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12	CARLO SCISSURA, Secretary	WENDY WEISER
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1	MR. PERALES: Good afternoon. I am pleased
2	to call to order a meeting of the New York City
3	Charter Revision Commission today on May 31st.
4	Let me introduce myself and then I'll tell
5	you the importance of this meeting and try to set
6	the tone for our discussions.
7	My name is Cesar Perales. I have the
8	privilege of serving as Chair. Before I forget,
9	I'm going to ask all of the members of the
LO	Commission to introduce themselves and to say one
11	or two words about their background and interests
12	on the Commission.
L3	Can we start on my left with Deborah.
L 4	MS. ARCHER: Hi everyone. My name is
L5	Deborah Archer. I'm a law professor and Hi,
L6	everyone. My name is Deborah Archer. I am a law
L7	professor. I teach civil rights clinic and other
L8	classes related TO information laws. In previous
L9	life, I worked as an attorney with the ACLU and
20	NAACP Legal Defense Fund.
21	MS. WEISER: Good afternoon. I'm Wendy
22	Weiser. I direct the Democracy Program at the
23	Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law School and
24	I am deeply committed to foster a more inclusive
25	democracy both locally and nationally.

1	MS. FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. My name is
2	Angela Fernandez. I am the executive director
3	and supervising attorney of the Northern
4	Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights. I'm
5	also the mayor's designee on the Civilian
6	Complaint Review Board and very committed to
7	inclusion and expanding inclusion and voting.
8	MS. SEECHARRAN: Good afternoon. My name is
9	Annetta Seecharran. I am the executive director
10	of Chhaya Community Development Corporation based
11	out in Queens. I am a long time activist and
12	advocate on issues related to City engagement and
13	immigrant rights.
14	MS. GODSIL: Good afternoon. My name is
15	Rachel Godsil. I'm vice chair of this
16	Commission. I am a law professor and also the
17	cofounder and director of research at the
18	Perception Institute which is a consortium of
19	social psychologists, law professors and others
20	focussed on racial biases and increasing
21	inclusion and belonging of us all in well, in
22	every life domain. In the previous life, I was
23	the chair of the Rent Guidelines Board and also
24	worked with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.
25	MR. PERALES: My own background, I am an

1	attorney by profession. I am, was formally the
2	Secretary of State of New York. More relevant to
3	what we do here, I was a former deputy mayor of
4	the City of New York and about half of my career
5	has been spent in the not for profit world,
6	primarily as a civil rights lawyer. I was
7	involved in the Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund,
8	which is know known as LatinoJustice.

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MR. SCISSURA: Good afternoon. My name is Carlo Scissura. I am currently the secretary of this Commission. I currently serve as the president and CEO of the New York Building Congress. Before this, I was the president of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and prior to that I served as Chief of Staff to Brooklyn Borough President, Marty Markowitz, for many years. I am excited to be on this commission. It's actually my second one. I served on the one, I guess it was in 2010 or, yeah, 2009 or '10. I forgot what year. And I'm interested in a lot of things that we heard about, but particularly, talking more about the built environment of the five Boroughs and how land use and connectivity and community involvement and engagement really play a part in building New

1	York. So I think that's an important issue.
2	MR. GEWOLB: Matt Gewolb, executive director
3	of the Commission.
4	MS. CLARKE: I'm Una Clark. I am a former
5	member of the New York City Council. I am a
6	product of Charter Revision '89. Charter
7	Revision brought me in as the first ever
8	immigrant from anywhere as a woman to be elected
9	to the New York City Council, so I am pleased to
10	be able to serve on this Commission, to take a
11	deep dive and look at how immigrants, in
12	particular in this City of New York, how we are
13	welcomed and embraced and how inclusive things
14	can be to make life better as New Yorkers.
15	MR. BRAGG: Kyle Bragg, secretary/treasurer
16	of SEIU 32BJ and I'm very interested in serving
17	(inaudible) for all of those who live in this
18	City.
19	MR. SIEGAL: Good afternoon. I'm John
20	Siegal. I'm a lawyer in private practice in
21	Manhattan as I have been for 30 years and during
22	that same period, occasionally been a government
23	City government appointee. Currently serving
24	on the CCRB and have also served as Counsel to
25	perhaps a few too many Citywide political

