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Comments: Public Comment to NYC Charter Revision Commission - CRC Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the **Preliminary Report** and upcoming public input session on **July 7**. I appreciate the work of the Commission and commend the clarity of the preliminary materials. Below are key reflections and recommendations on several reform areas under review, particularly those impacting housing, land use, elections, nonprofits, and climate resilience. **Housing & Land Use Reform (Prelim Report p. 39)** **Streamlining ULURP for small-scale and 100% affordable housing** \* Consolidating community board and borough president reviews may improve efficiency, but safeguards are essential to ensure both entities retain meaningful roles. Time savings should not come at the cost of thoughtful, local input—especially when community oversight is a check on politically driven proposals. **Appointing a zoning administrator for certain approvals** \* A zoning administrator could help accelerate small and affordable housing projects. However, transparency and accountability mechanisms must be in place to avoid undermining public trust or diminishing community voice. **Elevating Citywide Needs in Land Use** \* Limiting the ability to block projects that meet **citywide housing goals** is a vital and



overdue reform. It's necessary to reduce the impact of local veto power on equitable housing development. To succeed, this approach must be grounded in clearly defined criteria, with robust public engagement and transparency throughout. **\*\*Tying Infrastructure to Housing\*\*** \* A logical and strategic move that aligns investment with growth. Coordinated planning can reinforce equity and prevent infrastructure gaps in rapidly growing areas. **\*\*Leveraging Public Land for Housing\*\*** \* Expediting the disposition of city-owned land—particularly for **\*\*affordable housing, HDFCs, and irregular lots\*\***—is a smart and necessary step. The current ULURP process often delays much-needed development. Speeding this up must come with clear affordability thresholds and community benefit requirements to ensure responsible use. \* Enabling small-scale land acquisitions for **\*\*housing, schools, and parks\*\*** is also worth pursuing with equitable planning in mind. --- **\*\*Elections Reform (p. 57)\*\*** \* **\*\*Moving municipal elections to even-numbered years\*\*** could increase turnout and voter engagement. \* **\*\*Opening party primaries to unaffiliated voters\*\*** would enfranchise more New Yorkers and better reflect the city's diverse electorate. --- **\*\*Nonprofit Contracting (p. 74)\*\*** \* Chartering MOCS and enforcing **\*\*timely payments\*\***, **\*\*partial advances\*\***, and **\*\*interest on late payments\*\*** are essential for stability in the nonprofit sector. These reforms would bring fairness and predictability to organizations delivering critical services. --- **\*\*Climate & Resilience (p. 80)\*\*** \* Removing outdated ULURP hurdles for climate and resiliency projects is a prudent reform. We must not let procedural delays obstruct efforts to protect New Yorkers from the climate crisis. \* Streamlining land acquisition for **\*\*coastal protection, EV infrastructure, and floodplain buyouts\*\*** is timely and aligns with resilience goals. --- **\*\*City Map Administration (p. 87)\*\*** \* Transferring responsibility from borough presidents to City Planning could improve consistency and coordination in citywide planning. --- In closing, many of these proposals show real promise in addressing systemic inefficiencies while advancing equity. However, implementation must be rooted in **\*\*clear criteria, community trust, and transparent processes\*\*** to ensure reforms do not unintentionally diminish public participation or accountability. Thank you for your work and for considering these comments.

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**PERRIS STRAUGHTER  
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June 30, 2025

Dear Chair Buery and Charter Revision Commission Members:

My name is Perris Straughter and I am the Director of Planning and Land Use for the New York City Council.

This Commission has rightly focused on New York's housing affordability crisis and potential solutions to help deliver more homes for New Yorkers.

Speaker Adrienne Adams and the City Council share this priority and have led on housing throughout this term since 2022.

- We are on track to complete 5 neighborhood rezonings, totaling nearly 50,000 units of projected new housing, more than 25% of which will be affordable from MIH and coordinated HPD investments.
- During this term, the Council has also approved nearly 120 private site applications totaling over 27,500 units of projected new housing, the majority of which (over 16,000) are affordable.
- The City Council worked tirelessly to successfully advance and improve the administration's City of Yes for Housing Opportunity citywide zoning text amendment, which will bring over 80,000 new homes.
  - That's nearly 160,000 homes over 4 years
- Council Speaker Adams proposed, and the City Council unanimously passed, the Fair Housing Framework legislation that will, for the first time, require the administration to produce a comprehensive plan for meeting our housing needs by establishing transparent housing targets to hold every neighborhood accountable for contributing its fair share.

Despite this clear record of proactive leadership, much of this Commission's discussion of the housing crisis has centered on the alleged role of the City Council as an obstacle that must somehow be overcome or sidelined. This overlooks the biggest challenges to the City's ability to produce housing, while selectively acknowledging how only one part of government can be politically influenced to oppose housing and ignoring the executive branch's vulnerability to political and special interest influence that blocks housing solutions.

The Commission overlooks the Council's leadership in addressing the housing crisis and ignores the very real reasons for democratic checks and balances in land use decisions.

We must not forget that ULURP was created to empower local democracy and the voices of people living in neighborhoods affected by change and development. The 1989 Charter revisions replaced the undemocratic Board of Estimate with a representative City Council that provided every New Yorker with an equal vote on land use matters. This change came after major outcry on land use decisions that were outright racist and leveled Black and Brown neighborhoods, concentrated poverty, and segregated the city by race and class. We know that without a check on executive control, appointed power brokers can destroy and remake entire neighborhoods based on the priorities of elite interests and the powerful.

Now as we face a crippling housing crisis, where land use interventions are indeed needed to unlock housing, it seems that this Commission has forgotten this history. Many advocates of housing production are saying that we should dilute processes and remove checks and balances on the Mayor to build more housing and build it faster.

While thoughtful improvements can be made to solve challenges, it is short-sighted to ignore the facts of our recent history. Recent events experienced in our city have left many New Yorkers questioning whether the Mayor has our best interests at heart, and there is a growing trend of executive overreach being normalized. The President of our nation has led such efforts, creating constitutional crises that undermine democracy and the separation of powers. Yet, this attempted expansion of executive power has also occurred locally, with the mayor ignoring local laws and unilaterally seeking to reduce accountability and transparency required of his office. Black, Latino, and immigrant communities are under attack, after gentrification has contributed to their increasingly being displaced from their homes and neighborhoods.

Despite these realities, there seems to be an effort to shift power to the executive branch that leaves far less accountability in place to protect against a mayor who does not support housing or the needs of New Yorkers. I ask this Commission in the face of what is happening in our city and our nation, do we really want to go back to a time when communities had less representation in the land use process to ensure it is accountable to the public interest? What guarantees do we have that the mistakes of the past will not be replicated?

No, we should make reforms that make sense in promoting housing production and ensuring accountability for it, preserving the power of local communities to have input in projects and policies that affect their neighborhoods. The City Council is the most representative part of city government, making it most connected to the residents of our city. Its members understand New York's communities, neighborhoods, businesses, streets, parks and public facilities at the most granular level and are most directly accountable to the people. The Council, as a body, also has the ability to maintain accountability in the public interest over any single member.

The Mayor's Charter Revision Commission's preliminary report assumes that Mayors and Borough Presidents would always pursue goals of increased housing, enlightened public interest and citywide needs. That is not a rational or safe assumption, as these officials are no less affected by political interests—NIMBY interests, real estate developers, and lobbyists, to name a few. Further empowering these government offices that lack the accountability of a Speaker or 50 other Council Members would leave housing production vulnerable to obstruction by officeholders who do not support housing production. The current mayoral administration's delay and potential overturning

of the years-ago approved ULURP application to develop affordable senior housing at the Elizabeth Street Garden site is a prime example. The mayor's office is unilaterally pursuing a reversal of this housing development, despite its long-ago Council approval in the land use process. Furthermore, Mayor Adams has repeatedly conveyed a desire to reverse the intended land use projects approved by the Council to establish borough-based jails in order to close Rikers. The checks and balances in ULURP exist to prevent one branch of government from becoming too powerful and from a return to the disenfranchisement of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

The Council is therefore opposed to any Charter revisions that would reduce its role and responsibilities in land use decisions. However, that does not mean we are opposed to all changes.

### **Potential reforms Council believes are worth consideration**

Some areas where the Council agrees with the Commission's draft report include that there are certain types of minor or clearly beneficial applications where the ULURP process is an obstacle.

- Resiliency-related actions by the City or private developers that are needed to protect against the effects of climate change, including raising street grades or elevations, are not being done because of the challenge and expense of getting through the ULURP process. Reforms to the process for these applications would help advance projects that have been delayed or shelved, but would protect areas of the city that are prone to flooding.
- Improvements can be made to the revocable consents and franchising processes so that installation of electric vehicle charging stations is easier and quicker.
- The Council also supports reforms that would build on the Fair Housing Framework law, including:
  - Prioritizing neighborhood planning efforts in community districts that are failing to meet housing targets. Such ideas might include requiring DCP to propose land use actions in response to the Framework.
  - Increasing the power of the law by increasing accountability measures for community districts failing to meet fair housing targets. One idea is requiring community boards to approve land use changes that would achieve the law's housing targets and provide options and resources for them to initiate plans as opposed to a plan initially proposed by DCP.
  - Increasing the Speaker of the City Council's authority to hold Council Members accountable for advancing land use changes in community boards that are not meeting fair housing targets. This could be a "Speaker Callup" requirement that maintains the Council's power to engage and problem-solve on applications while giving the Speaker, rather than the Council as a whole, power to decide which land use applications come to the Council for a vote.
- The Council wants to increase the capacity of DCP and city agencies to support communities willing to proactively plan to help address the housing crisis. DCP often says no to communities that want to plan and want to rezone due to a lack of capacity, but the most effective way to sustainably build housing, especially affordable housing, is to advance neighborhood plans and rezone neighborhoods.
  - Neighborhood rezonings begun in 2022 and set to be finalized by the end of this year will bring over 50,000 units to our City, more than half of

what City of Yes produced, while including more affordable housing than typically produced by private land use applications. Furthermore, these neighborhood planning processes are comprehensive in nature and address infrastructure and quality of life issues at the neighborhood level.

- We broadly believe that DCP and city agencies should be provided with increased capacity for engaging in proactive planning at the neighborhood level. DCP should have a responsibility to engage with the public around planning issues beyond neighborhood rezonings, laying the foundation for rezoning conversations in communities long before they are proposed by studying and educating the public about neighborhood-specific needs for infrastructure and new housing.

Thank you for your attention,



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Name: Daisy Gonzalez

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Comments: Dear City Charter Commissioners, My name is Daisy Gonzalez. I serve on Bronx Community Board 10 and have been doing so for four years. I have come before this Commission to oppose changes to the City of New York Charter regarding Community Boards' role in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP). As you know, we are volunteers. We are residents of our community. We join our Community Board to learn how to help improve our neighborhoods, protect it and ensure we are receiving our fair share of city services. This Commission is reviewing changes such as reducing the ULURP's Community Board review period of 60 to 30 days. In 2019, a then Charter Revision Commission gave Community Boards an additional 30 days to review ULURP applications. This was a positive change for our process. It gave our volunteer membership additional time for presentations, to read difficult texts such as the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) and the ULURP application itself, have time for more public meetings, properly conduct public outreach and, most importantly, make better, educated decisions. Your report mentions attempts to "fast track" specific zoning district applications, implement "absolute" thresholds that calculate change in residential density and

using affordable housing applications as a means for lessening ULURP time requirements. If these ideas are proposed and passed, New Yorkers will have less information about occurrences in their communities. Community Boards are trusted, non-partisan institutions where constituents join to learn and understand the changes affecting their community. It is not just because of Community Boards that housing production lessened. Your Commission is correct to seek changes to the current permitting processes which occur after ULURP is completed. As you know, ULURP is a City Charter-required process for community boards and the public to review changes to our environment, assess and request more city services from our municipal agencies to accommodate the proposed density. Lastly, it ensures that our communities have active and working relationships with developers and property owners. No matter how many income-restricted units are proposed in a ULURP application, our City is better served if Community Boards have its current allotment of 60 days. Lastly, your report mentions concerns with the New York City Council internal process of "member deference." While we leave the politics to our City Council Member, the Commission should know that the independence of our legislative body is something we value because Community Boards, too, are independent municipal agencies. The City Council inner workings should be respected as Council Members are the voices of their districts and take back to City Hall their community's concerns and requests of city government. At the conclusion of the Community Board process, the ULURP application proceeds to the Office of the Borough President and then the New York City Council. The New York City Council Member can organize their colleagues to reflect the wishes of their district regarding the ULURP application. We would not want to see our legislative branch not have the opportunity to discuss land use matters with their colleagues in hopes of defending their community's best interests and while holding developers accountable. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, Daisy Gonzalez

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Comments: I am submitting comments intended for the July 7th Manhattan Public Input Session.

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## **COUNCIL MEMBER JULIE MENIN STATEMENT FOR THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION- HEARING - JULY 7TH, 2025**

I am Council Member Julie Menin, representing New York City Council District 5 which encompasses the East Side of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. I am here to express my concerns around the preliminary land use proposals of this Charter Revision Commission that could decrease community input and curtail the City Council's oversight of land use applications.

As both a private citizen and as a Council Member who has engaged in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure - or ULURP process, I can attest that it is possible during ULURP to secure additional infrastructure investments to strengthen and improve communities. This can include additional community benefits such as open space, renovations of adjacent City owned facilities or negotiating to increase or deepen the area media income requirements for affordable units.

Land use applications approvals work toward the overarching goal of combatting the affordability crisis across the City. However, they also impact local communities that historically engage with their local

Council Member, Borough President and Community Board to make their concerns clear. I understand that the current City Planning Commission (CPC) believes it is beyond their scope to review applications beyond the technical aspects, which is incredibly frustrating to communities across the city which have become reliant on the City Council to further review and negotiate proposed rezonings. Due to CPC protocols, any attempt to remove the Council's role in the ULURP process would greatly diminish valuable community input on land use projects.

In my district, I was able to champion a critical deal for the East 94th Street rezoning. After months of negotiations, I achieved a reduction of height, additional affordable housing units, beautification enhancements for a nearby plaza, a task force to mitigate noise from construction and a commitment for certain jobs to be from a unionized workforce. If we operated under a city-wide framework for ULURP, I cannot imagine obtaining as many benefits for the first Mandatory Inclusionary Housing project within my district. The agreement on the East 94th Street rezoning shows that lowering the height and increasing the number of affordable units are not mutually exclusive and it was the City Council that was able to achieve that result. I am concerned that any revisions to the City Charter based on a vocal minority will dramatically impact the successes achieved through Council-led ULURP projects that have followed member deference procedures.

Instead of attacking member deference and removing the voice of communities in the land use process, there are alternatives the commission should explore to improve the pre-certification process. The current administration released a report in December 2022 from the Building and Land Use Approval Streamlining Task Force or BLAST which included several land use reform recommendations, including improving the City Environmental Quality Review manual. This manual factors in the pre-certification process, but the last time it was updated was in 2021. This needs to be updated so that the Administration expedites the per-certification process.

Our City Council is tackling the housing crisis and we need to be mindful of what is sensible reform to ensure neighborhoods have a stake in the process. We should encourage general planning efforts that involve either the Department of City Planning or Community Boards to create proposals on the neighborhood level. We cannot make the conversation on housing only on the City level. We need to include local stakeholders through the institutions that exist, such as Community Boards or the City Council, to make sure we properly review land use applications. At a time when people feel distant from government in general, the ULURP process reminds the public that there are still moments where people feel empowered to speak up and act on their valid concerns. Thank you.

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Comments: I'm writing to urge you to include open primary reform in the ballot initiatives submitted to voters this fall. This election has demonstrated, more than ever, that a single ranked-choice jungle primary (or FPTP top-four primary to ranked choice general election) is vital to ensure New York City's elections are representative of the will of the people. This fall, the race for Mayor may see a total of 5 serious candidates, one Democrat, one Republican, and three Independents (two of which were once running in the Democratic primary). This many candidates in our current First Past the Post (FPTP) general election will almost guarantee that the winner of the mayoral election will not secure a majority of votes this fall. A top-two ranked choice primary, as proposed in the Commission's Interim Report, would solve this problem by ensuring only two candidates would appear on the general election ballot. These two candidates would also be guaranteed to be those with the most voter support, something that is rarely the case in our current arbitrary political primary system. In addition, if the Commission does choose to implement primary reforms, I urge the Commission to select the Single Transferrable Vote (STV) ranked-choice method. With this method, excess votes for the leading candidate (all votes above

33%+1) will be proportionally distributed to the remaining candidates. This method strikes a crucial balance, ensuring that diverse coalitions are represented in general elections while also making "strategic voting" (voting against your top preference to use your vote more efficiently, as many voters are forced to do today) a thing of the past. Thank you for the work you're doing, the reports you've put out so far have been excellent and have a real shot of significantly improving governance in New York City.

