founder of Shelter Animals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggests creating new agency for animal welfare and removing jurisdiction over animals from DOHMH where it resides currently.
<p align="center">Gale A. Brewer City Council Member District 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on the Commission's timeline. - States public safety should not be reviewed by the Commission if CCRB is not included. - Recommends adding more detail to units of appropriation instead of revising fiscal impact statements. - Wants more funding for oversight agencies. - Supports advice and consent for city agency heads.
<p align="center">Adam Roberts Policy Director Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends fiscal impact statements include analysis to assess financial impacts outside of government operations. - Recommends NYS Housing Court adopt a diversion program to allow mediation before proceedings. - Recommends review of New York City's façade inspection requirements
<p align="center">Everett Perry Urban Ecospaces (M/WBE contractor)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creation of M/WBE as an independent agency.
<p align="center">Michael Sisitzky Assistant Policy Director New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on Commission's timeline. - Against greater public input in public safety legislation, arguing there is currently sufficient opportunity.
<p align="center">Kai Rosenthal Co-President League of Women Voters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports ranked choice voting (RCV) and recommends electoral form be delayed until RCV's impact has been assessed through more election cycles.

<p align="center">Ibrahim Xavier Johnson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports greater public input in the legislative process. - Supports granting greater authority to community boards.
<p align="center">Miles Grant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggests policy decisions be made by sortition – random jury selection of public citizens into a decision-making body.
<p align="center">Greg Baggett</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes community board members become legacy members after a certain number of years. - Supports diversification of community boards.
<p align="center">Marsha Taylor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on Commission's outreach efforts. - Wants more accountability from oversight agencies. - Wants more M/WBE programs.
<p align="center">Alpheaus Marcus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wants greater accountability from the NYPD. - Recommends NYPD disciplinary hearings be subject to time limits.
<p align="center">Julius Tajiddin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Tax reform; ii. Strengthening community boards by requiring notice to community boards of construction and sales of properties owned by senior citizens; iii. Redefining M/WBE; iv. Expanding DSNY's authority to clean all city-owned land.
<p align="center">June Moses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wants greater recognition of population living below 40% area median income (AMI).
<p align="center">Sylvia Hunter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on Commission's outreach efforts.
<p align="center">Marie Gentine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against Local Law 18 of 2022, which requires short-term rental hosts to register with the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement before renting out homes.
<p align="center">Chinnor Campbell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against additional procedures for public safety legislation. - Supports How Many Stops Act.
<p align="center">John Dillard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expressed interest in greater political activism.
<p align="center">Kaya Royal M/WBE vendor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports payment reform for M/WBE vendors.

<p style="text-align: center;">Marlene Taylor Primary Care Medical Provider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wants greater resources to address mental illness in local neighborhoods.
<p style="text-align: center;">Audria Lamberton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wants the Charter to formally recognize American Sign Language (ASL) as a "designated citywide language" and provide essential government services in ASL.
<p style="text-align: center;">Miles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p style="text-align: center;">Williams</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum. - Supports How Many Stops Act. - Commented on the Commission's timeline.
<p style="text-align: center;">Christopher Leon Johnson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum. - Against How Many Stops Act. - Recommends ban on lobbyists serving on community boards.
<p style="text-align: center;">Susan VOCAL-NY Civil Rights Union</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on Commission's outreach efforts.
<p style="text-align: center;">Dolina Duzant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggests revision of current vendor licensing program. - Recommends restructure of DOHMH. - Wants rent-stabilized commercial property.
Staten Island Borough Public Hearing (July 9, 2024)	
<p style="text-align: center;">James Clinton On behalf of Staten Island District Attorney Michael McMahon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends any initiative that affects law enforcement be enacted like a Charter amendment.
<p style="text-align: center;">James Moscella General Counsel Detectives Endowment Association (DEA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports amendment review/input period regarding public safety legislation. - Proposes amendment to increase oversight over CCRB.
<p style="text-align: center;">Michael Ryan Executive Director NYC Board of Elections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Described an overview of legislative changes enacted since 2019 that affected elections.
<p style="text-align: center;">Michael Arvanites On behalf of Councilmember Kamillah Hanks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports Comptroller proposal for timely payments to non-profit City contractors. - Proposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Increased local control and revenue streams;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Allowing e-signatures for government documents; iii. Establishing an Office of Disaster Assistance.
<p align="center">Michael Trollo Concerned Citizens of Westerleigh Civic Association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports allowing public testimony and amendment review/input period for public safety legislation.
<p align="center">George Tormo Staten Island Strong</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opposes a local migrant facility which displaced senior facility. - Recommends enacting a law to protect veterans and seniors from evictions.
<p align="center">Salvatore Monforte</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opposes a local migrant facility which displaced senior facility.
<p align="center">Agnes Van Dina Vice President Oakwood Residents Association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes increasing the number of police officers assigned to Staten Island. - Proposes reinstating qualified immunity for police officers. - Proposes community board land use decisions become mandates.
<p align="center">Florence Petruzzelli</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends the Board of Elections clean up deceased/moved NY voters who remain on the rolls. - Opposes large battery facility placement on Staten Island.
<p align="center">Carla Mohan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opposes Sanctuary City status and City of Yes.
<p align="center">John Felci</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requests Commission review Sanctuary City and right to shelter.
<p align="center">Bradley Tusk Former Director to 2002 Charter Revision Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes amendment to allow recall votes for judges.
<p align="center">Andrea Lamberton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes adding an ADA and Disability Law chapter to the Charter, adding ASL interpretation on public websites, and creating a Commission for the Deaf,
<p align="center">Liz Andrie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requests Commission review Sanctuary City and right to shelter.
<p align="center">Frank Rapacciuolo On behalf of Councilmember Minority Leader Joe Borelli</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.