1	campaigns.
2	MS. GREENBERGER: Good afternoon. I am
3	Sharon Greenberger. I'm the president and CEO of
4	YMCA of Greater New York. We focus on youth
5	development, healthy living and social
6	responsibility with a particular emphasis on
7	access for all.
8	MS. ANGELO: Hi, I am Larian Angelo. I'm an
9	economist by trade. Currently I am a researcher
LO	at CUNY and in prior life, I worked on City
11	budget, both from the Council side and mayor side
L2	and I'm interested in City government functions.
13	MR. PERALES: Thank you all. This is I'm
L4	always impressed when I hear my folks introduce
L5	themselves. I am reminded that the mayor did an
L6	awfully good job selecting people to serve on
L7	this Commission. We have a new Commission member
L8	who has just arrived. You can introduce yourself
L9	as soon as we can put a microphone in front of
20	you.
21	MR. CARRION: Sorry I am late. I'm Marco
22	Carrion. Currently in service as the mayor's
23	commissioner of community affairs.
24	MR. PERALES: Now, for the record, I will
25	ask the secretary whether we have a guorum

1	MR. SCISSURA: Yes. We have a quorum.
2	MR. PERALES: Great. Let me make a few
3	opening remarks. While I compliment the mayor on
4	the selection of this Commission, truth is that
5	mayors, every several years, appoint a Commission
6	to look at the City Charter because we are an
7	evolving City and an evolving society, but also
8	because mayors also have a particular interest
9	about changing the way our City is governed and
10	our City is run. This particular mayor made it
11	very clear in his conversation with me before I
12	accepted the role of chair, that he is very
13	interested in democracy and how democracy
14	operates. He has run for office on a number of
15	occasions in the City and he just believes very
16	firmly that things could be better. Among the
17	issues that he's concerned about, is the fact
18	that politicians have to raise an awful lot of
19	money in preparation for running for office. He
20	doesn't think that is good. He's looking for
21	ways to improve campaign financing, but he's
22	interested in lots of other things that would
23	govern our City and democracy, how our committee
24	boards work, all the issues that we think belong
25	in the City Charter, not every issue that we can

think of, but those that are appropriate inclusion in the City Charter and our job is to the listen to the public. Listen to experts discuss amongst ourselves what we think is appropriate to consider for inclusion on the ballot next November. That's our job, pure and simple. We go out of business next election, so our role is clear, concise and time limited.

Let me just comment on a few things that I think are important for the record.

One has to do is that the -- this meeting is open to the public. Although this is the not a meeting in which we will receive or entertain public comment, but everything that we do, we do transparently, even this discussion which I could assure you is the first discussion we're having as a group about what we should be doing next is public. You're going to hear it and it's being live streamed and we have an obligation to make our discussions clear to everyone.

I don't want to spend too much time on this, but we've had five meetings, one in each borough.

We've had comments made, not just at those hearings, but sent in through social media, e-mails, a variety of ways we're going to hear

about the analysis of all the comments from our staff and we're looking forward to hearing the report that Matt Gewolb will make to our Commission.

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At the conclusion of our discussion today, we're going to try to get a sense, more than a sense, try to get some direction about what issues we need to focus on. What issues we want experts who can identify to come and discuss before us and answer our questions so that we will be better prepared to continue the process and in a sense, begin to focus our discussions on particular issues that we think are appropriate for the Commission to consider for the November ballot. The report -- well, the staff will prepare a preliminary report as a result of this. We will make that public and we will then have another round of public discussions and meetings in which the public will be invited to comment on our preliminary report. We think that's the best way to prepare ourselves for ultimate discussions that will result in a final report which will be the basis of our choosing and deciding, with the help of Council, as to what should go on the ballot in November.

1	With that and before I entertain discussion,
2	by the Commission members, I'm going to ask Matt
3	to recap for us what the staff has been doing for
4	the last couple of weeks. After we finished our
5	initial round of hearings, let me add, that some
6	of the Commission members felt that we wanted to
7	continue to get more public input and we will be
8	holding some additional hearings. Perhaps not as
9	formal as the ones that we did in every borough,
10	but we will have a few more over the next couple
11	of weeks. With that, Matt?
12	MR. GEWOLB: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.
13	And as I mentioned, the staff has been hard at
14	work and we appreciate the opportunity to do that
15	work on behalf of the Commission.
16	My name is Matt Gewolb. I'm the executive
17	director of the Commission. I would also like to

My name is Matt Gewolb. I'm the executive director of the Commission. I would also like to quickly acknowledge some of those people that are working with us on the Commission Kwame Akosah, Christine Billy, Aaron Bloom, Candice Cho, Torrey Fishman, Sabrina Fong, Essence Franklin, Ingrid Gustafson, Steven Newmark, Josh Sids, Michael Smilowitz, Bruce Thomas, Mary Van Noy, Jorge Montelro. They have been doing the bulk of this work and doing a terrific job on their behalf.