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Comments: I'm writing to strongly support the Charter revision's first five questions (the four on housing and zoning reforms, and the fifth on moving city elections to even years), but to strongly oppose the modifications to the current electoral system. A jungle primary is much worse than the current system, even with the inclusion of ranked choice voting. It is easy, free, and fast for unaffiliated to join a political party using the BOE's online web form, and if they want to have a say in who a party's nominee is, they can join the party quickly and for free for a short while and then go back to being unaffiliated. It's also a worse alternative to the current system, since it severely undermines the minor parties by effectively eliminating fusion voting. Right now you can empower the minor parties without spoiling your vote through fusion voting, but a top two system would more or less turn most general elections into one-party systems by catering only to Democrats (and I say that as a Democrat). Furthermore, it's holding an election that's ostensibly universal and nonpartisan (and therefore targeted at the entire electorate) during a primary, where the vast majority of races will be open only to members of that registered party, so many unaffiliated voters won't participate anyway. This means that the electorates in June and

November will be fundamentally different, which makes the split between the full field in June and the top two in November feel arbitrary, rather than members of various parties selecting their nominees and then giving everyone a chance to choose between them, along with independents.



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New York City has always been at the forefront of democracy, and it is time that we continue to evolve. Having recently adopted Ranked Choice Voting, it is time that we take the next step and move to a system of open primaries. As a New Yorker, I am proud to be from a place known for innovation, and the time has come for us to take the next step.

This evolution will strengthen our democracy and bring more New Yorkers into the process. By continuing to evolve and adapt, we show the world we are leading the way. New York has been, and should continue to be, the world's most creative and innovative city. There's no reason that shouldn't be true for our elections.

Christina Zhang



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It is too hard to vote in New York City, and voter turnout does not reflect the city as a whole. Open primaries address this by fixing one of the major impediments to voting and empowering a million New Yorkers to participate in the most competitive and consequential elections. Reducing the number of non-competitive elections will incentivize more people to participate in the democratic process.

Addressing our abysmal voter turnout rates should be a key priority of the Charter Revision Commission. I hope that the city does not miss this opportunity to ensure that we have competitive elections in which all registered voters can participate. This will mean that New York City has a healthier and more robust democracy than ever before.

Ronen Tarnow-Fine



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I understand the importance of allowing all people, especially the newest New Yorkers, to participate in our electoral and civic life. Open primaries eliminate barriers to voting and would mean that all New Yorkers, particularly immigrants, would be able to participate in all our elections.

It is key to the very fabric of our city that we make our civic life one that all people can participate in, regardless of political preference or personal history. The people we elect to represent us should represent that shared belief in an open and inclusive city.

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Political parties have become special interest groups standing between the government and the electorate. It is time that we allowed all New Yorkers to participate in elections. Open primaries mean New Yorkers can participate in primary elections regardless of whether they have registered with a political party.

New Yorkers should be able to participate directly in choosing their leaders. They should not have to choose to be affiliated with a party if they do not want to. We should make it as easy as possible for all New Yorkers to participate in elections, and open primaries do just that.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dorothy A. Krynicki

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am submitting my Testimony opposing the NYC Charter Review proposals. The file with my testimony is included in the attachment below. Dorothy A. Krynicki

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July 2, 2025

Contact: [REDACTED]

Dear City Charter Commissioners,

My name is Dorothy A. Krynicki. I serve on Bronx Community Board 10 and have been doing so for six years. I have come before this Commission to **OPPOSE** changes to the City of New York Charter regarding Community Boards' role in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP).

As you know, we are volunteers. We are residents of our community. We join our Community Board to learn how to help improve our neighborhoods, protect it, and ensure we are receiving our fair share of city services.

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From reading sections of the Charter Revision Commission **IT diminishes the the role of community boards, eliminates deference to local council members, diminishes the vote of City Councilmembers. It consolidates power in the Mayor and an unelected bureaucracy.**

No to: “In the first ballot question, the Commission proposes an amendment that would create new fast track public processes for affordable housing. First, the amendment would create a new zoning action for publicly financed affordable-housing projects administered by the Board of Standards and Appeals. Second, the amendment would establish an expedited public review procedure for applications that deliver affordable housing in the community districts that produce the least affordable housing.

....” Commission has opted for a simple, direct, and objective measure to determine which Community Districts are subject to the Fast Track.

In addition, I am concerned that there is a consolidation of power in the mayor’s office and an unelected bureaucracy, the BSA

Respectfully,

Dorothy A. Krynicki



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Melanie T. Wesslock

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: My name is Melanie Wesslock. I'm a lifelong New Yorker, a parent and small business owner. I'm also a proud member of One City Rising, a grassroots organization of bi-partisan NYers throughout NYC, working to support common sense policies I'm here to speak about my support of getting open primaries on the ballot. Open primaries is a system where voters are not required to be affiliated with a political party to participate in primary elections. Open primaries—especially in a diverse and politically dynamic city like New York City would create a more inclusive and democratic electoral process. Open primaries encourage voter participation as opposed to disenfranchising voters who do not identify as Republican or Democrat. There are currently 1.1 million voters without a primary voice due to being independents. In New York City, many registered voters identify as independents, under the current closed primary system, these voters are excluded from helping to choose candidates in major party primaries, the primaries which often determine the eventual winner in heavily one-party districts. Currently, voter turnout in NYC is a shameful 10%. Allowing all voters to participate in primaries can lead to higher turnout and greater civic engagement. Open primaries also encourage candidates to appeal to a

broader range of constituents. Rather than catering only to their party's base, candidates must consider the perspectives and priorities of all voters. This can result in more moderate, consensus-driven leaders who are better equipped to govern a diverse and complex city like New York. As a business owner, I have a personal stake in the success of our city, which depends on proper representation. Open primaries would foster an environment where Independent voters would finally have a voice. Open primaries promote fairness and transparency. They empower voters rather than parties. In a city like NY, embracing open primaries would be a step toward a more equitable democracy instead of one party rule. In conclusion, open primaries would lead to greater voter participation, more balanced representation, and a more robust democratic process. New York City is one of the few major cities not to have Open Primaries. We pride ourselves in being a leader and example of a great city, it's time our primaries live up to this expectation

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Raquel Baez

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Attached is my testimony.

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Dear City Charter Commissioners,

My name is Raquel Baez. I serve on Bronx Community Board 10 and have been doing so for 17 years. I have come before this Commission to oppose changes to the City of New York Charter regarding Community Boards' role in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP).

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raquel Baez". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sandi Lusk

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please see my testimony attached opposing the charter revision regarding the ULURP process change.

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Dear City Charter Commissioners,

My name is Sandi Lusk. I am a resident of Bronx Community Board 10 and have been for 48 years. I am submitting testimony to this Commission to oppose changes to the City of New York Charter regarding Community Board and City Council review roles in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) for proposed building projects.

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In closing, the Community Board and City Council are the voices of the people, who live in the communities. They should not be excluded from the process because that would silence the voices of our communities. Development should be a transparent process, and not limited to the Mayor and the developer.

Sincerely,

Sandi Lusk, Director, Westchester Square Zerega Improvement, Inc.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Howard Brundage

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: 718-409-0130

Comments: Please see attached testimony on the charter revision

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Sincerely,

Howard Brundage, Jr.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Robert Lusk

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please see attached testimony, thank you.

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While I understand the need for additional housing, any new development in any part of our city must be considered carefully and thoughtfully to ensure no detrimental impact on the surrounding communities and the people that live there.

Sincerely,

Robert Lusk

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Douglas Lusk

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please see attachment

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Douglas Lusk

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carter Strickland

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: 1. As part of housing reform the charter commissioner should consider removing windows and other energy efficiency items from PDC or Landmarks review. I want to replace 1990s vintage, cheap, leaky windows with energy efficient windows and Landmarks is putting me through a lot of hoops and making it so difficult I may give up. This is inconsistent with Local Law 97 and the City's entire sustainability program and also is an example of how city resources are being squandered on minute issues rather than strategic, meaningful initiatives, and in the process suppressing voluntary actions that will lead to economic activities. Let's bring common sense back to government and investments in our existing building stock. 2. Open primaries. I'm in favor. The current process means that a minority of overall voters -- i.e., the majority of the 2/3 who register as Democrats -- will control the major. This concern is exacerbated by the off-year election cycle for Mayor and ranked choice voting, where candidates split the vote so much that no one gets over 50% in the first round.



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ida Longarino

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear City Charter Commissioners, My name is Ida Longarino. I am a life-long resident of the Bronx and a resident of Bronx Community Board 10 for 33 years. I am submitting testimony to this Commission to oppose changes to the City of New York Charter regarding Community Board and City Council review roles in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) for proposed building projects. Your report mentions attempts to "fast track" specific zoning district applications, implementing "absolute" thresholds that calculate changes in residential density and use of affordable housing applications as a means for lessening ULURP time requirements. If these ideas are proposed and passed, New Yorkers will have less information and control about building projects in their communities. Your Commission is correct to seek changes to the current permitting processes which occur after ULURP is completed. As you know, ULURP is a City Charter-required process for community boards and the public to review changes to our environment, assess and request more city services from our municipal agencies to accommodate the proposed density. It ensures that our communities have active and working relationships with developers and property owners. No matter how many

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considerations- not just the narrowest political interests. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations (https://opennewyork.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/ONY-Charter-For-Housing-Equity.pdf) for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. Proposal 5 is a no-brainer: moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city. I strongly encourage the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6. Open primaries would enfranchise the 1 million+ New Yorkers who are currently locked out of primary elections due to party registration rules. These voters deserve a voice in the elections that matter most in our one-party-dominated city. Open primaries would boost turnout in local elections, increase electoral competition, and encourage candidates to appeal to a broader cross-section of voters. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Sincerely, Sachi Takahashi-Rial [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dan Miller


Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Committee Members, I'm writing to urge you to support and even strengthen the proposed Propositions 1-5. The city is in a severe housing shortage, one that's been brought on by decades of a dysfunctional process for approving housing construction. These propositions would make it easier and faster to approve all types of housing, which is exactly what we need to make it easier for middle-class market-rate renters like me. I often worry about my ability to stay in the city long-term, and more housing getting built means that my landlord will face more competition--making them less likely to raise the rent intolerably, and giving them more incentives to keep my apartment in good repair. As a set of general principles, I'd urge you to read the recommendations put together by Open New York, the city's premier pro-housing nonprofit group (I'm a volunteer leader and longstanding member). They can be found

here:  
<https://opennewyork.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/ONY-Charter-For-Housing-Equity.pdf> In particular, Proposition 2 is urgently needed. The city needs to dramatically increase housing

production, and that means that we can't do it all in large rezonings; we also need smaller developers to build on smaller parcels. Making these kind of low-impact rezonings easier and faster will unlock a lot of development that's currently unworkable, reducing the pressure on renters and helping keep prices down. Separately from the housing questions, I'd like to urge you to support Proposition 5. My career for a long time was in political data and analysis, and even-year elections have substantially higher turnout than our current elections ever will. Moving to even years is the single biggest and best thing we can do to increase civic participation in the city, ensuring that the electorate is more representative and elected officials are more responsive to all their constituents. It's long overdue and I applaud you for pushing it forward. Thanks for your time and attention, and I look forward to voting for these in November! Sincerely, Dan Miller



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rachel Fiegler

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I have been a registered independent since I was first eligible to vote. I made that choice because no single political party has ever fully represented my ideals or beliefs. I believe many people feel the same, yet our current system excludes us from one of the most consequential stages of the democratic process: the primaries. Most recently, in the Democratic primary for mayor, I found myself shut out. I strongly opposed the nominee who emerged, and had I been allowed to vote, I would have supported another candidate. That choice was never available to me. Now, with the general election approaching, I find myself without a candidate in either party that I can support in good conscience. That leaves me with no meaningful way to participate and no real say in the future of my city. This isn't how democracy should work. Open primaries would give independents like me a voice where it matters most, when choices are actually being made. I urge the council to take meaningful steps toward implementing a system that includes, rather than excludes, the growing number of voters who do not affiliate with a political party. The future of our city should be shaped by all its citizens, not just those who join a party. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Zachary Thomas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a member of Manhattan Community Board 3, I want to voice support for all proposed City Charter Amendments and the idea of open primaries. These would make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. In particular, Member Deference continues to hinder rezonings and housing developments, so I support any effort to mitigate the effects of this practice. Also, streamlining the ULURP process is a no-brainer to speed-up development and get rid of red tape. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into Landmarks decisions. Finally, I have personal friends in the city who refuse to register with a political party, and I know this is a growing trend. Please consider putting open primaries on the ballot so all New Yorkers can be heard. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Thank you, Zachary Thomas

Williamsburg, 11249

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July 3, 2025

## Riding with Housing Affordability:

### *A Transit-Oriented Addendum to the Charter Revision Commission Preliminary Report*

Even as funding for the MTA's 2025-29 Capital Plan becomes available, the New York City region is short half a million homes to meet demand. The MTA can finally renovate and upgrade critical systems to keep them from falling into disrepair from decades of disinvestment, yet housing costs are skyrocketing and putting shorter commutes out of reach for many MTA riders. These are not two separate phenomena. Denser, transit-oriented housing creates more demand for transit, [which provides resources to the MTA's](#) hard-fought efforts in building better service.

Enacting policies that restore the virtuous cycle of housing growth and transit improvement is the only way for New York City to build an affordable and livable future – particularly as the region is [expected to lose more than 80,000 units of housing due to climate change by 2040](#)

New York City needs to build more housing immediately, but residents need adequate mobility. **The density necessary to realistically combat the housing crisis requires public transit to function.** With nearly all open space exhausted and water increasingly encroaching into the built environment, there are few places left for New York City to grow.

To fight the housing crisis, the Mayor organized a Charter Revision Commission that is exploring changes to the Urban Land Use Review Procedure – or 'ULURP' – process. ULURP governs land use changes that are needed to change New York's zoning – including to add to New York City's housing stock – from rezoning entire neighborhoods to a property owner looking to convert their single-family home into a duplex. In late April, the Charter Revision Commission released a preliminary report outlining the objectives and framework for the recommendations that may be put on the ballot in November's general election. The report identified myriad issues with ULURP that contribute to New York City's housing crisis but included little discussion about how to utilize transit to meet the city's dire housing needs.

This whitepaper serves as a transit addendum to the Charter Revision Commission's preliminary report to offer more tools to make housing more affordable and New York more livable. For the commission to solve the structural problems facing New York

City's housing crisis, members should consider the following transit-oriented recommendations:

- 1) Create a transit-oriented comprehensive citywide plan
- 2) Expand Zoning for Accessibility
- 3) Eliminate mandatory parking minimums citywide

## **The Transit-Housing Connection**

Housing in New York City is extremely expensive. Median rents in New York City reached a [record high of \\$3,973 as of May 2025](#) with Manhattan's median rent climbing to over \$5,368 in February 2025. With job growth continually outpacing housing production, housing costs show no indication of slowing down. Between 2011 and 2023, New York City [added](#) 895,000 jobs but just 353,000 housing units.

From the inception of the subway in 1904 until the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, the idea of building housing around transit in New York City was a standard, if not obvious, practice. The [zoning resolution](#) in 1961 brought New York City's zoned capacity from 55 to 12 million people by suburbanizing the city's residential zoning. By 2016, onerous restrictions on height, floor area ratio, and commercial space made 40% of the buildings in Manhattan, the most transit-rich island in the world, illegal to build. Today, New Yorkers want to live within convenient commute times of their jobs, grocery stores, doctors, and schools, and developers want to build housing in high-demand, transit-accessible areas. Unfortunately, this is illegal in many parts of the city where our zoning is closer to that of Houston, Texas, than Houston Street.

Wealthier areas fail to provide adequate housing stock, so communities of color have suffered disproportionately. Though [commute times have risen for all MTA riders](#), [Black riders spend 25% more time going to and from work than their white counterparts](#). While neighborhoods remain frozen in amber by restrictive zoning, their residents are not: nearly [one-in-ten](#) – or 200,000 – Black New Yorkers left the city in the last two decades.

Housing that isn't well connected to mass transit often encourages private automobile ownership, which is [four times](#) more expensive than riding the MTA. Auto infrastructure consumes already limited space; highways displace residents (a [quarter of a million](#) and counting), worsening air quality, and furthering the climate crisis in the process. New York City, already one of the most congested cities on Earth, simply lacks the land to build low-density, auto-centric housing at the scale needed to address the housing crisis. The density required to address the affordability, climate, and housing crises requires affordable, equitable, and accessible public transit to function.