<p align="center">Frank Morano</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. An amendment to eliminate any priority for who can propose Charter amendments; ii. A question on whether to convene a Charter Revision Commission every 20 years; iii. Community boards baseline budgets should be increased; iv. Eliminating signature requirements to run for office and instead requiring a filing fee; v. A question asking whether ranked choice voting should be extended to general elections.
<p align="center">Jasmine L. Robinson District Leader 61st Assembly District</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p align="center">Special Hagan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Had questions about the implementation of the proposed police universal training facility.
<p align="center">Edward Josey President Staten Island NAACP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerned that community input is ignored regarding placement of migrant shelters.
<p>Bronx Borough Public Hearing (July 11, 2024)</p>	
<p align="center">Francisco Moya NYC Council Member District 21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports expansion of Department of Sanitation (DSNY) jurisdiction to clean all city-owned land.
<p align="center">Jason A. Otaño General Counsel City Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against disturbing current balance of powers in City government, especially the introduction of more processes in relation to fiscal impact statements. - Argues OMB and IBO can currently opine on fiscal impact statements without creating a more formal role.
<p align="center">Joshua Goodman Deputy Commissioner of Public Affairs & Customer Experience Department of Sanitation (DSNY)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explained why DSNY's jurisdiction should be expanded to clean all city-owned property.
<p align="center">Patricia Murphy Preserve Harlem's Legacy Historic Preservation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Argues buildings should be repurposed rather than torn down. Wants City of Yes to consider repurposing more.

<p align="center">Charles Calloway Director of Workforce Development & Head of the Green Institute WE ACT for Environmental Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports creation of M/WBE as an independent agency to allow better monitoring of M/WBE practices and prevent fraudulent M/WBE “fronting.”
<p align="center">Vanessa L. Gibson Bronx Borough President</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wants greater support for community boards, proposing DCAS investigate EEO complaints and provide training. - Proposes abstention votes not be recorded as negative votes and affirmative votes only be counted against negative votes at Borough Board meetings.
<p align="center">Curtis Silwa Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Guardian Angels</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes Sanctuary City status be placed as a referendum on the ballot.
<p align="center">Richard Lee Director New York City Council Finance Division</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Described the current fiscal impact statement process where City Council relies on the administration, OMB, and agencies to provide fiscal costs, acknowledging City Council may disagree with fiscal costs.
<p align="center">Karen Wharton Citizen Action of New York Democracy Coalition Coordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports rank choice voting (RCV) continuing in NYC.
<p align="center">Francisco Navarro</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Eliminating the position of the Public Advocate; ii. The Financial Control Board appoint the Comptroller; iii. Require Comptrollers to have a financial background; iv. Elected officials be banned from appointment as agency heads for 2 years; v. A simplified petition to allow citizens to place questions on referendum.
<p align="center">Sharlene Jackson Mendez Vice President Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on Commission’s outreach efforts. - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary city status for referendum. - Against defunding the police and wants more public input in public safety legislation.
<p align="center">Alejandro Madi-Cerrada</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wants Commission’s proposals to support everyday working citizens. - Commented on Commission’s outreach efforts, wants more outreach on social media.