1	This is is a quick overview of the process.
2	So far, much of it we mentioned, of course, we
3	have gone to five hearings in each of the five
4	Boroughs. We have compiled and systematically
5	tracked the public comments received by the
6	Commission. Each public comment is is
7	considered and input into a sophisticated system
8	that we use to do the analysis and of course
9	multiple channels have been made available for
10	public comment. These channels include the
11	public hearings, of course, social media, Twitter
12	and Facebook, our online portal NYC.Gov/Charter
13	where the public can include testimony and we
14	encourage people to do so. There have been
15	actual letters sent to our office. We get
16	excited when we receive hard copy mail. We have
17	received a few of those and, of course, phone
18	calls to our headquarters. So to date, we have
19	well over 100 commenters made nearly 400
20	recommendations, that is multiple recommendations
21	per commenter. We enjoy the factor in the office
22	that New Yorkers currently have very many
23	opinions and we often receive multiple proposals
24	per Commission. We also receive comments from
25	City agencies and elected officials, which we're

in the process of analyzing and I wanted to talk briefly about a few of the themes that have seemed to generate widespread interest across those channels. The first is meaningful participation in elections. This includes instant runoff voting and other election reforms, the second is campaign financing reforms. The third is fair representation, this includes independent redistricting and broadening and strengthening civic engagement including examination of the roles of Community Boards.

So the staff has been researching these issues and we have identified subject matter experts available to provide a range of perspectives. This is in anticipation of our next stage, which will be a subject matter issue forum, where, you, as a chair and members of the Commission, will have opportunity to hear from and question experts in all of those particular areas.

Additionally, while these themes have emerged as more central than others, we continue to systematically review and consider each and every comment received by the Commission and certainly we don't mean to imply that the

1	Commission's work will be limited to the these
2	things that I mentioned. For example, land use
3	is an emerging issue that we have been following
4	closely and received significant increase in the
5	volume of testimony submitted, particularly
6	written testimony, within our portal. And so we
7	continue to explore this issue and will certainly
8	be looking for any further recommendations in the
9	coming weeks. We know it is an area of
10	particular interest to several commissioners.
11	So, finally we have very regularly consulted
12	with, you, the Chair, of course, and other
13	commissioners in developing this list of issues
14	and we will continue to do that as we work to
15	plan an issue forum and as we work to prepare the
16	preliminary staff report. So that is the brief
17	update of what has been going on.
18	MR. PERALES: He does that for me because I
19	was deputy mayor for David Dinkins and I am very
20	close to the mayor. When I say "the mayor," it
21	will always be David Dinkins.
22	But anyway, the staff has also prepared a
23	resolution. I thought the report to come from

this Union is a form resolution that we will

pass, but I'm going to ask the vice chair to read

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1	the resolution, but if that's just to begin
2	discussion of the resolution in a minute, we're
3	going to pass the resolution as written, but I do
4	want to thank the staff for having taken the time
5	to draft the resolution. Madam vice chair?
6	MS. GODSIL: "Proposed resolution of the
7	2018 New York Charter Revision Commission:
8	Whereas, the 2018 New York City Charter
9	Commission has completed an initial round of
10	public hearings, one in each Borough of the City;
11	and
12	Whereas, the Commission has heard and
13	accepted written testimony from elected officials
14	and members of the public at these meetings,
15	including the representatives of public interest
16	and advocacy groups, political parties and
17	private citizens; and
18	Whereas, in addition, the Commission has
19	encouraged public comment through a variety of
20	methods, including through its website and
21	through various forms of social media; and
22	Whereas, Commission staff has also solicited
23	comments and ideas from heads of City departments
24	and their personnel; and
25	Whereas, review of the preliminary testimony