Beyond the recommendations below, some opportunities will be created, such as the retrofitting of a freight rail line between Brooklyn and Queens for passenger service to create the Interborough Express. The light-rail line will include 19 stops and connect 17

subway lines, over 50 bus routes and the Long Island Rail Road. It also [creates the potential for 70,000 to 100,000 new homes](#) to be built within a half mile of stops, depending on land-use changes by the city.

## **Recommendations**

With the Charter Revision Commission underway, these recommendations can help New York build a future where housing and transit are both affordable and abundant.

### **1) Create a Transit-Oriented Comprehensive Citywide Plan**

Creating a comprehensive plan that addresses our dire need for more housing while considering needed improvements to infrastructure in a holistic and strategic way is critical to solving our housing crisis and cementing a stable future for mass transit riders and infrastructure.

New York City currently has no citywide planning process to address New Yorkers' concerns, problems, and long-term interests. Instead, these needs are 'managed' piecemeal as the city sporadically unlocks new housing development through individual spot rezonings that vary greatly based on mayoral administration. ULURP today provides the same level of scrutiny both for massive rezonings and individual adjustments, such as converting a single-family lot to accommodate a duplex. A comprehensive plan could provide for density increases benchmarked by infrastructure development that includes improved transit and explores potential new routes and empowers homeowners to make decisions about their property without going through the same public review process as a multi-billion-dollar developer. This would help coordinate city agencies and emphasize public projects that address core structural problems the city faces.

Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso's Office recently released [a comprehensive plan for the borough](#), one of the only examples of comprehensive planning in New York City in recent decades. This plan charts a path to thoughtfully tackle major problems facing the borough, including housing, while acknowledging that housing, transit, health, and other issues fundamentally intersect. This should serve as a model for the rest of the city to follow. A citywide comprehensive plan mapping out a future-oriented vision to realistically fight the housing crisis and help balance overarching interests with community needs would help to cut red tape and reform our outdated zoning process.

Comprehensive planning unlocks the synergistic capabilities of our city and state government agencies and authorities, allowing for more cooperation and faster, stronger action. For example, the ridership projections for the Utica Avenue extension included in the [MTA's recent 20-Year Needs Assessment](#) utilized current housing capacity, dampening the project's likely return on investment. Ultimately, it was not



included in the 2025-29 Capital Plan because planners are forced to assume housing production will remain stagnant without intervention. Had there been a comprehensive plan that detailed the growth expectations of the neighborhoods potentially served by the expansion, the project would likely have scored more highly.

While the agency has a rather limited portfolio of developable parcels of land within New York City, the MTA is working in partnership to create some transit-oriented developments near stations, like the [Monitor Point development](#) in Greenpoint (684 apartments), and [transit-oriented developments in Harlem](#), off the terminus for the planned 2nd Ave subway extension (900 apartments).

Transit expansion projects currently in progress, like the Interborough Express, 2nd Avenue Subway Extension Phase II, Penn Station Access, and center-running bus lanes on Flatbush Ave would benefit enormously from a comprehensive plan encouraging the coordination between our transit and housing planning agencies in long-term planning. For example, [a PCAC analysis](#) showed that City of Yes would increase daily transit ridership by up to 97,000, bringing in \$304 million annually over 15 years in subway and bus operating funds. Facilitating the cooperation between different government agencies in long-term planning would be a boon for this city's infrastructure and policy decisions.

The decades-old existing ULURP process does not give leaders the tools to address our housing crisis. It's time to build upon it with a comprehensive plan that allows for higher density, more affordability, and abundant housing near transit. [Updating the ULURP process](#) through curbing member deference, reforming community outreach, and rationalizing the environmental review process are necessary steps to ensure a comprehensive plan comes to fruition. This will support current and future transit infrastructure projects and transit riders.

## **2) Expand Zoning for Accessibility**

The [Zoning for Accessibility](#) text amendment passed by the City Council in 2021 has encouraged denser development and created newly accessible subway stations at no cost to taxpayers. However, it can go further to fund more accessibility upgrades at more stations and stops, all while allowing more MTA riders to live near the transit they depend on.

Zoning for Accessibility has two core components: the first requires developers of projects within 50 feet of a station's footprint to provide an easement to the MTA during the construction of new elevators or other accessibility projects. This [applies](#) to nearly every subway, LIRR, Metro-North, PATH stations, and some Staten Island Rail stations across the city.

The second component of Zoning for Accessibility applies only to developments within parts of Midtown, the Financial District, Downtown Brooklyn, and Long Island City – 79 stations total, just over 15% of all the subway and rail stations in New York City. Provided that a development falls within 1500 feet or 500 feet of a station, depending on the zoning of the neighborhood, they may receive a density bonus in exchange for constructing one or more elevators to enhance or create an accessible station. Developments outside this small zone are left out irrespective of potential benefits to the community.

Every neighborhood should be able to benefit from increased density and accessible transit. Not only should every subway and rail station in NYC be eligible for Zoning for Accessibility, but every development, with community approval or cooperation, should have the option to build denser if they want to support accessibility projects financially. PCAC recommends multiple amendments to the Zoning for Accessibility text that should be put to voters:

- 1) **Expand the area of the Zoning for Accessibility text.** All developments within a quarter-mile of a subway or rail station should be eligible for Zoning for Accessibility across the city, increased to a half mile for existing high-density neighborhoods. Residents within this area are more likely to use transit as their primary mode of transportation. Major neighborhood rezoning projects should also automatically qualify for new developments to be considered a "bonus" ZFA zone for the stations closest to the rezoning. For example, the Gowanus rezoning in Brooklyn has dozens of new buildings, and new residents will certainly use the nearby Union St. R and Carroll St. F/G trains that fall outside of the ZFA zone.
- 2) **Create a “potluck” style of funding for accessibility and other station upgrade projects from nearby developments.** Smaller “missing middle” developments within a certain distance from any transit station in need of an upgrade should be able to contribute a smaller amount to the project’s funding and, in return, receive a smaller yet proportional return in zoning incentives. This money would go into a locked-box fund that could only be spent to build that accessibility project. Construction should begin once the pot is full, either from multiple smaller developments or a single larger development. If the nearest station is already fully accessible, this system could be used for other station upgrade projects, including improving lighting, public art, wayfinding, and more.
- 3) **Extend Zoning for Accessibility's easement and transit bonus provisions to apply to bus stops.** Currently, Zoning for Accessibility only applies to subway and rail stations, but the bus network also needs upgrades at hundreds of stops around the city. Developers within a quarter mile of a bus stop should have a mechanism through Zoning for Accessibility to fund bus stop improvements like

benches, shelters, level boarding platforms, and lighting in exchange for a density boost within a quarter mile of the development.

These changes would mean that a greater number of developments could fund new accessibility and station improvement projects, increasing both housing density and station accessibility at the same time. Expanding Zoning for Accessibility is an amazing opportunity to support efforts in alleviating the housing crisis while quickly increasing accessibility and use of NYC's transit system.

### **3) Eliminate mandatory parking minimums citywide**

Mandatory parking minimums legally require new housing construction to include off-street parking, so new projects must use large percentages of their precious space to build storage for personal vehicles. In a transit-rich and land-constricted city like New York, desperately needed housing is often replaced with infrastructure that only encourages driving, pushing rents higher to offset the high cost of constructing underground or onsite parking.

City of Yes only eliminated parking minimums in the densest neighborhoods such as Lower Manhattan and Downtown Brooklyn, reduced them in neighborhoods within the Outer Transit Zone, and did not affect neighborhoods beyond the [greater transit zone](#). The City Council's compromise on City of Yes to retain parking minimums in much of the city slashed an estimated 20,000 units of housing from the plan.

New York City should follow the lead of more auto-centric cities like Minneapolis and Austin and eliminate parking minimums citywide, even in neighborhoods not currently served by the subway. PCAC [has previously recommended](#) encouraging future transit use by eliminating parking minimums; doing so is a down payment on a more symbiotic relationship between housing and transit infrastructure.

Parking minimums reduce the amount of housing, increase its cost, and make transit options less likely to draw new riders. New York City, the most transit-rich city in the Western Hemisphere but with an acute housing shortage, needs to eliminate parking minimums to combat the housing crisis and support and expand the MTA system.

### **Conclusion**

There's a critical shortage of housing in our region. More than 60 years into New York City's self-declared housing emergency, we remain more than half a million homes below current demand.

Good access to transit, more so than a home's location, is the most important factor in the mobility of its inhabitants. New York City needs to utilize smart housing growth around transit to bolster our transit system. On the opposite side of that same coin, New

York City needs effective mass transit to support the density needed to defeat the housing crisis.

New Yorkers deserve the opportunity to act decisively where their leaders have failed for decades and resolve our housing crisis. PCAC encourages members of the Charter Revision Commission to advance the recommendations laid out in this report as ballot measures in November's general election.

Thank you for your attention and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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Re: Response to 2025 Charter Commission Report

Dear Chair and Commissioners,

Manhattan Community Board Four (MCB4) would like to thank the Charter Revision Commission (CRC) for its preliminary and interim reports and submits the following comments in response. While many aims put forward by the CRC are laudable, MCB4 urges the Commission to preserve and strengthen, rather than weaken, public input and review, in its final recommendations. Furthermore, MCB4 encourages the CRC to better define terms within proposals for consideration to allow for a more thorough evaluation for voters. MCB4 has concerns that the revising of the NYC Charter is now being used too often and as a run-around the standard process of political negotiation and compromise with the City Council, other elected officials, and/or voters of agreement on an issue or issues. Democracy is messy but requires and indeed needs meaningful discussion and engagement.<sup>1</sup>

### **Support Comprehensive Planning**

MCB4 supports the CRC's willingness to explore planning more holistically and urges the Commission to consider comprehensive planning. MCB4 has stated the request for comprehensive planning in reviewing nearly every major land use action, of which MCB4 has seen numerous in the past year, including NYCHA's Fulton Elliott Chelsea

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<sup>1</sup> These comments were approved by MCB4's Executive Committee on June 23rd and will be ratified at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Full Board meeting.

redevelopment, new development on the Western Rail Yards, the Midtown South Mixed Use Plan, and the New Port Authority Bus Terminal. Given that each project is a separate land use action with separate environmental review, no one public input process provides an opportunity to assess and plan for pollution burdens, solid waste, schools, emergency services, social services, arts and cultural spaces, recreational spaces, and social amenities for projects that collectively will have a significant impact on the surrounding neighborhood over a defined time horizon.

MCB4 believes a comprehensive approach to planning would be one that would account for both community input and concerns around adequate resource allocation prospectively rather than project by project. Since 2015, MCB4 has conducted our own form of comprehensive planning in the creation of our Affordable Housing Plan, which, among other elements, provides for community input as to the types and scale of affordable and mixed-income housing projects board members wish to see in the community.<sup>2</sup> These up-front discussions have helped to generate support for and lower opposition to land use actions that have generated approximately 14,000 new units over the past decade, the fourth most of any community district in the City.<sup>3</sup>

### **Support a Fair Share Housing Framework**

MCB4 supports an enforceable fair-share framework for housing that would encourage all communities to share in the work of ending the housing crisis, such as one that furthers similar principles as the Mount Laurel doctrine. Such a proposal would benefit from concrete details, including clear definitions, transparency, and public engagement to avoid backlash or misuse.

### **Oppose Reducing Public Input in Land Use Actions**

#### ***Reducing Process Costs***

MCB4 supports making the process more efficient and less costly but discourages sacrificing public review as a means of doing so when projects will have a substantial public impact. MCB4 encourages the Commission to consider whether other means of reducing process costs, such as legal requirements, fees, and public presentation requirements could be scaled down for smaller affordable projects. Furthermore, MCB4 is not supportive of proposals such as the creation of a zoning administrator insofar as it limits local knowledge of conditions and needs highlighted during community board review.

#### ***Acquisitions and Dispositions***

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<sup>2</sup><https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/01/Affordable-Housing-Plan-Summary-of-Sites-12.15.22.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/079066aeb25741b78344098e1f4acf24>

MCB4 would like to express concern about the potential for major acquisitions and dispositions of land without public review, namely that a lack of a formal and transparent review process could lead to corruption and abuse. MCB4 is particularly concerned about the potential for disposition of public land for private uses given the ongoing community discussion on NYCHA's Fulton Elliott-Chelsea redevelopment, where MCB4 has heard concerns over the sacrificing of tenant protections without proper oversight. While some de minimis applications contemplated by the Commission may be appropriate, any relief from ULURP should be small and confined to a project's accessory uses.

### ***ULURP***

MCB4 is concerned by proposed changes to ULURP. ULURP is an established process that has been in the Charter for fifty years. Your own reports acknowledge its importance in providing predictability and transparency to land use actions, and MCB4 is concerned changes may harm those features. Namely, any reductions in the 60-day public input window would be very challenging for a volunteer-run board to meet. Aligning board and borough president review timelines could be effective if they promote borough president integration with the community board review process, but many members expressed a preference that community boards speak first on land use actions in order to enable authentic public input to inform a borough president's opinion. Many board members had concerns that removing City Council approval of a ULURP action could lead to less accountability of local members to residents in their districts.

### **Oppose the Centralization of the City Map**

MCB4 is concerned that changes to the City Map maintenance may move power further away from the boroughs that have deep understanding of their communities in favor of a centralized approach.

### **Support Streamlining the Creation of Resilient and Clean Infrastructure**

MCB4 supports many of the Commission's proposals to exempt small changes from ULURP for climate-related purposes, including make de minimis changes to correct inaccuracies in the City Map and being able to raise street grades within a reasonable height for resiliency projects. Major resiliency infrastructure, such as those on scale with the Army Corps' proposed Manhattan floodwall, should still require ULURP. It is important that in pursuing these changes that limitations for these small changes be clearly defined.

MCB4 believes there may be utility in modernizing the revocable consent process to facilitate a network of electric vehicle chargers. Getting rid of duplicative hearings may be useful, though MCB4 remains opposed to enabling the use of existing pedestrian space



on sidewalks for this purpose absent community input.<sup>4</sup> MCB4 has not found DOT to be a good steward of pedestrian resources and large networks (5G) have created a further space crunch on the community's congested sidewalks.

### **Support Even Year Elections**

MCB4 is supportive of even-year elections as a means of increasing turnout and promoting greater accountability of elected officials. MCB4 is not supportive of open primary elections.

### **Support Faster Non-Profit Contracting and Payments**

Finally, MCB4 is supportive of changes to the nonprofit contracting processes that would incentivize the City to pay its vendors on time, including the charging of interest. The City's failure to provide timely payments jeopardizes the community's nonprofit service providers' ability to meet the needs of the Chelsea and Hell's Kitchen community.

Thank you for your consideration and have appended the Board's full discussion comments to this document for your further review.

Best,



Jessica Chait

Chair

Manhattan Community Board Four

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<sup>4</sup><https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2023/04/17-WPE-TPC-Joint-Letter-re-EV-Charging-on-Sidewalks.pdf>

## **Manhattan Community Board Four Extended Committee Comments**

Memo

Date: 20 June 2025

To: Executive Committee, MCB4

From: HHHS Committee

Re: City Charter Revision Commission

HHHS Response & Comments

At the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Housing, Health, and Human Services (HHHS) Committee meeting, the Committee reviewed the revisions to the City Charter proposed by the City Charter Revision Commission. HHHS members reviewed the proposed revisions regarding housing, zoning, not-for-profit payments & voting regulations. The WPE Committee will review the proposals to change environmental regulations. Both these committees will refer their response to the MCB4 Executive Committee to reconcile the matters and create a joint letter from the three committees.

HHHS is creating this memo for discussion purposes for its committee members to further review and amend to generate a more fleshed out and complete version.

### **Overall Comments and Impressions**

The members reviewed, discussed at length and in depth, (1 hour, 20 minutes), a synopsis prepared by committee member Roberta Barnett of detailed proposed NYC Charter revisions, regarding housing, zoning, not for profit payments & voting regulations. The Committee came to overall broad conclusions:

- The NYC Charter is the City of New York's main governing document and should be amended carefully in a thoughtful and minimal manner, not to solve specific city management or political problems between the Mayor and the City Council
- In the name of housing and affordable housing production, the Mayor is using the Charter Revision Commission process in an attempt to increase the power of the Executive branch of the City government.
- In the name of in the name of housing and affordable housing production, many of the proposed revisions seek to remove legislative review at multiple

levels, including the Community Board, the Office of the Borough President, and the City Council.

- Most of these actions would remove basic checks and balances in the negotiation of how development proceeds in the City of New York.
- Many of the proposed removals of levels of public review would result in less transparent and open negotiations providing more opportunities for lobbyists to influence the City's decision process.

