

## **RESOLUTION OF**

## THE CITY OF NEW YORK 2012-2013 DISTRICTING COMMISSION

dated December 4, 2012, in relation to the withdrawal from the Clerk of the Council of the plan, submitted November 19, 2012, for the plan of the City of New York 2012-2013 Districting Commission (the "Commission") dividing New York City into fifty-one districts for the election of members of the New York City Council (the "Council Plan").

**WHEREAS**, by letter to City Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn from Commission Chair Benito Romano, dated November 16, 2012, the Commission has expressed a desire to solicit further public input regarding the Council Plan prior to its final adoption, in order to ensure that the Council Plan fairly represents the voters of the City of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, by letter to Commission Chair Benito Romano from City Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn, dated November 29, 2012, Speaker Quinn recognized that the Commission was constrained by the deadlines set forth in the New York City Charter from holding additional hearings, and requesting that the Commission withdraw its submission without the Council having to take action by vote as contemplated by the Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, by letter to Thaddeus Hackworth, General Counsel to the Commission, from Stephen Louis, Chief of the Legal Counsel division of the New York City Law Department, dated December 3, 2012, the New York City Law Department opined that the Commission has the inherent authority to withdraw the plan the Commission submitted to the New York City Council, so long as it is withdrawn prior to December 10, 2012, when the plan would otherwise be deemed adopted by law;

**WHEREAS**, additional public input is necessary in order to properly discharge the Commission's responsibility in crafting a well-considered plan prior to its adoption; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that it is the intent of the Commission to withdraw, and the Commission hereby withdraws, the Council Plan submitted to the City Council and filed with the Clerk of the Council on November 19, 2012; and be it further

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**RESOLVED**, that the Commission hereby authorizes and directs the Commission staff to take all necessary and/or appropriate actions to effectuate the withdrawal of the Council Plan from the City Council's consideration, including the filing of this resolution with the Clerk of the Council prior to December 10, 2012.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the City of New York 2012-2013 Districting Commission by a vote of /3 in favor and 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions and 2 not present.

I, Thaddeus Hackworth, General Counsel to the City of New York 2012-2013 Districting Commission, hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the Resolution adopted by said Commission at a public meeting held December 4, 2012.

General Counsel