1	and comments received by the Commission reflects
2	a wide range of issues of interest to New
3	Yorkers; and
4	Whereas, review of such testimony and
5	comments indicates particular and widespread
6	interest in the following issues: Various
7	measures to promote meaningful participation
8	including instant runoff voting and other
9	election reforms; campaign financing reforms;
10	fair representation, including independent
11	redistricting; and broadening and strengthening
12	civic engagement, including examination of the
13	roles of Community Boards;
14	Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the
15	Commission invite further discussion and
16	testimony, research and analysis from experts and
17	practitioners on these issues;
18	And may it be further resolved, that the
19	Commission direct staff to further research and
20	analyze these issues;
21	And may it be further resolved, that the
22	Commission arrange for experts and practitioners
23	in these areas to participate in public panel
24	discussions to be held during the month of June;
25	And may it be further resolved, that at the

conclusion of these discussions, staff shall prepare a report summarizing and analyzing the results of said discussions and other research and containing its preliminary recommendation;

And be it further resolved, that after the release of such preliminary staff report, the Commission shall hold a second round of public hearings, one in each Borough the City, to solicit public input on such preliminary recommendations."

Now, that was a lot of legalese and a number of "whereas" and "resolves" made your head spin a little bit. But in plain English, the goal of the proposed resolution is to note the work that has been done so far. The executive director described about the degree of accepting written testimony and hearing from elected officials and members of the public across the five Boroughs and soliciting comments in a number of different means, web sites, various forms of social media and reviewing the testimony and comments and indicating and suggesting that there are core issues of particular interest, so meaningful participation in elections, including instant runoff voting and other election reforms,

1	campaign financing reforms, fair representation,
2	including independent redistricting and
3	broadening and strengthening civic engagement
4	including examination of the roles of Community
5	Boards. So these would be the four areas upon
6	which we have common issues at hearings where
7	experts can give provide information and
8	resolving a further quorum on those issues. So
9	that's helpful to have and now we can open it up
10	to discussion.
11	MR. PERALES: Yes. Let me just make a
12	preliminary comment before I ask the others to
13	comment. We're squeezing in a lot of discussions
14	for three meetings, so I asked the staff to
15	consider a fourth session, not that I want any
16	more meetings, but it may be too much and maybe
17	on further analysis that there's another issue
18	that we ought to be focusing on because the
19	comments keep coming, so I just wanted to let
20	folks know that.
21	Any reaction to that? Any disagreement on
22	what we were hearing at the hearings?
23	MS. ARCHER: I have a question. Can you
24	explain a little bit about the issues that are

merging that you grouped into land use issues.

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1	MR. GEWOLB: Yeah. Sure. I think we need a
2	little bit of additional analysis because some of
3	the land use issues continue to surface relative
4	recently through
5	SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER: Can you repeat
6	that? Sorry.
7	MR. GEWOLB: Absolutely. Generally, there
8	have been a couple of areas there have been
9	comments related to the role of Community Boards
10	and in the land use decision making process and I
11	think some other comments relating to the land
12	use process, more generally so, I think what
13	we'll plan to do is prepare some summaries of
14	what's come in from the Commissioners and circle
15	that in short order.
16	MS. ARCHER: Thank you.
17	MS. CLARKE: I just wanted to follow-up the
18	question. As neighbors are fighting back against
19	gentrification, this is part of the for
20	wanting to review land use and
21	MR. PERALES: I take that as a
22	recommendation that when we and I think we
23	should, but we haven't made that decision yet,
24	but when we make land use part of our expert
25	analysis and discussion, that we include not just

1	facilitating development or building, but that we
2	also look at the issue of gentrification and was
3	there something more specific?
4	MS. CLARKE: I know that in the community
5	from which I come, most people bought their homes
6	because there were more than two families, not
7	because there was no set rule for the size of
8	buildings, so if somebody lives near Kings
9	County, they want to build a building as big as
10	Kings County Hospital on any land that may be
11	available and neighbors are complaining that I
12	moved to the neighborhood, I brought my home, my
13	family and now I have to withstand a building
14	20 stories high.
15	MR. PERALES: That's exactly what I was
16	referring to that the discussion on land use will
17	include issues of that kind.
18	MS. WEISER: One recommendation might be to
19	have that discussion adjacent to the discussion
20	of the Community Boards and ways to foster
21	specific engagement because that would be one of
22	the issues that people would want to get involved
23	in and it might bring them to participate.
24	MR. PERALES: That makes sense.
25	MR. SCISSURA: I agree with you, Wendy.