Therefore, MCB4 has concerns that the revising of the NYC Charter is now being used too often and as an run around the standard process of political negotiation and compromise with the City Council or other elected officials and/or voters of agreement on an issue or issues. Democracy is messy but requires and indeed needs meaningful discussion and engagement.

With the exception of the question of removing Councilmember deference, (upon which a separate vote was taken), these responses represent both consensus and an unanimity among the Committee members.

Below are the proposals raised and HHHS's draft response.

### **Housing – Reducing Process Costs**

Q: Should ULURP be amended to reduce the application burden for small projects, such as those for small-scale residential buildings?

- Should there be a faster procedure to expedite small projects?
- Should there be a streamlined approval process for 100% affordable projects?
- Should the City designate a zoning administrator to review certain certifications, special permits, or authorizations?

### **HHHS Response**

- Small-scale residential buildings must be a defined term.
  - o Small-scale varies by neighborhood – small-scale development in Bay Ridge is different from small-scale in Hell's Kitchen. A relative measure must be created to define small-scale.
- Describe and define the details of a proposed faster procedure to expedite small projects.
- Define and describe what makes a small project.
  - o Are the determining factors the number of apartments, the size of apartments, the size of the lot, or other factors?
  - o The Preliminary Report mentions 6-8 units as small-scale. HHHS says that small scale is not the same for every location and there needs to be a

standard applied. Small-scale could be relative to building stock in surrounding area, creating a contextual measure to apply to specific neighborhoods instead of a one size fits all approach.

- There are other ways to reduce process costs without eliminating public review.
  - o The City should tie the cost of the application fees and requirements needed for hiring professionals, including attorneys, to the size of the proposed project. Presentation standards for public presentations should be developed to lessen costs for public presentations.
  - o The City should develop mechanisms to assist small owners and/or small projects so the overall application costs are more equitable. One strategy could include using the City's Small Business Services (SBS) to assist small-scale development and small developers, providing special training, or creating referrals for pro bono legal assistance. Further, such services could be subsidized or written down by an SBS program to manage those costs for small owners with limited real estate ownership.
- A zoning administrator, either elected or appointed, would remove both the local Community Board and the Borough President from the public review process for certain certifications, special permits, or authorizations.
- Zoning administrators lack local knowledge of conditions, needs, and surrounding context.
- MCB4 has for decades used its 60-day, 45-day or 30-day review period to meet with developers, shape the project for more thoughtful and responsive development, to secure more amenities for residents and neighbors, and develop a well-constructed response to a development proposal, that is often adopted by the Borough President.
- Removing such local input reinforces the current trend of one-size-fits-all at NYC Department of City Planning.

Q: Should ULURP be amended so that the Community Board and Borough President review be consolidated into the same 60-day timeframe?

### **HHHS Response**

- Consolidating the Community Board and Borough President review into the same 60-day period could be effectively implemented if there is a requirement developed for the Office of the Borough President to meet with the affected Community Board in the 60-day window and develop a coordinated response.
- MCB4 believes there is a housing crisis, and the need to address it is urgent. Many functional and production problems have been identified as

contributors to the housing crisis. However, in all the discussions or presentations at committee meetings, members of the development community have never stated that the length of time for required public review has impeded or been a barrier to development. Reducing the process by 30 or 60 calendar days, while well-intentioned and laudable, seems in part a solution in search of a problem. Further, using a risk-benefit analysis, the benefit of the process being slightly expedited is outweighed by a rushed decision by a community board and/or Borough President to, in the one case deny because there was not enough time to consider, or in the alternative, to approve in error, in whole or in part. Once housing decisions are approved and building done, it cannot be undone. The permanence of that decision and the permanent impact on the community is greater than the benefit of a month or two quicker process. We should strive to build more housing and "get it right" including, but not limited to, the number of affordable housing units, community benefits, and the impact on infrastructure including schools, police, FDNY, health care, environment, etc. Many applications and projects, even smaller ones, are complex. Further, the role of elected (by voters- not appointed) Borough Presidents and City Council members are critical and should be protected, not eroded.

Q: Should the City Council be required to act in a limited time frame to approve projects on land controlled by Health + Hospitals?

**HHHS Response**

- Health and Hospitals is a public agency, and the City Council should not lose its public review process. This proposed revision seems to be tied to a specific issue in City Council occurring at this moment. Charter revisions should not be used to solve a political problem.

**Housing – Local vs. Citywide Needs**

Q: Should the Charter be amended in order to make it more challenging for neighborhoods that have typically blocked new housing, particularly affordable housing, to veto a land use action of citywide importance?

**HHHS Response**

- By creating a means to veto the denial or approval of local land use action in the name of citywide importance, creates a means for the Mayor to veto power a public review. ULURP process. Is this a revision which in essence says, "We, (i.e., the Mayor) don't agree with what the local community representative

decided” and therefore the Mayoral Administration is going to override member deference? There are council districts for a reason, to elect a local representative to represent local interests, not city-wide interests. In this wide-ranging, physically, demographically, and ethnically diverse city, what works for one neighborhood simply does apply to another. The needs of each neighborhood, especially in housing, cannot be put into one size fits all box, Canarsie, Todt Hill and Hell’s Kitchen are all part of the city’s puzzle, not the same piece.

Q: Should there be a streamlined public review process for some subset of housing in Community Districts that fail to permit housing in line with the City Council’s Fair Housing Framework?

**HHHS Response**

- Describe and detail the proposed streamlined public review process.
- If a Community District disregards the Fair Housing Framework or does not meet some sort of housing production target, then there should be some actionable penalty, similar to the legal framework for municipalities in New Jersey built out of its Mount Laurel case to prevent exclusionary housing. Conversely, in Community Districts in which housing is developed in support of the Fair Housing Framework no streamlined process should apply.
- Some matters to consider when invoking a streamlined process due to not meeting the Fair Housing Framework:
  - o What is the measure of compliance?
  - o What is the proposed penalty?
  - o Can the penalty be appealed and to what body?
  - o How are acts of God or broader economic factors treated? For example, another pandemic or the current tariff war creating supply chain issues.

Q: Should the capital planning process set out in the Charter ensure that community investments in infrastructure and amenities are made in concert with new housing?

**HHHS Response**

- HHHS supports this proposal. For decades, MCB4 has consistently requested that capital funding be required and coordinated for its communities in infrastructure and amenities in concert with new housing or commercial development.
- HHHS notes, however, that such infrastructure improvements must be requested by the Department of City Planning prior to certifying an application.
- Infrastructure improvements should be based on cumulative impacts of all planned or projects in construction, not just for a current project under consideration.

Q: Should the Charter be amended to require the City adopt comprehensive planning frameworks that account for not just housing, but also aspects like workforce development, infrastructure sustainability, schools, and access to open space?

**HHHS Response**

- MCB4 has stated the request for comprehensive planning in reviewing every major land use action. Looking at the effects of a project on infrastructure, schools, and open space, and planning to address the public needs, accordingly, is effective planning.

Q: Should the precedent of member deference on land use projects be able to be appealed or reviewed subsequently by another actor, such as borough president or panel of citywide or borough-wide elected officials?

**HHHS Response**

- HHHS does not support creating a mechanism to appeal member deference. Such an action is a blatant political move. As we stated earlier, democracy is a messy, imperfect process. A local councilmember is elected to represent local interests. A citywide panel or a Borough President represent broader interests, some of which may be completely contrary to the locality. At the same time, a councilmember sometimes may not represent constituent interests. The remedy is the voting box not an expert panel.
- The proposal echoes the prior NYC Board of Estimate, dominated by Mayoral appointees and Borough Presidents. It was declared illegal in the early 1990s, such an action for appeal also presents more opportunities for lobbying and corruption.
- Finally, Charter revisions should not be used to circumvent the compromise inherent in the political process.

**Housing - Leveraging Public Land**

Q: Should the City reform its land disposition process to streamline land use reviews for projects on public land that meet certain affordability requirements?

**HHHS Response**

- Public land should be subject to public review. A public agency has a commitment to the public to develop a site appropriately and deliver the maximum public benefit, which can be ensured through the public review process.
- How does affordability remove the need to consider environmental review, neighborhood context or community and resident amenities? In fact, those factors take on heightened importance to ensure success of affordable housing.

- A public agency or public benefit corporation should be held to the same standards as private developer.
- Public authorities should be subject to ULURP.

Q: Should the City be able to streamline the land disposition process to HDFCs and other affordable housing opportunities?

**HHHS Response**

- Private sector developers frequently set up HDFCs to access real estate tax exemptions, including the Article XI tax exemption.
- In MCD4, in 2020, the owners of 308-310, 318-340 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street set up an HDFC to access an Article XI tax exemption, in exchange for providing affordability. Today, due to poor management, those buildings are source of major criminal activity affecting not only their tenants but multiple surrounding blocks. They are severely troubled with break-ins, drug activity, shootings, squatters and a murder.
- An HDFC ownership structure needs the same scrutiny as any private development.
- This proposed revision is fraught with the potential for fraud.

Q: Should the City be able to streamline the land disposition process for irregular lots that are not otherwise developable as housing?

**HHHS Response**

- Define and describe the standard for publicly owned irregular lots.
- With definition, this proposal may be a useful revision.
- Disposing a small piece of land to a developer as part of a larger project can create a public good.
- However, such relief from ULURP, should be only for a use directly related to an existing accessory use.
- If other unrelated uses are proposed, such as a park or school, the disposition should be subject to ULURP.

Q: Should the City have a streamlined process for the acquisition of modest amounts of land for affordable housing and supportive uses such as parks, schools, and access easements?

**HHHS Response**

- Define and describe “a modest amount of land” The phrase “a modest amount of land” is equivalent to “good faith efforts” as it is useless, open-ended statement with no enforceability. Without definition, this revision will decrease public review and remove public review.



## **Elections**

Q: Should municipal elections be moved from odd to even years to coincide with other state and national races?

### **HHHS Response**

- MCB4 supports this revision as a way to generate higher voter turnout by coinciding the local with the state and national election races.
- MCB4 recognizes the City Charter Review Commission Report stating, “Despite a vibrant civic life, New York City sees abysmal voter turnout in local elections” (page 16). The Community Boards are the independent and representative voices of the community and should be encouraging the community to participate in local government through voting. Increased Community Board outreach can assist in increasing voter turnout.
- Lastly, as noted by the [NYC Independent Budget Office \(IBO\)](#) in testimony delivered on May 28, 2025 before the New York City Charter Revision Commission, "There would be fiscal year savings of approximately \$42 million every other year if the City held even-year (“on-cycle”) local elections." This change is also the fiscally responsible thing to do.

Q: Should New York City allow voters who are not registered with a particular party to vote in that party’s primary election?

### **HHHS Response**

- MCB4 does not support this proposed revision. Primary elections should be limited to voters registered with a political party. In the same manner, should all citizens vote for a labor union president? Should all neighborhood resident vote for a PTA President? Voters with common interests should choose their candidate for public office.

## **Nonprofits**

Q: Should the City pay interest on late payments to contractors?

### **HHHS Response**

- Yes, the City should pay interest on contracts with nonprofits. The City should be held to the same standard as any party engaging with a contractor or vendor.

## **City Map**

Q: Should the Department of City Planning take over administration of the City Map from the Borough Presidents’ offices?

### HHHS Response

- This proposal is an attempt to take power from the offices of a Borough President. For example, the City Map dictates how addresses are presented. Local elected officials have local knowledge; therefore the map is a local piece of administrative work.

## Chelsea Land Use Comments:

The Chelsea Land Use (CLU) Committee of Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) respectfully submits the following comments in response to the preliminary report and proposed ballot questions of the New York City Charter Revision Commission. Our committee has reviewed the land use, housing, and planning-related items and offers the following recommendations and perspectives based on our discussion during the June 16, 2025 meeting:

### **1. Preserve the Full ULURP Process and Community Board Review Periods**

The committee strongly opposes any proposal that would reduce, consolidate, or otherwise diminish the role of community boards in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP). Current timelines are already limited, and the 60-day window is essential to meaningful public engagement. Moreover, we object to the proposal to consolidate Borough President and Community Board review periods. These staggered timelines enable authentic public input to inform borough-level decisions.

### **2. Reject the Creation of a Zoning Administrator Role**

The proposed zoning administrator role raises significant concerns about the centralization of decision-making authority and the potential elimination of local review for certifications, authorizations, and special permits. Such a role would erode accountability and replace locally grounded oversight with bureaucratic discretion.

### **3. Require Precise Definitions for Key Terms and Concepts**

Many of the proposals in the preliminary report lack adequate specificity. Terms such as “small projects,” “modest land,” “streamlined,” and even “affordable housing” are undefined, leading to ambiguity and confusion. We urge the Commission to clearly define these terms before placing any associated proposals on the ballot.

### **4. Support Comprehensive Citywide Planning—If Inclusive and Publicly Anchored**

We acknowledge the potential value of a citywide comprehensive planning framework that integrates housing, infrastructure, open space, workforce development, and sustainability goals. However, any such plan must be informed by local planning, enforceable, and created with extensive public engagement. Comprehensive planning must not be used to override local land use authority or community-led frameworks.

### **5. Uphold City Council Member Deference on Land Use Matters**

The proposal to allow appeals or overrides of council member deference by borough or citywide actors is deeply problematic. This tradition is fundamental to representative land use decision-making and should not be weakened. Removing or bypassing councilmember input risks disconnecting land use policy from neighborhood needs.

## **6. Maintain Public Oversight in Land Disposition and Acquisition**

We strongly oppose streamlining or bypassing public review for the sale or acquisition of city-owned land, even in the case of “irregular lots.” The city’s public land is a scarce and critical asset, and all disposition actions must remain transparent and accountable.

Streamlining without safeguards risks undermining public trust and enabling backdoor privatization.

## **7. Include NYCHA and Federally-Owned Land in Disposition Considerations—with Caution**

While we acknowledge that NYCHA properties may fall under federal oversight, the committee is concerned that references to “public land” in the Commission’s report could be interpreted to include NYCHA campuses, raising the stakes for tenant protections. We urge clarity that any proposal regarding land disposition must not bypass community board input—especially for properties with vulnerable populations.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Charter Revision Commission’s proposals. The Chelsea Land Use Committee urges that any reforms strengthen—not weaken—community oversight, transparency, and equity in the land use process. We look forward to continued dialogue as the Commission refines its final recommendations.

Transportation Planning Committee Comments:

Environment “

*“Should City be able to offer revocable consent non-adjacent property owners for the purpose of installing electric vehicle chargers on public streets and sidewalks? Should the process of offering revocable consents and franchises be streamlined to remove duplicative notice and hearing requirements?”*

We oppose amending the Charter to facilitate revocable consents or other mechanisms to enable EV charging on sidewalks even if it is in accordance with a plan developed by the Department of Transportation. WE ask that we continue to receive separate notices

Community board 4 is on record<sup>[1]</sup> for opposing the installation of any vehicle chargers on sidewalks - Fast charging infrastructure is the norm in other countries and should be deployed in private locations to mirror or augment the network of gas stations.

We have not found the DOT to be a good steward of pedestrian resources and large networks ( 5G) have been an unmitigated failure. It falls upon the communities to be vigilant and weight the benefits versus hyper- local space needs.

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July 3, 2025

**Testimony to NYC Charter Revision Commission**

Good evening, my name is Rafael Moure-Punnett and I serve as the District Manager for Bronx Community Board 6. We as a Community Board serve as the voice of the community in local land use actions. Our Board has recently adopted housing principles to guide developers bringing ULURP actions to our Board. Our volunteer Board members have spent hours, often into the late night, reviewing zoning text amendments like the City of Yes. We believe that local input on land use actions has value, and we know that the positions taken by the Board influence the decision making of our local City Council Member and Borough President in land use actions. We are opposed to the various recommendations in the preliminary report to remove community input from ULURP.

We are not against development: Bronx Community District 6 has seen a dramatic increase in density, growing our housing stock by 3,350 units, a 12% increase in 10 years. Our community has done more than our fair share in increasing residential density to meet the need for more housing in the city, both through as-of-right development and rezonings. The proposed charter changes diminish our role in ULURP as punishment for other communities' failure to build.

The commission suggested creating overlapping timelines for Borough President and Community Board review. This would effectively remove the Board's influence on the BP when it comes to land actions, as our opinion would not be out in time for the BP to review it in their opinion. The Bronx BP has informed my Board that they review our ULURP recommendations before making theirs. BPs cover boroughs with a wide variety of neighborhoods with different needs and so removing the current timeline would remove the nuances of local input that the BP could use. This change only saves 30 days on a 7-month process (not including the months of preparation before filing a ULURP).