<p style="text-align: center;">Roxanne Delgado</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on Commission’s outreach efforts. - Supports term limits. - Against How Many Stops Act. - Wants affordable housing to account for inherent disparities in calculating AMI. - Wants more transparency and oversight of Community Boards.
<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Hurley</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wants more NYC funds to be allocated for private school costs and to support child literacy.
<p style="text-align: center;">John Felci</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p style="text-align: center;">Karl Beecher</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commented on Commission’s outreach efforts. - Wants building signage to be regulated to increase visibility.
<p style="text-align: center;">Bernadette Ferrara President Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum. - Wants DCAS to provide training to community boards - Supports greater street cleanliness.
Queens Borough Public Hearing (July 22, 2024)	
<p style="text-align: center;">Crystal Hudson City Council Member District 35</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports expansion of City Council's advice and consent over mayoral appointments. - Critical of Commission's timeline.
<p style="text-align: center;">Joann Ariola City Council Member District 32</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p style="text-align: center;">Pierina Ana Sanchez City Council Member District 14</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports expansion of City Council's advice and consent over mayoral appointments. - Critical of Commission's timeline.
<p style="text-align: center;">Julie Won City Council Member District 26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports expansion of City Council's advice and consent over mayoral appointments. - Critical of Commission's timeline.
<p style="text-align: center;">Chi Ossé City Council Member District 36</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports expansion of City Council's advice and consent over mayoral appointments. - Critical of Commission's timeline.

<p align="center">Jennifer Gutiérrez City Council Member District 34</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports expansion of City Council's advice and consent over mayoral appointments. - Critical of Commission's timeline.
<p align="center">Sandy Nurse City Council Member District 37</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports expansion of City Council's advice and consent over mayoral appointments. - Critical of Commission's timeline.
<p align="center">Shaun Abreu City Council Member District 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports expansion of City Council's advice and consent over mayoral appointments. - Critical of Commission's timeline.
<p align="center">Shekar Krishnan City Council Member District 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports expansion of City Council's advice and consent over mayoral appointments. - Critical of Commission's timeline.
<p align="center">Shahana Hanif City Council Member District 39</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports expansion of City Council's advice and consent over mayoral appointments. - Critical of Commission's timeline. - Supports City's sanctuary city policies.
<p align="center">Alexa Avilés City Council Member District 38</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports expansion of City Council's advice and consent over mayoral appointments. - Critical of Commission's timeline.
<p align="center">Chris Banks City Council Member District 42</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports expansion of City Council's advice and consent over mayoral appointments. - Critical of Commission's timeline.
<p align="center">Jeffrey Baker Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislation and Policy City Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Described current legislative process where public hearings are not required but public is welcome to submit testimony any time after a bill is introduced. - Commented that mayoral polices, agency decisions, and the Commission's final report do not allow public comment.
<p align="center">Ariel Amaja</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expressed concerns about ad revenue and cybersecurity regarding digital MTA ads/LinkNYC portals and NYPD deepfakes. Proposed revisions to the 311 app and basketball rentals in parks.
<p align="center">Christopher Leon Johnson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.

Phil Wong	- Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
Yanling Zhang	- Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
John Song	- Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
Albin Lepiz	- Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
Airenakhue B. Omoragban	- Critical of Commission's timeline. - Supports City's sanctuary city policies.
Dorethea Willis	- Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
Theresa M. Racine	- Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
Mary A. Ruane	- Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum. - Suggests ballot proposals be explained simply.
Thomas Willis	- Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
Obi Afriye Community Organizer - Criminal Justice NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.	- Critical of Commission's timeline. - Supports City's sanctuary city policies.
Vienna Levitan	- Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
Sam Esposito	- Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
Ying Tan	- Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
Tammi Zorros	- Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
Jeremy Woodruff Victorian Society New York	- Proposes the Landmarks Commission be granted sole regulatory authority over designated scenic landmarks; currently authority is shared between the Landmarks Commission and the Public Design Committee

<p style="text-align: center;">Linda Lam</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p style="text-align: center;">John Schaffer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p style="text-align: center;">Sarita Daftary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerned with CRC timeline. - Wants more jail oversight. - Opposes revisions to passage of public safety legislation.
<p style="text-align: center;">Phyllis Inzerillo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p style="text-align: center;">Sally Wong private citizen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p style="text-align: center;">Sally Ann private citizen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p style="text-align: center;">Mona Davids</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum. - Against City Council's policies on public safety legislation
<p style="text-align: center;">Candace Prince-Modeste</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports the How Many Stops Act.
<p style="text-align: center;">Barbara McNamara</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum -
<p style="text-align: center;">Aracelia Cook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommends placing NYC's sanctuary status for referendum.
<p style="text-align: center;">Melissa Inniss</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wants ADA formally incorporated into the Charter. - Wants ASL to be a designated city language for translation of essential government services. - Wants a commission created for deaf affairs.
<p style="text-align: center;">Michael Sisitzky Assistant Policy Director NYCLU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerned with written public input deadline.