1	Maybe have a separate panel as part of that day
2	might be good because these issues and what
3	Ms. Clarke said are important. So I would stress
4	that land use, we should do something on it,
5	whether it's a separate day or as part of one of
6	the two or three that we do, that would be great
7	and I'm hearing that from a lot of people, but I
8	had a question on election reform. So I notice
9	we have instant runoff and some other things. I
10	could recall and I may be wrong that there were
11	several people talking about nonpartisan
12	elections. Are we going to have somebody testify
13	on that or was there just not enough questioning
14	on that?
15	MR. GEWOLB: I think to some degree that's
16	to be determined well, somewhat to be
17	determined to put this together. There was some
18	discussion, not an enormous amount of discussion.
19	So we need to do some review of both the written
20	testimony and the other means of of by
21	which people submit testimony to sort of get a
22	sense. There, you know, one of the challenges of
23	putting these together is that there's a lot to
24	cover in each of the categories, meaning we want

to limit to some degree, so we don't have too

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many panels with too many people so we want to

make sure we have as much coverage as possible

within reason. So that is -- so -- so I guess

it's to be determined is the short answer to your

question.

6 MR. PERALES: Go ahead.

MR. BRAGG: So I recall in some of the testimonies that issue of Community Boards maybe several times, but beyond functionality and power and authority of the Community Board, the issue was also raised that whether or not the way Community Board members are selected continue to represent the diversity of the communities in which they serve. So I think it's important that we look at that process and make sure that we — we dig deep enough to figure out how we make sure beyond functionality that the people who are serving on those boards are representing the community that they service.

MR. PERALES: And I appreciate these comments because you're all so eloquent that I have visions of having 40 expert meetings taking place and in fairness to the staff, this -- they're going to have to figure out how to narrow to some extent, which is not to suggest that

1	yours is not an issue, but saying overall, we
2	have to keep in mind that we can bring in all the
3	experts we want, but at some point we're going to
4	have to make some decisions and I think that we
5	have time deadlines. I want to get back out to
б	the public with a preliminary report and begin to
7	narrow the issues.
8	MS. GREENBERGER: Can I ask about fair
9	representation and if you could delineate I
10	want to make sure I understand that it belongs in
11	campaign financing, not in the meaningful
12	participation.
13	MR. GEWOLB: So I think, oh, I see, so so
14	in other words, the category including
15	redistricting, the question is whether that
16	belongs more with campaign financing.
17	MS. GREENBERGER: Yes. How you define fair
18	representation.
19	MR. GEWOLB: Yeah. I think the the large
20	the large issue in that category is proper
21	redistricting. And so, I mean campaign finance
22	reform, because we have heard some robust
23	testimony on that area, that I think there will
24	be a large amount of material to go through and
25	such a large amount of experts that we were

thinking about the other reforms outside of that bucket, so because every finance reform will probably occupy its own forum, that's why we're grouping some of the other reforms together.

I'm not sure yet what -- what representation proposals outside of independent redistricting would include in that bucket, we'll further develop that and -- and -- and circulate some additional material.

MR. SIEGAL: I have a question that I think
I know that answer to. I know the transcripts of
our prior hearings are available publically on
the web site. You mentioned that there have been
over 100 commenters. Is there a list available
of who has submitted comments outside of public
hearings that we can reference to make sure we
can see the ones that we --

MR. PERALES: I have asked that very same question and I asked for analysis about who has been commenting and have most of the comments come from our hearings or are most of them coming in through some other form, whether it's telephones or written comments, but that analysis is being conducted. I want to be careful because I don't want to say something that is not

accurate. It may take a little bit of time, but
yes, we will make available an analysis of -- of
comments and I suspect they're still commenting
and the 100 comments -- commentators -- how many
people were, more or less, came to our hearings?
Were there about 100?

MR. GEWOLB: We'll look at the --

MR. PERALES: I'm jumping ahead of myself.

I retract my question. We're trying to do that right now. We will -- as the analysis goes on, we will figure out how many have come and who has sent in testimony and we'll have an analysis.