The Board notes that the Commission's preliminary report makes no mention of the NYC Council's Fair Housing Plan. The Fair Housing Plan, which will be released in preliminary form this October, will highlight housing inventory and need for growth by Community District. While we acknowledge that the consequences for communities that do not meet the housing plan's goals have not been created yet, the Council is now looking at a citywide approach to housing planning. It seems premature to attempt to change the charter until we know the findings of the Fair Housing Plan and the Council can develop enforcement processes (which could include informed recommendations for future charter revisions).

Our recommendation is that the commission require the local communities to take on the planning for additional housing. Bronx Board 6 has spent the past year discussing a 197A plan, to turn a manufacturing district with hundreds of residential units into an area zoned for housing. Over time, houses in this area have been demolished and turned into auto shops as that is zoning compliant. After much deliberation, we have instead decided to instead request a neighborhood study from DCP and the Council. The 197A plan is difficult, time-consuming, and was only feasible when Boards had budgets for

full-time planners on staff. This is why no Board has done a 197A plan in 16 years. Without the ability to do 197A plans, Boards are now at the whim of DCP in deciding when and if to do a neighborhood study for a rezoning. DCP has already warned the Board that they are short-staffed and have a backlog of neighborhood study requests. We were also warned that DCP will likely want only high-density housing after completing a study, and the Board may find that medium density is more appropriate, meaning our efforts will lead to a potential conflict in recommendations. The report aptly identified ULURP's high cost and timeline prevents medium density housing from being built, and changes in the 197A process, or giving more authority to Community Boards to plan development could solve this. Why create a local zoning administrator when Community Boards already exist?

The charter revisions suggestions that local deference and community board roles be removed seem to be preparing the city for a strongarmed centralized planning approach. We all know that this will create conflict between the city and communities resistant to development. If instead, the city allows the Fair Housing Plan to recommend goals for each Community District and then asks each Community Board to suggest locations for that development and have a real say in the planning, then a collaborative and reasonable process can take place. If not, communities will feel they have been steamrolled over.

Thank you,

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**Testimony of the New York Housing Conference**

**New York City Charter Revision Commission  
Manhattan Public Input Session**

**July 7, 2025**

Good afternoon. My name is Brendan Cheney. I am Director of Policy and Operations at the New York Housing Conference (NYHC). I would like to thank the Commission for the opportunity to testify about the proposed charter amendments. NYHC strongly supports the amendments to improve the process to build housing and affordable housing citywide.

NYHC is a nonprofit affordable housing policy and advocacy organization. As a broad-based coalition, our mission is to advance City, State and Federal policies and funding to support the development and preservation of decent and affordable housing for all New Yorkers.

As you know, New York City is facing a severe housing crisis. The city's vacancy rate is just 1.41% citywide, the lowest rate in 50 years. Over 850,000 households are rent burdened, 500,000 of them are severely rent burdened, and there are over 120,000 people staying in city shelters.

Our NYC Housing Tracker shows affordable housing production across the city, and the data shows we are not building housing equitably across the city. Our 2025 report shows this same trend as our previous three reports. We're building in neighborhoods that have a higher share of Black and Latino residents and neighborhoods with lower incomes while neighborhoods with higher incomes and higher shares of White residents are adding less new housing.

To address this crisis and neighborhood disparity, the city needs to add more housing supply, especially more subsidized affordable housing. And we need to do it everywhere in the City.

But the current policies for land use review and adding new housing citywide are overly burdensome and allow some neighborhoods to opt out of adding housing. The current procedures currently give local elected officials a veto over new housing, a power that was not intended when the City made charter changes over 35 years ago.

The amendments proposed by the charter commission will help make our housing and land use policies more rational and efficient while protecting citywide decision-making with local input. We strongly support these policies. More specifically, we support the following.

NYHC supports fast-track processes for affordable housing, including allowing publicly-financed affordable housing seeking zoning changes to go through a process administered by the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) instead of going through a full ULURP, as long as it can show that the project is consistent with neighborhood character. This process would still allow for the Community Board 60 day review.

NYHC also supports allowing rezonings that require affordable housing through MIH in the 12 community districts that built the least affordable housing during the previous five years according to the Fair Housing Framework report to have a shorter rezoning process that would include review by the Community Board and Borough President but end with the final vote at the City Planning Commission after 30 day review.

We also support simplifying land use review of modest projects through the proposed Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) including modest housing in low density neighborhoods and modest housing increases in medium and high-density neighborhoods.

Finally, we support the Land Use Appeal Board, which would replace the Mayor's veto power in ULURP with a new ULURP Appeals Board, made up of the Borough President (where the project is located), the Speaker of the City Council, and the Mayor. The Appeals Board would have the power to reverse City Council decisions on certain land use matters if two of the three Appeals Board Members agree.

These changes will remove unnecessary barriers to adding modest housing, to building affordable housing, and to adding housing in neighborhoods that in the past have successfully blocked new housing. We strongly support these proposals.

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This evolution will strengthen our democracy and bring more New Yorkers into the process. By continuing to evolve and adapt, we show the world we are leading the way. New York has been, and should continue to be, the world's most creative and innovative city. There's no reason that shouldn't be true for our elections.

Lisanne Weinberg



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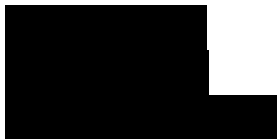
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Gina Newman



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daniel ambrosio  
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By opening this system, many New Yorkers will be newly enfranchised and will vote in far greater numbers. It is my hope that the Commission will not miss this opportunity to allow many New Yorkers of all political stripes to fully participate in our democratic process.

Chris Pinola



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Maria Rabinovitch

Email:

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Comments: As an independent voter in New York City, I'm one of over one million residents who are completely shut out of the only election that truly determines who will lead our city: the Democratic primary. New York's closed primary system doesn't just lock out independents like me, it locks out fairness, competition, and representative democracy. In the most recent mayoral primary, New Yorkers saw the Democratic Socialists of America secure the Democratic nomination. Whether you agree with their platform or not, the reality is that for the vast majority of city races, including the mayoralty, the Democratic primary is the election. In a city where over 70% of voters are registered Democrats, whoever wins that primary almost always wins the general election. In fact, no non-Democrat has been elected mayor of New York City since 2001, when Michael Bloomberg won as a Republican, nearly a quarter of a century ago. Since then, the general election has become a formality. This dynamic disenfranchises millions of New Yorkers, especially the growing number of us who are independents or registered with third parties. We pay taxes, we care deeply about the direction of our city, and we vote, but we're systematically excluded from choosing who ends up on the general election ballot. That's not democratic, it's

dysfunctional. Open Primaries are a proven solution. They give every voter, regardless of party affiliation, a chance to participate in the most consequential part of the election. They also encourage the election of more moderate, pragmatic leaders who must appeal to a broader swath of voters, not just the party's base. In a city as diverse and complex as New York, that's critical. New York City is behind the curve. Twenty-four of the 30 largest cities in the U.S. already use some form of Open Primaries. If we want a more functional, responsive, and representative government, we need to catch up. I urge the Charter Commission to adopt a common-sense reform that gives every New Yorker a voice, regardless of party registration. Let's bring Open Primaries to New York City. It's time to stop sidelining over a million voters like me and start building a government that truly reflects all of us.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jackson Arnold

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a potential future New York City resident that unfortunately finds the city much too unaffordable, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-3 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, and strike a better balance in the land use process. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide

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Louisville, Kentucky

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dennis Coto

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a current Brooklyn resident and a former Manhattan Community Board Member, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-3 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, and strike a better balance in the land use process. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Binyamin Radensky

Email:

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Comments: We need more housing - allow attached town houses in-town!!!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael LeMay

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, my name is Michael LeMay. I've lived in Williamsburg for the past 4 years. I'm proud to be a New Yorker and get to participate in this process. I want to comment on both housing and democracy, two of the foundational things that shape New York City. Housing We need to make it easier to build housing. This means streamlining ULURP reviews. Getting that process to be simpler and less bureaucratic will help us build more homes, and make housing cheaper. Currently, many housing developments get separately reviewed by a community board, a borough president, the planning commission, the city council, and the mayor. This is super slow and expensive. Every day we can shave off these reviews is a day closer we can be to solving our housing emergency. New York grew to greatness with none of these processes, and we should shift closer to a world where you can easily and flexibly build housing + light commercial on land. To build more homes, we need to fast-track as many housing projects as we can, create one-stop zoning-administrator reviews, and compress the ULURP review process as much as possible. I say we combine the Community Board and Borough President review stages, and give more weight to citywide or boroughwide elected officials over the views of individual city council members.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mary Whaling

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. I'm a Queens County poll worker, and so I've seen firsthand how even small changes to our election process can create confusion, discourage participation, and make it harder for people, especially first-time voters, non-native English speakers, and seniors, to cast their ballots. That's why I strongly oppose the proposed "jungle primary" system. This isn't a minor adjustment. It's a drastic overhaul of how New Yorkers choose our leaders, and it's being pushed through without meaningful public input or transparency. This commission was created to focus on real crises like affordable housing. There is no public demand for this change, just outside interests trying to reshape our elections behind closed doors. That's not reform; that's overreach. As someone who works elections on the ground, I know voters are already overwhelmed by changes. A shift this big, without robust outreach, education, or consent, would only worsen that. It risks disenfranchising the very people our democracy is supposed to empower. Please reject this proposal and commit to a process that puts transparency, equity, and community voice first. Yours sincerely, Mary Whaling

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Yours sincerely,  
Mary Whaling

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Erin Banks

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. I am current Manhattan resident, teacher and parent to two children attending NYC public schools. We are a family trying to stay in a city we love that is so expensive. So, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-3 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, and strike a better balance in the land use process. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. -Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. -Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. -The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Filipp Alaverdyan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a current Brooklyn resident and a former Manhattan Community Board Member, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-3 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, and strike a better balance in the land use process. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide

considerations- not just the narrowest political interests. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. Proposal 5 is a no-brainer: moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city. I strongly encourage the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6. Open primaries would enfranchise the 1 million+ New Yorkers who are currently locked out of primary elections due to party registration rules. These voters deserve a voice in the elections that matter most in our one-party-dominated city. Open primaries would boost turnout in local elections, increase electoral competition, and encourage candidates to appeal to a broader cross-section of voters. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Sincerely, Philipp Alaverdyan Brighton Beach 11235

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Name: Jenna Capeci

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Opposition to the Consideration of a "Jungle Primary" System Delivered by Jenna Capeci 7/4/25 Thank you for the opportunity to testify and share my opinion. I would like to express my strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. I am an engaged voter and volunteer who has knocked doors and helped grassroots organizations register and engage voters. These groups are the lifeblood of our city's civic fabric—and a jungle primary system would hamper their ability to lift up voices of working-class New Yorkers. If we want a more inclusive democracy, the answer is to stay the course with rank choice voting and party primaries. NOT jungle primaries! The most recent primary demonstrates a level of deep engagement and we have a real opportunity to invest in civic education, expand voter access, and build systems that reward organizing, not money. We just changed the election process to RCV; we are not even 4 years in, and this would make New Yorkers more confused, therefore inhibiting them to actually come out and vote. Data shows that voters embraced RCV and want to expand it! The Charter Commission acknowledges that, because there has been only one election since the 2019 ranked-choice voting referendum

passed, a new election reform could be detrimental to the problem they're trying to solve: Voter turnout. Additionally, jungle primaries erase the strategic foundation grassroots groups rely on: party primaries. Grassroots groups spend years organizing within the Democratic Party to win representation for their communities. They build coalitions, recruit candidates, and develop long-term strategies to shift power from political machines to the people. In a top-two or top-four system, there is no party primary. Every candidate, regardless of party or values, appears on one crowded ballot. That forces grassroots candidates to compete in massive, often expensive fields—splitting the vote and making it far harder for community-backed candidates to break through. For these reasons, I urge you to reject any attempt to implement a jungle primary system in New York City. It is a step backward for grassroots power—and for democracy. Thank you.

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Name: Abeer Hoque

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission Re: Opposition to the Consideration of a "Jungle Primary" System Delivered by Abeer Hoque July 4, 2025 Good evening, Commissioners, Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Abeer Hoque and I'm a voter in Jackson Heights, an immigrant, educator, writer, and photographer, and I am here to express my strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. This is not just a technical adjustment. It is a wholesale change to the way New Yorkers select our leaders—one that would upend more than a century of party-based democracy in our city. It is, in short, an enormous decision—and it is being considered through an inappropriate and quite frankly, secret process. First, this Commission has done the limited work to engage impacted communities in this consequential electoral reform process. The Charter Revision Commission was convened to focus on improving one of the most serious questions New Yorkers have to deal with - the availability of affordable housing. There has been no serious public demand for a jungle primary system but instead, the actors who want this kind of election system across the country took advantage of this moment to insert their

political agenda. No movement, no mass mobilization, no crisis calling for its adoption. Yet here we are, debating whether to remove voters' ability to shape their political future through party-based organizing. That's not reform—it's overreach. Second, the public has not been adequately informed or engaged. A change of this magnitude should come only after a robust, charter revision process—one that includes multilingual education campaigns, community listening sessions, expert testimony from across the political spectrum, and an extended deliberation period. What we have instead is a rushed proposal, with little explanation, little data, and little outreach—especially to voters in the communities most likely to be harmed. We've seen how rushed reforms, however well-intentioned, can backfire when voters don't understand what's at stake. Imposing a fundamental redesign of our elections without clear public demand or broad-based consent is not just misguided—it is undemocratic. Third, this process undermines faith in the democratic system itself. It sends the message that our election rules can be rewritten from the top down, without the kind of transparency and accountability that is the bedrock of our democracy. That's a dangerous precedent—especially in a moment when trust in democratic institutions is already fragile. There are ways to improve democracy in this city. But they start with listening to the people—not bypassing them. For these reasons, I strongly urge the Commission to reject any effort to advance a jungle primary system, and to commit instead to a public process rooted in transparency, equity, and community voice. Thank you, Abeer Hoque

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Name: Jeriel Acosta

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a current Manhattan resident and a life-long New Yorker, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-3 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, and strike a better balance in the land use process. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. I love my city and want to build the rest of my life here. Oftentimes I worry if that will be possible, and it won't be without a drastic city-wide increase in housing. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block

citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations- not just the narrowest political interests. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. Proposal 5 is a no-brainer: moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Sincerely, Jeriel Acosta

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anne Brinich

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission Re: Opposition to the Consideration of a "Jungle Primary" System Delivered by Annie Brinich, Brooklyn resident July 5, 2025 Good evening Commissioners, Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Annie Brinich, proud Brooklyn resident and mother of 6 month old twins. I love the city of New York because I love the people of New York. I love my neighbors. Most of all, I love the power that the people of New York have to raise their voices together. The proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections guts that power. I believe we're all coming to this conversation as people who have worked closely with grassroots organizations that knock doors, hold community forums, and build political power from the ground up. These groups are the lifeblood of our city's civic fabric. We all know that what New Yorkers need at this point in time are more avenues to have their voices be heard, more ways to participate in democracy, not fewer. A jungle primary severely undermines our ability to have the voices of working class people be heard in elections. I'll tell you how. First, jungle primaries erase the strategic foundation grassroots groups rely on: party primaries. Grassroots groups spend years organizing

within the Democratic Party to win representation for their communities. They build coalitions, recruit candidates, and develop long-term strategies to shift power from political machines to the people. A jungle primary blows that up. In a top-two or top-four system, there is no party primary. Every candidate, regardless of party or values, appears on one crowded ballot. That forces grassroots candidates to compete in massive, often expensive fields—splitting the vote and making it far harder for community-backed candidates to break through. Second, jungle primaries amplify the power of money over organizing. In a high-candidate, low-information race without party cues, the winners are usually those with the biggest war chests, the most name recognition, or the backing of wealthy interests. Grassroots groups can't compete with that kind of money. Their strength is people-powered campaigns that build trust over time—not six-figure media buys and insider endorsements/ Jungle primaries put movement candidates at a severe disadvantage and tilt the playing field back toward the very institutions grassroots organizing seeks to challenge. Third, this system would discourage long-term community organizing. One of the most powerful aspects of our current system is that it gives communities clear political targets: party primaries where their votes and their organizing can make a real difference. That's how working-class tenants have elected champions. It's how immigrant neighborhoods have shifted city policy. Jungle primaries scramble those lines, make electoral pathways murky, and take power away from communities that have only recently begun to claim it. Let's be clear: this proposal is not about empowering voters. It's about disempowering the people who have learned how to organize within the existing system to demand more for their neighborhoods. It is about taking power away from working class families and giving it away to the moneyed elites. It is about making New York less accessible to the working people who make it great. If we want a more inclusive democracy, the answer is not to blow up the tools that marginalized communities have just started to master. The answer is to make those tools more accessible—to invest in civic education, expand voter access, and build systems that reward organizing, not money. For these reasons, I urge you to reject any attempt to implement a jungle primary system in New York City. It is a step backward for grassroots power—and for democracy. Thank you, Annie Brinich

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Name: Katherine Fennelly

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Please see my attached testimony opposing the adoption of a "jungle primary" system in New York City.

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**Written Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission**

Re: Consideration of a "Jungle Primary" System

Delivered by Katherine Fennelly

July 5, 2025

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this letter is to present testimony regarding the proposed adoption of a "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. As a retired professor of public policy who has spent my career working with grassroots organizations I would like to express my strong opposition to the proposal.

Political party primaries are essential to the cultivation of local coalitions and the recruitment of candidates who represent the interests of local community members. I am particularly concerned that without party primaries name recognition and wealth will trump grass roots organizing.

I strongly urge you to reject the implementation of a jungle primary system in New York City.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Fennelly, Ph.D.



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Name: Dori Dietz Blitz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission Re: Opposition to the Consideration of a "Jungle Primary" System Delivered by Dori Dietz Blitz, Democratic Committee Member July 5, 2025 Good evening, Commissioners, Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Dori Dietz Blitz and I represent myself, my constituents, and many of my friends. I am here to express my very strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. I might add that "jungle" exactly describes this type of primary. This is not just a technical adjustment as it is being promoted. No, It is a wholesale change to the way we New Yorkers would select our leaders—one that would upend more than a century of party-based democracy in our city. It is, in short, an enormous decision—and it is being considered through an inappropriate and secret process - secret because there has been very little public information given to us, the citizens of New York.. First, this Commission has done only limited work to engage impacted communities in this consequential electoral reform process. The Charter Revision Commission was convened to focus on improving one of the most serious questions New Yorkers have to deal with - the availability of

affordable housing. There has been no serious public demand for a jungle primary system. Instead, the actors who want this kind of election system across the country took advantage of this moment to insert their political agenda. There has been no movement, no mass mobilization, no crisis calling for its adoption. Yet here we are, debating whether to remove voters' ability (my ability) to shape our political future through party-based organizing. That's not reform—it's overreach by a small group!. Second, the public has not been adequately informed or engaged in this process. This is a serious weakness. Is this purposeful? A change of this magnitude should come only after a robust, charter revision process—one that includes multilingual education campaigns, community listening sessions, expert testimony from across the political spectrum, and an extended deliberation period. What we have instead is a rushed proposal, with little explanation, little data, and little outreach—especially to voters in the communities most likely to be harmed. We've seen how rushed reforms, however well-intentioned, can backfire when voters don't understand what's at stake. Imposing a fundamental redesign of our elections without clear public demand or broad-based consent is not just misguided—it is undemocratic. Indeed, in answering my own question, this in fact appears to be purposeful! Third, this process undermines faith in the democratic system itself. It sends the message that our election rules can be rewritten from the top down, without the kind of transparency and accountability that is the bedrock of our democracy. That's a dangerous and unacceptable precedent—especially in a moment when trust in democratic institutions is already fragile. There are ways to improve democracy in this city. But these start with listening to the people, listening to many people by garnering input across the board—not bypassing us. For these reasons, and many others which I am not addressing here, I strongly urge the Commission to reject any effort to advance a jungle primary system, and to commit instead to a public process rooted in transparency, equity, and community voice. Thank you. Dori Dietz Blitz, [REDACTED]

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Name: Carl Anderson

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Dear City Charter Commissioners: My name is Carl Anderson. I am a resident of Bronx Community Board 11 and have been for 25 years. I submitting testimony to this Commission to oppose changes to the City of New York Charter regarding Community Board and City Council review roles in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) for proposed building projects. Your report mentions attempts to "fast track" specific zoning district applications, implementing "absolute" thresholds that calculate changes in residential density and use of affordable housing applications as a means for lessening ULURP time requirements. If these ideas are proposed and passed, New Yorkers will have less information and control about building projects in their communities. Your Commission is correct to seek changes to the current permitting processes which occur after ULURP is completed. As you know, ULURP is a City Charter-required process for community boards and the public to review changes to our environment, assess and request more city services from our municipal agencies to accommodate the proposed density. It ensures that our communities have active and working relationships with developers and property owners. No matter how many income-restricted units

are proposed in a ULURP application, our City is better served if Community Board and the City Council is involved in a timely manner. Your report also mentions concerns with the New York City Council internal process of "member deference." The City Council inner workings should be respected as Council Members are the voices of their districts and take back to City Hall their community's concerns and requests of city government. At the conclusion of the Community Board's role in the process, the ULURP application proceeds to the Office of the Borough President and then the New York City Council. The New York City Council Member can organize their colleagues to reflect the wishes of their district regarding the ULURP application. I would not want to see our City Council member not have the opportunity to discuss land use matters with their colleagues to defend their community's best interests and hold developers accountable. In closing, the Community Board and City Council are the voices of the people, who live in the communities. They should not be excluded from the process because that would silence the voices of our communities. Development should be a transparent process, and not limited to the Mayor and the developer. Sincerely, Carl Anderson

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Dear City Charter Commissioners,

My name is Carl Anderson. I am a resident of Bronx Community Board 11 and have been for 25 years. I am submitting testimony to this Commission to oppose changes to the City of New York Charter regarding Community Board and City Council review roles in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) for proposed building projects.

Your report mentions attempts to “fast track” specific zoning district applications, implementing “absolute” thresholds that calculate changes in residential density and use of affordable housing applications as a means for lessening ULURP time requirements. If these ideas are proposed and passed, New Yorkers will have less information and control about building projects in their communities. Your Commission is correct to seek changes to the current permitting processes which occur after ULURP is completed. As you know, ULURP is a City Charter-required process for community boards and the public to review changes to our environment, assess and request more city services from our municipal agencies to accommodate the proposed density. It ensures that our communities have active and working relationships with developers and property owners. No matter how many income-restricted units are proposed in a ULURP application, our City is better served if Community Board and the City Council is involved in a timely manner.

Your report also mentions concerns with the New York City Council internal process of “member deference.” The City Council inner workings should be respected as Council Members are the voices of their districts and take back to City Hall their community’s concerns and requests of city government. At the conclusion of the Community Board’s role in the process, the ULURP application proceeds to the Office of the Borough President and then the New York City Council. The New York City Council Member can organize their colleagues to reflect the wishes of their district regarding the ULURP application. I would not want to see our City Council member not have the opportunity to discuss land use matters with their colleagues to defend their community’s best interests and hold developers accountable.

In closing, the Community Board and City Council are the voices of the people, who live in the communities. They should not be excluded from the process because that would silence the voices of our communities. Development should be a transparent process, and not limited to the Mayor and the developer.

Sincerely,

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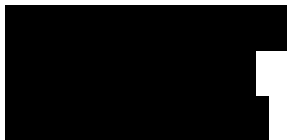
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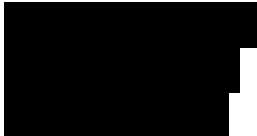
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Rachel Schweky



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I understand the importance of allowing all people, especially the newest New Yorkers, to participate in our electoral and civic life. Open primaries eliminate barriers to voting and would mean that all New Yorkers, particularly immigrants, would be able to participate in all our elections.

It is key to the very fabric of our city that we make our civic life one that all people can participate in, regardless of political preference or personal history. The people we elect to represent us should represent that shared belief in an open and inclusive city.

Daniel McCarron





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Non-partisan, special elections are nothing new and are a proven way to choose the best candidate from a field representing several different viewpoints. These elections have been one by candidates across the ideal spectrum. It is time that we applied this proven method to all citywide elections.

Special elections have been taking place in New York City for as long as I can remember. They are an effective way to let voters express their preference from a range of candidates and save the City the cost of running multiple different elections.

Anne Hrubala



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Victoria Mushkatkol



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Felice Schachter



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Janet Schroeder



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Cassandra Cavanaugh



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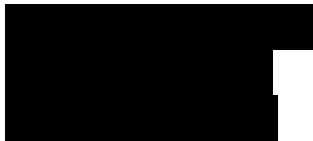
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Quite simply put; we do not want open primaries.

Michael Riley



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We have to end this charade that there is a democratic process for local elections when the winner of any Democratic primary is the presumptive winner of the general election. In the worst example, Democrats will run unopposed in the general election and will run a victory lap and declare a mandate when in reality they were elected by a tiny percentage of the voters, most of those their political besties. This can change only by making the primaries open primaries. if you want leave a meaningful legacy, make this option available to voters.

Francisco Navarro



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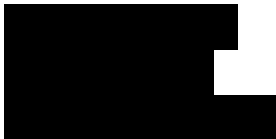
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Please include "open primaries" in the charter revision. Thank you.

Stanley Slater





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I'm proud to live here and open primaries is something that means a lot to me.

Jennifer Ng



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Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission  
Re: Opposition to the Consideration of a “Jungle Primary” System

July 6, 2025

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections.

I come to this conversation as someone who has worked closely with grassroots organizations that knock doors, hold community forums, and build political power from the ground up. These groups are the lifeblood of our city’s civic fabric—and a jungle primary system would severely undermine their ability to influence elections and lift up the voices of working-class New Yorkers.

**First, jungle primaries erase the strategic foundation grassroots groups rely on: party primaries.** Grassroots groups like mine spend years organizing within the Democratic Party to win representation for their communities. They build coalitions, recruit candidates, and develop long-term strategies (including messaging and communication) to shift power from political machines to the people. A jungle primary blows that up.

In a top-two or top-four system, there is no party primary. Every candidate, regardless of party or values, appears on one crowded ballot. That forces grassroots candidates to compete in massive, often expensive fields—splitting the vote and making it far harder for community-backed candidates to break through.

**Second, jungle primaries amplify the power of money over organizing.** In a high-candidate, low-information race without party cues, the winners are usually those with the biggest war chests, the most name recognition, or the backing of wealthy interests—all people who do not care about you and your family. Grassroots groups can’t compete with that kind of money. Their strength is people-powered campaigns that build trust over time—not six-figure media buys and insider endorsements. Jungle primaries put movement candidates at a severe disadvantage and tilt the playing field back toward the very institutions grassroots organizing seeks to challenge.

**Third, this system would discourage long-term community organizing.** One of the most powerful aspects of our current system is that it gives communities clear political targets: party primaries where their votes and their organizing can make a real difference. That’s

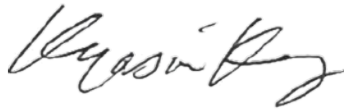
how working-class tenants have elected champions. It's how immigrant neighborhoods have shifted city policy. Jungle primaries scramble those lines, make electoral pathways murky, and take power away from communities that have only recently begun to claim it.

Let's be clear: this proposal is not about empowering voters. It's about disempowering the people who have learned how to organize within the existing system to demand more for their neighborhoods.

If we want a more inclusive democracy, the answer is not to blow up the tools that give our communities a voice. The answer is to make those tools more accessible—to invest in civic education, expand voter access, and build systems that reward organizing and community engagement, not money.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject any attempt to implement a jungle primary system in New York City. It is a step backward for grassroots power—and for democracy.

Thank you,

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Name: Sarah Birnbaum

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission Re: Opposition to the Consideration of a "Jungle Primary" System July 6, 2025 Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am a member of Target Majority NYC, a Swing Left and Indivisible group. Members of our group volunteered heavily in the June 2025 primary elections, including meeting to organize and strategize, canvassing, door knocking, doing poll site visibility, and phone banking. My own recent experience helping make our recent ranked-choice voting primary a robust one was incredibly positive, and as such I want to express my strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. I come to this conversation as someone who has worked closely with grassroots organizations that knock doors, hold community forums, and build political power from the ground up. These groups are the lifeblood of our city's civic fabric—and a jungle primary system would severely undermine their ability to influence elections and lift up the voices of working-class New Yorkers. First, jungle primaries erase the strategic foundation grassroots groups rely on: party primaries. Grassroots groups spend years organizing within the Democratic Party to win representation for their communities.

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Name: Alexis Lloyd

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Whenever jungle primaries are proposed, they are always backed by the same group of people: billionaires. This was true when Mike Bloomberg first tried it more than 20 years ago, and it's true again today. Jungle primaries are an attack on municipal labor unions and other people's organizations that stop billionaires from enacting policies that privatize government functions like education and gut government agencies like DOGE has done Not a single member of the commission is representing labor unions and working people's interests Josh Greenman writing in Vital City made the actual argument for why people want to introduce jungle primaries into NYC, and it isn't to increase turnout: it's to limit labor's influence It's because, in the opinion of jungle-primary proponents, "public sector unions" and undefined interest groups have an outsized influence in elections. Anyone who thinks that American workers have an outsized influence in politics hasn't been paying very close attention for the last five decades. Rich people already dominate political and economic life. The Democratic Party primary is one of the few places where union members can even the score. This proposal to do away with primaries is an attempt to once again tilt the field in the direction of the wealthy and well-known. Jungle



primaries make it easier for billionaires to buy the seats and politicians they want - instead of political parties choosing their candidates, any candidate can just choose their political party and then outside money is able to carry them to victory. If political parties cannot nominate their candidates, it gives people with the money to influence elections more power to frame their preferred candidates.

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Name: Shawn Finlinson

Email:

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Comments: I am vehemently against jungle primaries. The entire point of the current system is to ensure that people's voices are heard, that they can get candidates on the ballot who represent their concerns. Allowing this primary change will completely disempower communities from bringing their own candidates from grassroots, which is of course what the rich and powerful folks who are putting this forward are counting on. No way should this move forward.

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Name: Peggy Shorr

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, this is my testimony regarding the proposal for open primaries. It is clear from past history that this is not something New Yorkers want. Additionally, given the recent confusion surrounding rank choice voting I believe that another change would actually minimize rather than optimize voter turn out. Finally, and unfortunately, the number of people who are aware of this proposal would not be representative of the majority of New Yorkers given that a few people are even aware of this proposal. Thank you for listening. Peggy Shorr

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Name: DONNA CASSILLO

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am totally against this bill! It will destroy our neighborhood! It will also take away any control, power or voice that our City Council has to speak for us the community! This is totally wrong! VOTE NO!!!!!!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kibria Islam

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Against Jungle Primary system.

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Re: Opposition to the Consideration of a “Jungle Primary” System  
Delivered by Kibria Islam,  
07JUL2025

Good evening, Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Kibria and I am here to express my strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections.

I come to this conversation as someone who has worked closely with grassroots organizations that knock doors, hold community forums, and build political power from the ground up. These groups are the lifeblood of our city's civic fabric—and a jungle primary system would severely undermine their ability to influence elections and lift up the voices of working-class New Yorkers.

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**Second, jungle primaries amplify the power of money over organizing.** In a high-candidate, low-information race without party cues, the winners are usually those with the biggest war chests, the most name recognition, or the backing of wealthy interests. Grassroots groups can't compete with that kind of money. Their strength is people-powered campaigns that build trust over time—not six-figure media buys and insider endorsements/ Jungle primaries put movement candidates at a severe disadvantage and tilt the playing field back toward the very institutions grassroots organizing seeks to challenge.

**Third, this system would discourage long-term community organizing.** One of the most powerful aspects of our current system is that it gives communities clear political targets: party primaries where their votes and their organizing can make a real difference. That's how working-class tenants have elected champions. It's how immigrant neighborhoods have shifted city policy. Jungle primaries scramble those lines, make electoral pathways murky, and take power away from communities that have only recently begun to claim it.

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neighborhoods. So many people that I have talked to at the doors are currently extremely dissatisfied with political leadership that they voted for. This dissatisfaction stems from voting strategically for candidates that they perceive to have the highest chance of winning instead of candidates which align with their beliefs. In the RCV system, voters do not have worry about splitting the vote. RCV allows voters to more clearly express political rights and strengthens our democracy.

If we want a more inclusive democracy, the answer is not to destroy the tools that marginalized communities have just started to master. The answer is to make those tools more accessible—to invest in civic education, expand voter access, and build systems that reward organizing, not money.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject any attempt to implement a jungle primary system in New York City. It is a step backward for grassroots power—and for democracy.

Thank you.