MS. SEECHARRAN: I actually wanted to build on the same point Sharon was making about fair representation. I feel like even though there aren't many other topics that have come up that fit neatly under fair representation, I want to make sure that independent redistricting has its own space and I see it lumped in here, but I don't know if you're thinking about it as its own separate forum because I -- I just recall the really compelling arguments that were made at the Flushing hearing and I know that in Queens, you know, in many parts of the City, it continues to be an issue.

Τ	MR. GEWOLB: Let me talk about a little bit
2	about how this works, I think it would be
3	useful. I think that the way it's the way
4	that we have been thinking about, and it's
5	obviously our perspective to get a resolution and
6	passing and other action from the Commission is
7	to do multiple panels per meeting to give each
8	issue at least that much time and space so on
9	redistricting, we'll have a panel with a variety
10	of experts and others testifying on just that
11	area. So it's not I agree with you and what
12	we're what is important is to avoid lumping a
13	lot of distinct issues together and I think that
14	those individual panels will be helpful in that
15	regard. It will mean that even for like, within
16	one of these categories, there will be multiple
17	panels and I hope you will forgive us in advance
18	for the lengthy meetings, but we think those
19	issues deserve that amount of time and
20	organizational structure.
21	MR. PERALES: Does that answer your
22	question?
23	MS. SEECHARRAN: Yes.
24	MS. CLARKE: I wanted to follow-up.
25	Following the Brooklyn and Bronx hearings, I got

1	concerns about the Community Boards and the
2	recommendation of what people feel is that of our
3	president who appoints or is limiting the
4	Council member is limited, yet the members of the
5	Community Board are never term limited and they
6	remain there and they feel that a lot of the hard
7	work
8	MR. PERALES: There is no question. I have
9	had a conversation with the executive director
10	and we will be looking at the term limits of
11	Commission board members.
12	MS. WEISER: On the Community Board issue, I
13	concur in the recommendations of looking at the
14	selection and at terms. One of the
15	recommendations that came up in which panel?
16	I don't remember which hearing it was, was to
17	expand the number of Council seats. One to be
18	the same number as community
19	MR. PERALES: That was in Brooklyn.
20	MS. WEISER: I wonder if that's one of the
21	things being considered. In addition, I'm
22	wondering whether we can consider making the
23	or here, consideration of whether it makes sense
24	to make those districts coextensive, if there's
25	going to be changes to the Community Board

1	selection process, it might be an opportunity to
2	change the lines.
3	MR. GEWOLB: So I think without getting into
4	the substance of that, in advance, that there
5	will be people relating to Community Boards that
6	will be able to speak with some expertise.
7	MS. WEISER: So those are still on the
8	considerations list?
9	MR. GEWOLB: You know, I think that we're
10	designing these fairly for people with areas of
11	expertise, but others with areas of expertise to
12	arrange with different kinds of experts so that
13	you'll have, for instance, some people, some who
14	are advocates in the area, others who are
15	academic researchers, so it is it is a range
16	of types of people to talk with and to hear from.
17	MS. WEISER: Thank you.
18	MR. GEWOLB: Of course.
19	MR. PERALES: Let me make a comment because
20	during these hearings, we heard from a lot of
21	different people advocating their position and
22	quite often, we don't get to hear the contract
23	position. So I have asked staff to be very
24	careful to try to provide us with balanced
25	information because I would hate to be reliant on

1	on just a particular advocates position
2	because that is all we heard and staff has been
3	very sensitive to my request and I appreciate
4	that. Kyle? Before you say anything, Kyle, let
5	the member of the Commission who just arrived
6	introduce themselves.
7	MR. HO: Hello, I'm Dale Ho and apologize
8	for being late today. I was at a law department.
9	MR. PERALES: What do you do for a living?
10	MR. HO: I am a lawyer. I work at ACLU and
11	voting rights there.
12	MR. BRAGG: There have been many issues that
13	were raised, I think we most frequently, during
14	our five Borough hearing tour, but there are some
15	that have not particularly made the list because
16	they have not been raised. One in particular,
17	one or the other, I'm just mentioning that the
18	Civil Complaint Review Board had been mentioned
19	and I don't know much about its process or
20	functionality to understand that its an issue we
21	should be addressing, but I am interested to see
22	if we are going to be having some research done
23	on the functionality and function of the Civilian
24	Complaint Review Board so that we can have a
25	discussion about it so we know if there is an

issue	that	needs	to	be	resolved	

MR. GEWOLB: Thank you and to -- I just want to reiterate that we don't consider this list to be exhaustive and that we are certainly considering some other things to be reflected and additionally we are working with -- with -- with agencies, boards and commissions to have them make recommendations to the Commission that you will be able to consider. So we -- we -- we expect that to be part of the conversation during the process.