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Name: Carlo Sica

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission Re: Opposition to the Consideration of a "Jungle Primary" System Delivered by Carlo Sica, July 7, 2025 Good evening, Commissioners, Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Carlo Sica and I am here to express my strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. I come to this conversation as someone who has worked closely with grassroots organizations that knock doors, hold community forums, and build political power from the ground up. These groups are the lifeblood of our city's civic fabric—and a jungle primary system would severely undermine their ability to influence elections and lift up the voices of working-class New Yorkers. First, jungle primaries erase the strategic foundation grassroots groups rely on: party primaries. Grassroots groups spend years organizing within the Democratic Party to win representation for their communities. They build coalitions, recruit candidates, and develop long-term strategies to shift power from political machines to the people. A jungle primary blows that up. In a top-two or top-four system, there is no party primary. Every candidate, regardless of party or values, appears on one crowded ballot. That forces



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Name: Claudia Diaz-Combs

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Good evening, Commissioners, Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Claudia Diaz-Combs and I am here to express my strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. I come to this conversation as someone who has worked closely with grassroots organizations that knock doors, hold community forums, and build political power from the ground up. These groups are the lifeblood of our city's civic fabric—and a jungle primary system would severely undermine their ability to influence elections and lift up the voices of working-class New Yorkers. First, jungle primaries erase the strategic foundation grassroots groups rely on: party primaries. Grassroots groups spend years organizing within the Democratic Party to win representation for their communities. They build coalitions, recruit candidates, and develop long-term strategies to shift power from political machines to the people. A jungle primary blows that up. In a top-two or top-four system, there is no party primary. Every candidate, regardless of party or values, appears on one crowded ballot. That forces grassroots candidates to compete in massive, often expensive fields—splitting the vote and making it far harder for community-backed candidates to

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Name: Jacob Austin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: NYC is less affordable than it's ever been in my 10 years living here, and the culprit could not be more obvious. We aren't building enough housing, especially in wealthier parts of the city. The price of housing is proportional to its supply, and the supply of new housing in, say, the West Village is almost zero. This is because community leaders have used regulatory capture to prevent newcomers from joining their quiet enclaves. This is an abuse of their wealth and power. In a city that is constantly changing, there is no right to prevent new development in the name of "community character". NYC must constantly reinvent itself, and make itself accessible to whoever wants to live here. To that end, I strongly support any revisions to the Charter that limit opportunities for regulators to limit housing.

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Name: Clara Wheatley-Schaller

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: On behalf of the NY NJ Regional Joint Board of Workers United, representing thousands workers across New York City, we are proud to speak up and out about issues important to our members and their families. Our members are the backbone of this city, keeping it moving every day, and we appreciate the opportunity to testify before you. We are here to convey serious concerns about the proposal to eliminate party primaries in New York City. This change may be framed as a reform, but in practice, could risk undermining the ability of working people to organize politically; it dilutes the influence of communities who rely on shared values and collective action to select candidates. Party primaries are not perfect, but are a key avenue for unions like ours to engage members, build grassroots power, and shape the direction of public policy. Party primaries allow working-class communities to coalesce around candidates who understand their lives; removing them introduces chaos and opens the door to high-dollar special interests that drown out local voices. We know from other cities and states that so-called "open" or "nonpartisan" primaries do not result in broader participation; they often do the opposite. Voter confusion increases; turnout drops in communities of color; and well-organized, well-funded

candidates dominate, often at the expense of those supporting working people. In a city like New York, where the Democratic primary is functionally the general election in most districts, this change would reduce real choice, not expand it. We urge the Commission to reconsider this proposal. True democracy requires participation and pathways for organized constituencies to be heard. That includes Labor. It includes the millions of New Yorkers who see their union as not just a workplace force, but a political voice.

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**Hon. Vanessa L. Gibson**  
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**Joseph Russo**  
*Chairperson*

**Matthew Cruz**  
*District Manager*

July 7, 2025

City of New York Charter Commission

Dear Chair Buery, Jr. and Commissioners,

I write to you today, respectfully, to relay concerns to some of the Commission's recommended changes to our City of New York Charter regarding Community Boards' roles in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP).

Our Community Board, like so many others, values having sixty days to review ULURP applications. It allows our volunteer members, my staff and the public to read and study the proposed changes and, as always, to request more municipal resources. I am the first to admit that reading CEQR, the Zoning Resolution and the Building Code are not for the faint of heart. Even 60 days is not enough to properly digest these sometimes-difficult texts.

I understand that the Commission wants to expedite ULURP applications that contain only income-restricted units when seeking a zoning change. However, this will reduce communication between our agency and the City of New York Department of Housing and Preservation Development (NYCHPD). NYCHPD agrees to specific rent and income terms with the applicant prior and sometimes during the ULURP process. By fast-tracking these types of ULURP applications, we will lose the opportunity to seek either income-restricted homeownership opportunities, deepen the affordability of rents and request more two and three-bedroom apartments at rent prices that reflect our low- and middle-class Bronx residents. In short, a "fast-tracking" process allows developers to essentially dictate to our community districts what they think is best without taking into consideration the public's suggestions and concerns. ULURP allows, at minimum, for communication and, at maximum, the ability to make applications beneficial to the needs of our community districts.

Furthermore, there are community districts that may not see as many income-restricted ULURP applications, but it does witness market-rate development that often sets aside,



appreciatively, units for residents with City of New York vouchers, Section 8 and other needed housing programs for our most vulnerable. However, this will not be reflected in the annual review of community districts that are not producing income-restricted units because these were privately owned and developed projects that were as-of-right. To be sure, one of our communities, Pelham Bay, is experiencing this exact type of development where we are seeing units set aside for our most vulnerable and market-rate units. The City of New York Department Housing Preservation and Development, Department of Homeless Services, New York City Housing Authority and the Department of Buildings should all have to share this information because, as we know, there are many avenues of income-restricted units in addition to rezoned districts that trigger ULURP and Mandatory Inclusionary Housing. The Commission can make the Department of City Planning's listing of twelve community districts fairer by including as-of-right development that included units that were set aside for our most vulnerable through city and federal rent programs.

As a District Manager, I am only outlining concerns to your Commission in hopes that changes materialize. I thank the Commission for its time.

Sincerely,

Matthew Cruz

District Manager

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July 7, 2025

**Testimony of Alicia Vaichunas  
Before the Charter Revision Commission**

Dear Members of the Charter Revision Commission,

I am submitting this letter to express my strong opposition to several of the proposals currently under consideration, particularly those that would weaken local control over land use, expedite the ULURP process, and shift authority away from duly elected Council Members.

The Commission's proposal to allow major rezonings to bypass the local Council Member is nothing short of City of Yes 2.0, and it is even worse than the original plan. It gives unprecedented power to unelected bureaucrats to override the will of communities and fast-track upzoning without accountability. That is not good governance. It is a direct assault on the principle of local representation and an open invitation to special interests.

I oppose the City of Yes because it threatens to change the fundamental character of our neighborhoods, displace residents, and strain infrastructure that is already failing. Our sewer system cannot handle the added capacity. The electric grid is outdated. Parking is a daily challenge for working families. The idea that more development will somehow fix these problems is completely disconnected from reality.

Giving borough presidents more authority over community board appointments also concerns me. I support Council Member Frank Morano's proposal, backed by the Common Sense Caucus, to give local Council Members more influence in these appointments. Community boards may be advisory, but they play an essential role in shaping decisions that impact our neighborhoods. A borough-wide official who does not understand the specific needs of each district should not have unilateral control over appointments. That is bad policy and disenfranchises the very communities these boards are meant to represent.

I am also extremely disappointed that, for the second time, this Commission has failed to place sanctuary city laws on the ballot. These are policies with far-reaching consequences for safety, budget priorities, and quality of life, and New Yorkers deserve the opportunity to vote on them. The same goes for the future of Rikers Island. The decision to close it and build borough-based jails should not be made behind closed doors. These are decisions of enormous public importance, and the people of this city must have a voice.

This Commission had an opportunity to restore trust in government by empowering New Yorkers to shape the future of their communities. Instead, these proposals would silence them. I urge you to reconsider and put the public interest first.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alicia Vaichunas".

Alicia Vaichunas

Civic Leader and Candidate for Council District 30

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Name: David Green

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Comments: Testimony from David Green on behalf of Unite NY is attached. Thank you!

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## **Testimony before the New York City Charter Review Commission**

**David Green, Statewide Organizing Director**

Unite NY

*July 7, 2025*

Thank you for this time to testify, and for your well-researched report last week: I've been in the election reform space for over 5 years and I still learned a few things!

My name is David Green and for the last year and a half, I've been the Statewide Organizing Director at Unite NY, an organization I'm proud to represent here today. My past related experience all had to do with ranked choice voting: I volunteered for the 2020 ballot initiative in Massachusetts, where I used to live, and then for three years was a National Organizer at Rank the Vote working to bring RCV into the mainstream in red, blue and purple states all across the country. I am here today because I believe in a democracy that distills the needs and wants and identities of the public into the avatar of our representatives. They're called "representatives" for a reason!

Unite NY—a nonpartisan grassroots organization<sup>1</sup>—is building a movement for a better democracy by educating voters about five key reforms that would improve our democracy: ranked choice voting, term limits for statewide offices, allowing ballot initiatives at the statewide level, better ballot access for non-major party candidates, and, of course, open primaries. The thousands who support our work, and our polling both prove that these aren't just necessary reforms, they are popular, supported by upwards of 77% of New Yorkers.<sup>2</sup> I'm so glad the Commission is helping to create a space for this important conversation around opening our closed primaries.

As you know, New York is one of only 10 states with fully closed primaries, which means forty other states are ahead of us on this issue. Back in Massachusetts, as an unaffiliated voter I would walk in on primary day and choose whether I wanted the Democrat or Republican ballot. I felt represented and like my vote mattered.

Coming to live in New York, a self-proclaimed pro-democracy state, I was hit with the culture shock of 3.5 million registered voters across this state, 1 in 4 voters, being

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<sup>1</sup> Unite NY: [www.uniteny.org](http://www.uniteny.org)

<sup>2</sup> Voter Empowerment Index: [www.uniteny.org/voter\\_index](http://www.uniteny.org/voter_index)

entirely shut out of the primary process, over 1 million of those are here in New York City. Considering that about half of this City's unaffiliated voters are people of color, this seems particularly exclusionary. So many people I have met on the street while canvassing here in New York City have felt coerced to register as a Democrat, even if they were more progressive or more conservative, just so they could have a say in the most important elections.

The Commission's recommendation to add open primaries to the existing ranked choice voting system will go a long way towards creating a truly representative democracy.<sup>3</sup> Both the primary and general election would become actually competitive and representative as candidates are incentivized to inspire the public at large with a policy vision for all instead of skipping over vast swaths of the population and catering to a small base for fear of being primaried. Open primaries will help ensure that politicians are working for the people, not the other way around.

I want to note that the Commission's top-two proposal is an improvement to the systems used in California and Washington State, which have had mixed results. Incorporating ranked choice voting into the all-candidate primary ensures the two candidates advancing to the general election actually represent as many voters as possible. We can also preserve the major benefits of representation for women and for people of color that we see in ranked choice systems: any candidate can join the race without splitting the vote or being told to "wait their turn." As you noted in your report, this method of RCV combined with top two was recently passed by referendum in Seattle, another progressive major city.

What's more, nationwide, the number of unaffiliated voters is growing quickly, especially among young voters: 52 percent of Millennials and Gen Z voters<sup>4</sup>, and 55 percent of post-9/11 veterans do not identify with a major party.<sup>5</sup> Without open primaries, these voters are more likely to disengage from politics, lose their voice, and lessen the validity of our democracy.

In closing, on behalf of Unite NY's fifteen thousand members, I want to thank the Commission for its practical and common-sense proposal and let you know that Unite NY stands behind you in your effort to bring open primaries to New York City. It would right a fundamental injustice of the current system and, when combined with ranked choice voting, help put New York City on a path to a more truly representative form of

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nydailynews.com/2025/07/07/open-primaries-will-aid-local-democracy/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://news.gallup.com/poll/397241/millennials-gen-clinging-independent-party.aspx>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.independentcenter.org/friends/veterans-for-all-voters>

government.

Please refer open primaries to the ballot so all citizens can choose their better future for New York City.

Thank you for your time.

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Comments: This is my testimony for July 7th's Charter Revision Commission meeting at the Schomburg.

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My name is Jay Julio, and I am a lifelong Filipino-American New Yorker. I have taught music in public and charter schools in East Harlem and the Bronx and have served my community as much as I can. I am asking the Charter Revision Community to serve us, your city constituents, the same way. We VOTED ourselves to have ranked-choice voting, not the old way of voting and certainly not for jungle primaries, which are actively known for pushing radical choices and polarizing elections, along with complicating a process that is already expensive for this city to run. 95% of voters in this last NYC election used ranked choice somewhere on their ballot and it is only the second mayoral cycle with it. We are clearly comfortable with this process and if you go against the will of the people who voted for this voting method, be prepared to get voted. And if this is a proxy because your preferred mayoral candidate did not win, note that the current Democratic nominee also would have won under the old system and clearly would have won under this new jungle primary system, particularly after every scandal from Mayor Adams and former Governor Cuomo had been properly examined.

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[EXTERNAL] Public Testimony for Community Boards representing the residents in their District

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Hi,

Thank you for providing this forum. My name is Nanette Matthews and I am a resident of The Bronx. I have lived in the Community District 5 over 40 years. I currently serve as Community Board 5's Housing Chair. My question is because Community Boards members are representatives of the Communities they serve, and are largely made up of a sample of the respective district's population, in Bronx Community Board 5, one of the poorest districts in the city, wouldn't that sampling of its residents, disproportionately undereducated, underemployed, and uninformed render their Board ineffective and underperforming in comparison to other Community Boards in more affluent areas? How can districts represented by Community Boards compete for resources if the resident Board members aren't required to be experienced in planning, technology, law, public finance, and organizational relations? Yet, in high functioning Boards, many of its resident Board members, sourced from its highly educated populations, are simply leveraging their cultural capital. Of which, as you know, many areas of the Bronx sorely lack. What in fact happens with these Community Boards in certain areas is a reinforcement of disparate treatment through a system wherein we are unable to compete for resources or power because we are largely disorganized and collectively undereducated. How can a Charter Revision address these disparities?

Nanette Matthews, REALTOR

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Name: Brenda Debonis-Lukes

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am totally against taking away land use authority from all NYC Council seats and giving it to an entity that does not know the scope and needs of the community...An elected official is elected by the people of the given community and therefore will have the community concerns in mind .An appointed entity does not know the needs of the people . This is taking away the power of the vote ,and needs of communiies .This is not democratic but more socialist in nature . I oppose this charter revision.

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Name: Dara Young

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to voice my opposition to putting open primaries on the ballot in NYC. We have just had our first successful rank choice voting primary, with roughly 3/4 of voters said they approved of in exit polls. We had higher turnout for a primary for any year since the 80s. The only good faith reading of why the Charter commission would so quickly change courses is if they are unhappy with the results of the primary - otherwise, why would you make another enormous change to primary voting so soon after the successful implementation of rank choiced voting. This feels like an undemocratic move to undercut the benefits of rank choiced voting and to send NYC voters back to a place of confusion. The citizens of NY deserve stability in their democracy, not chaotic changes to our voting systems.

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Name: Alex Malescio

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to enact open primaries in New York City elections. For far too long, New York's closed primary system has disincentivized voter participation, sowed division among New Yorkers, and provided disproportionate electoral influence to hyper-organized ideologues. Democracy thrives when citizens actively participate in the public sphere. New York's closed primary system excludes registered independents, who constitute a large portion of voting-age New Yorkers, by design. By the time the general election arrives in November, the remaining candidates may not be palatable to these independent voters, or to voters registered with parties who did not vote in the primary for one reason or another. Everybody has heard a friend or family member complain that their vote does not count in New York, or that the powers that be have already picked the winner before it's time to vote. The open primaries proposal gives us an opportunity to make voting more accessible to all New Yorkers, and fight back against this narrative that disincentivizes voter participation. Additionally, the current closed primary system allows highly motivated ideologues to exert a disproportionate degree of influence over the June election. These highly engaged

voters are more likely to have the time, resources, and knowledge needed to exploit our primary system than are the average working and busy New Yorker. These highly motivated voters tend to be more highly educated and wealthy. Rather than stumping for votes in all communities across the city and building diverse coalitions of support, candidates who are aligned with these special interests can simply focus on activating New Yorkers who already agree with their viewpoints, and ignore everyone else. Such a system has the added effect of sowing divisions, as candidates who win in a closed primary format are only beholden to their base, rather than a wider swath of New Yorkers. The bottom line is this: democracy is critical to the well-being of our City and thus voting should be as accessible as possible. New Yorkers should not have to pledge their allegiance to a political party in order to have a say in the June elections. Let's let all New Yorkers cast their ballots at the same time in a fair, open primary system. Thank you for your time and consideration. Best, Alex

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Name: Bruce Belkin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: This is a bad idea! Queens is completely filled! Tooooo many people already. Electric cut-backs every other day in the summer. The existing grid can not handle the current demand for supply. SMH The neighborhoods are filthy the roads are falling apart. How does sticking more box buildings into already over crowded neighborhoods help anyone? Are they building more firehouses and police stations to handle the demand? I'm legally handicapped and could never find parking near my house as it is. Do not let all those other people have the power. Please do not do this! Focus on the real problems! Thank you.