MR. BRAGG: Thank you.

MS. GODSIL: It seems like it's valuable to keep in mind that the process that will follow the forum will be to then a consolidation of the different perspectives of the -- sort of fair balanced experts who will hear and present that to the community at the subsequent time that are for the public and will be ultimately selected the issues are reflective of the citizens of New York about this meeting.

MR. PERALES: Let me reiterate, but hopefully what will come of all this is a preliminary report and that we will publicize that preliminary report which will then enable us

1	to go out and seek responses to it. This is
2	going to be an open and transparent let me
3	again say something and I don't want it to be
4	misinterpreted. I'm scared to death of having 42
5	expert hearings. I'm going to force staff to see
6	if they can do this in a manageable way and so
7	that we can get expert counsel and advice on as
8	many issues as possible and if they have to
9	eliminate some issues, it will have to be those
10	that were not raised very often. We have to be
11	guided by what the community said they were
12	interested in. So Matt understands which way we
13	have to go. I assume the smiles mean neither of
14	you, no one wants 40 meetings. Are there other
15	comments? John, you want 40 meetings?
16	MR. SIEGAL: I think we're on the right
17	track.
18	MR. PERALES: No one else? We have the
19	dates for the issue forum who has those dates?
20	So the staff has until at least June 12th for the
21	first one to put together an issue forum and let
22	us know who the experts are going to be and
23	prepare us for that. We'll have one on the 14th.
24	They'll be a there is a third one that people
25	were trying to figure out what date to set and

there will probably be a fourth one. I -- I

certainly hope we will not have more than four,

but we have an obligation to listen to all of the

experts on the issues that were raised and expect

that some will be very long meetings.

MS. FERNANDEZ: I just realized actually that in Staten Island and I think in Brooklyn, there were two testimonies around lowering the voting age. I think in Staten Island, I think it was 16 and I think in Brooklyn it was 17, so I don't know if there's going to be any room for that on any of the panels?

MR. PERALES: Let me say that we can discuss it, but we've also got to understand and I hope we get expert advice on this, that when elections are held, they often include federal and other statewide issues that are not limited to New York. It would be difficult, to say the least, to say we're going to register, you're 16 years old, but you can only vote on this or that, so I think we need to get more advice about that. As interesting, and it did peak my interest, to have younger people voting, I am somewhat concerned and I don't know all the ramifications around that, but the secretary just reminded me that

1	maybe this is an appropriate time for me to
2	entertain this particular motion if someone wants
3	to move it.
4	MR. BRAGG: Motion to accept.
5	MR. SCISSURA: Yes.
6	MR. PERALES: Yes. You have made it and
7	it's been seconded. All those in favor say
8	"Aye".
9	(A chorus of yes.)
10	MR. PERALES: Those opposed? The motion is
11	passed. Let me just, now that we have our main
12	business accomplished, remind everybody that we
13	should continue to visit www.nyc.gov/charter for
14	the latest updates of what we're doing.
15	Again, our next step after staff continues
16	to analyze the comments that have been made by
17	the public, is to find the best experts for us,
18	line up these panels and break them up in such a
19	way that we can accomplish all of them on four
20	dates, right? I don't see anyone disagreeing
21	with me that we are limited to four dates? Is
22	that four would be good. All right? So,
23	staff has got that challenge. Is there anything
24	else that we ought to consider at this meeting?

Then, if not, then I want to entertain another

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1	motion, motion to adjourn. Is there a second?
2	All those in favor.
3	(A chorus of yes.)
4	MR. PERALES: Opposed? Hearing that motion
5	is carried and we are adjourned.
6	(Whereupon, at 1:55 P.M., the above matter
7	concluded.)
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4	: SS.: COUNTY OF RICHMOND)
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7	within the State of New York, do hereby certify:
8	That the above is a correct transcription of my
9	stenographic notes.
10	I further certify that I am not related to any
11	of the parties to this action by blood or by marriage and
12	that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this
13	matter.
14	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
15	this 1st day of June 2018.
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