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Name: Daniel Cohen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I strongly support the first four measures (related to housing/land-use) and hand no opinion on the fifth. As a resident of NYC (I live on the Upper West Side), the rent is absurdly high because of our severe housing shortage. We desperately need to build more housing to build our way out of the shortage and lower the rent, and the measures on here, such as streamlining ULURP, would do a great deal to allow more housing construction.

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GLORIA MIDDLETON  
*President*

July 7, 2025

On behalf of CWA Local 1180, representing 14,000 workers across New York City, we are proud to speak up and out about issues important to our members and their families. Our members are the backbone of this city, keeping it moving every day, and we appreciate the opportunity to testify before you.

We are here to convey serious concerns about the proposal to eliminate party primaries in New York City. This change may be framed as a reform, but in practice, could risk undermining the ability of working people to organize politically; it dilutes the influence of communities who rely on shared values and collective action to select candidates.

Party primaries are not perfect, but are a key avenue for unions like ours to engage members, build grassroots power, and shape the direction of public policy. Party primaries allow working-class communities to coalesce around candidates who understand their lives; removing them introduces chaos and opens the door to high-dollar special interests that drown out local voices.

We know from other cities and states that so-called “open” or “nonpartisan” primaries do not result in broader participation; they often do the opposite. Voter confusion increases; turnout drops in communities of color; and well-organized, well-funded candidates dominate, often at the expense of those supporting working people. In a city like New York, where the Democratic primary is functionally the general election in most districts, this change would reduce real choice, not expand it.

We urge the Commission to reconsider this proposal. True democracy requires participation and pathways for organized constituencies to be heard. That includes Labor. It includes the millions of New Yorkers who see their union as not just a workplace force, but a political voice.

Thank you for your time and for the chance to be heard.

All the best,

Gloria Middleton

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Steve Flack

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a current Brooklyn resident, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-3 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, and strike a better balance in the land use process. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development

decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations- not just the narrowest political interests. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. Proposal 5 is a no-brainer: moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city. I strongly encourage the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6. Open primaries would enfranchise the 1 million+ New Yorkers who are currently locked out of primary elections due to party registration rules. These voters deserve a voice in the elections that matter most in our one-party-dominated city. Open primaries would boost turnout in local elections, increase electoral competition, and encourage candidates to appeal to a broader cross-section of voters. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Sincerely, Steve Flack Prospect Heights 11238

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Adriana Roman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Opposed to city of YES. Keep 1-family homes as-is. Stop high rise buildings. Stop these builders from ruining our neighborhoods. NYC has too many people and too much "affordable" housing. We pay too much in tax to be squished in like sardines.

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Name: Elias

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I will not testify. I have originally signed up to testify but I changed my mind.  
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Name: SHARON Adler

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm very upset with your plans for squeezing in low income housing in Holliswood.I've lived in tmy house for over 67 years and prior to that in South Jamaica. We, my parents and I worked hard to move to Holliswood and if you need more low income housing look for land in South Jamaica. I assume if you have lower price housing my real estate taxes will go down.Please confirm lower real estate taxes. We don't have parking spaces and this will change the area. I am against your plan and will vote against your group and against Adam,Coumo ,Mamdami and will vote for Sliwa the Republican up and down the ticket..

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Terence McNicholas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: The Time to End Member Deference has arrived. Why should one person be able to  
block housing for thousands of neighbors because they prefer parking lots over people? Unlock  
Queens D32

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael Hooks

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear City Charter Commissioners, My name is Michael J Hooks and I serve on Bronx Community Board 10 and have been doing so for two years. I have come before this Commission to oppose changes to the City of New York Charter regarding Community Boards' role in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP). As you know, we are volunteers. We are residents of our community. We join our Community Board to learn how to help improve our neighborhoods, protect it and ensure we are receiving our fair share of city services. This Commission is reviewing changes such as reducing the ULURP's Community Board review period of 60 to 30 days. In 2019, a then Charter Revision Commission gave Community Boards an additional 30 days to review ULURP applications. This was a positive change for our process. It gave our volunteer membership additional time for presentations, to read difficult texts such as the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) and the ULURP application itself, have time for more public meetings, properly conduct public outreach and, most importantly, make better, educated decisions. Your report mentions attempts to "fast track" specific zoning district applications, implement "absolute" thresholds that calculate change in residential density and



using affordable housing applications as a means for lessening ULURP time requirements. If these ideas are proposed and passed, New Yorkers will have less information about occurrences in their communities. Community Boards are trusted, non-partisan institutions where constituents join to learn and understand the changes affecting their community. It is not just because of Community Boards that housing production lessened. Your Commission is correct to seek changes to the current permitting processes which occur after ULURP is completed. As you know, ULURP is a City Charter-required process for community boards and the public to review changes to our environment, assess and request more city services from our municipal agencies to accommodate the proposed density. Lastly, it ensures that our communities have active and working relationships with developers and property owners. No matter how many income-restricted units are proposed in a ULURP application, our City is better served if Community Boards have its current allotment of 60 days. Lastly, your report mentions concerns with the New York City Council internal process of "member deference." While we leave the politics to our City Council Member, the Commission should know that the independence of our legislative body is something we value because Community Boards, too, are independent municipal agencies. The City Council inner workings should be respected as Council Members are the voices of their districts and take back to City Hall their community's concerns and requests of city government. At the conclusion of the Community Board process, the ULURP application proceeds to the Office of the Borough President and then the New York City Council. The New York City Council Member can organize their colleagues to reflect the wishes of their district regarding the ULURP application. We would not want to see our legislative branch not have the opportunity to discuss land use matters with their colleagues in hopes of defending their community's best interests and while holding developers accountable. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, Michael Hooks

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Scott Caplan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly support open primaries with the top two or three winners advancing to a general election. Furthermore, candidates in open primaries should be able to state their party affiliation if they so desire. Although I am an active member of the Democratic Party, I think it is profoundly unfair to prevent unaffiliated voters and other voters from participating in primaries, when the outcome of primaries (particularly on the Democratic Party side) usually wins in general elections. I also support consolidating New York City and New York State election dates to the same year, which would increase voter turnout, reduce election costs and elected officials to finish their terms instead of their present practice of running for different municipal and state officers before completing their terms in their original offices.

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Name: Joseph Connolly

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear City Charter Commissioners, My name is Joseph Connolly, I serve on Bronx Community Board 10 and have been doing so for 3.5 years now. I have come before this Commission to oppose changes to the City of New York Charter regarding Community Boards' role in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP). As you know, we are volunteers. We are residents of our community. We join our Community Board to learn how to help improve our neighborhoods, protect it and ensure we are receiving our fair share of city services. This Commission is reviewing changes such as reducing the ULURP's Community Board review period of 60 to 30 days. In 2019, a then Charter Revision Commission gave Community Boards an additional 30 days to review ULURP applications. This was a positive change for our process. It gave our volunteer membership additional time for presentations, to read difficult texts such as the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) and the ULURP application itself, have time for more public meetings, properly conduct public outreach and, most importantly, make better, educated decisions. Your report mentions attempts to "fast track" specific zoning district applications, implement "absolute" thresholds that calculate change in residential density and

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Meryl Weingarten

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proposed City of Yes and the proposed charter revisions will have a disastrous effect on our community of single family homes. While additional affordable housing is needed in our City the best way to achieve this goal is not by changing the zoning and thus depreciating the value of single family homes. If passed it will serve to drive out the middle class families ( and consequently their tax dollars)who have worked so hard to purchase and maintain their homes! Please spare our community and think of alternative means !! Meryl Weingarten, Holliswood, NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: New York Landmarks Conservancy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please see attached comments from the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

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THE NEW YORK  
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July 7, 2025

STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY BEFORE THE NEW YORK  
CITY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION 2025

The New York Landmarks Conservancy is a 52-year-old organization dedicated to preserving, revitalizing, and reusing New York's historic buildings and neighborhoods.

We support affordable housing. Many historic buildings provide existing affordable housing. We support converting underutilized commercial, institutional and other types of buildings into more affordable housing. We want to ensure that New York's rich diversity of architecture continues to enhance the City: creating jobs, housing New Yorkers, encouraging sustainability, and welcoming visitors from around the world.

We appreciate that the Commission's report upholds protections for landmarks and historic districts. However, we object to the first three proposed ballot questions as they explicitly aim to reduce the public's role and that of their representatives in the City Council in the land use process. We have no comments on the fourth and fifth ballot questions.

*In the first ballot question, the Commission proposes an amendment that would create new fast track public processes for affordable housing.*

*In the second ballot question, the Commission proposes an amendment to create an Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) for certain land use changes and projects.*

*In the third ballot question, the Commission proposes an amendment to eliminate the Mayor's veto power in ULURP and replace it with a new ULURP Appeals Board, consisting of the Borough President of the affected borough, the Speaker of the City Council, and the Mayor.*

Public participation is vital to the City's democracy, as validated in the 1975 Charter Revision. New York's vast and varied collection of communities is represented most directly by Council members, who have a responsibility to their constituents. Relying on the City Planning Commission or a three-person panel of Mayor, Council Speaker, and Borough President to make final decisions would negate the local, public voice.

We question the assumptions that support these ballot questions. First, while City Hall can tally where new affordable housing is being built, there is no City-wide analysis of where there is existing affordable and/or regulated housing. And there is no recognition of existing density and capacity. This data is necessary to understand the best places for new development, not a list of the most recently completed projects.



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At the heart of this issue is the public voice, and why there is frequently opposition to new development. In our experience, this opposition is almost never against affordable housing. Many communities fight for more affordable housing. Instead, it is almost always a protest against out-of-scale, additional density that pushes up prices without a proportionate expansion of services and infrastructure.

In the decades since ULURP was established, hundreds of new buildings and thousands of new units have been built. Areas such as Sixth Avenue in Chelsea, downtown Brooklyn, and Long Island City have been completely transformed. Prices have only gone up and even with this tremendous supply, demand does not go down. The public knows this, and is rightly skeptical of promises that the new supertall down the block might demolish existing affordable apartments, but it will eventually lead to lower housing costs.

We hope that the City can find a way forward to address the affordability crisis. We are sure that preservation will continue to make a significant contribution. But any solution should not come at the cost of the public's role in the process.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the Conservancy's views.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Frantz Nazaire

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: The influence of local community boards should not be changed to appease developers around the city. Quality of life in different density zones should be upheld or changed for the improvement of the community only! I support my local community board and I will join them in support of the betterment of our community.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jeffrey Gold

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: As an editor of longstanding who has edited tomes on voting systems around North America and the world, the current proposals for ghastly "jungle primaries" in NYC would be a big step back, in terms of representation and fairness for all citizens. I urge you to reject such contraptions/proposals. Thank You, --Jeffrey Gold [REDACTED]

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**Campaign for a Livable City**  
**New York City Charter Revision Commission**  
**Testimony**  
**July 7, 2025**

Good evening, my name is Simeon Bankoff. Some of you may know me from my 20 years at the Historic Districts Council. Tonight, I'm here on behalf of the Campaign for a Livable City. We are a new coalition, dedicated to preserving affordable housing in New York City and ensuring that neighborhoods remain vibrant and accessible. We are advocating for a balanced approach to urban planning that allows residents to stay in their communities, promotes responsible development, and ensures access to essential resources like schools, parks and transit.

We are losing existing affordable units at an alarming rate, with either no or very few "affordable" units in the replacement buildings. So, I am once again here today to remind you all that we cannot just build our way out of this problem. Sadly, the ballot questions put forth by the Commission in its interim report do nothing to preserve and only encourage more, reckless development while centralizing power in a role that is feckless at best and as we have seen all too acutely recently is prone to developer capture.

We cannot forget that individual communities and neighborhoods are what make New York special. Proposals that eliminate local input and create loopholes to endless development will only destabilize them. At the same time, this Commission is offering nothing for the millions of New Yorkers constantly in fear of losing their current affordable housing.

For those reasons, the Campaign opposes Question 1 (fast tracking housing), Question 2 (expedited review process), and Question 3 (creating

a land use appeals board). Under these proposals, the opinions of communities that are already facing incredible displacement pressure will be completely disregarded, leading to reduced community amenities, reckless urban design, and further gentrification. These proposals elevate unit count over affordability, stabilization, sustainability, and jobs that support the communities in which these projects will be built.

To advance these sweeping, transformational changes to the land use process that New Yorkers have come to know for decades, with a single public hearing for debate, is an affront to the discursive democracy that the very ULURP system was enacted to preserve. If this commission insists on moving ahead with these disenfranchising measures, know that we see you disempowering marginalized communities to line the pockets of developers and will see you at the ballot box.

Instead, we should be pushing for more preservation strategies, like only permitting renovations or demolitions if no apartments will be lost. Or applying a demolition fee where unit counts will be reduced. There's no reason why the City should bear the cost of losing affordable housing - that should be on developers who elect to tear it down. The Campaign is working with Council Member Gale Brewer to introduce legislation creating a demolition framework that will actually preserve existing affordable housing. I hope that many of the groups here today with concerns about these proposals will join us in pushing for truly effective solutions.

Thank you for your time.

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Name: Katherine Ellington

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Comments: I applaud the full range of the work of the Charter Commission. It would help to have more public input all around New York City as such there should be an open Civics course on the New York City Charter available on line, public libraries and other settings including for credit in the New York City Department Education high schools and colleges. I submit this as public comment on my own behalf.

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Name: Samuel Finkelman

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Comments: There is a poll that shows Mamdani getting 35%, Cuomo getting 29%, Sliwa getting 16% and Adams getting 14% (with 1% for Walden and Undecided, Don't Know or Refused at 5%) This works out to a situation where you get about 38% for Mamdani and 62% opposed, and 62% is seriously opposed because we can presume they are opposed because of issues with Mamdani especially about his opposition to "laser-like focus" on the neighborhoods where crime is rampant or even just starting to creep up and at the individuals and possible gangs who are picking on victims. and there are several other issues like Mamdani refusing to disassociate himself from people who call for globalizing the intifada or his budgetary policy and wild promises. If candidates could name a second candidate in advance as to whom his votes would be added to if he lost, the election would be more legitimate and much fairer. Maybe this could also be done in a qay so as to affect this election.

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Name: Wayne M Rosenfeld

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Comments: Enclosed is the testimony that I gave tonight at the hearing- Wayne Rosenfeld-Testimony to the NYC Charter Commission on the choosing of Community Board Members 7/7/2025 Good evening. My name is Wayne Rosenfeld and I was a Board Member of Community Board 3 in Staten Island for 10 years serving on the Land Use Committee as well as other various committees. I stepped down for personal reasons 18 months ago but just applied to get my seat back and was just nominated by Councilman Frank Morano to be one of his choices for the seat. I was also a Board member for 19 years at the Staten Island JCC and volunteered at Tottenville High School in Staten Island when my daughter attended on two separate parent committees. I have been fully engaged in Staten Island and volunteering to make life better for its residents for over 25 years. By the way, I am the Executive Director of a 100-year-old nonprofit in Brooklyn that serves Southern Brooklyn. Suffice to say I am very civic minded and feel it is important that people show up every day to help their fellow New Yorkers. I am here today to advocate for city council members to have their choice of who serves on a community board in their district. Currently, they can recommend half the open slots, but it is the Boro President who

makes the final choice. It is my understanding that it is proposed in the new charter that the Boro President will have sole discretion on who to appoint to the community boards in their Boro. This would be a mistake because the choices would go unchallenged and political favors would ensue and there would be no check and balances. I am not saying all BP's would take advantage but if they get full control over the community board, the residence of that board won't be served properly. The BP's and the Council Members need to work together for the betterment of the community and one person shouldn't decide who will serve on the board. Over my 10 years I have weighed in on many things, some trivial and some major. The Community Board is in place for a reason, to protect people of the community from politics and for the community to also grow, change with the times and prosper....but again that can only happen with a wide and broad range of people serving from different backgrounds and ideologies on a community board. To summarize, each district, each community in NYC is different. Some areas are urban in landscape, some are rural, some have over crowding, some have lots of park like areas. But all Boro's have differences within the Boro and each Community Board should stand alone and represent themselves and their interests. Of one BP chooses all Community Board Members themselves, then the individuality of the district would disappear. If one BP chooses all Community Board Members, then the voice of the community would be silenced. If each Council Member were able to work with the BP and they equally choose the board members, then there would be a balance and the entire district/community would be served with no back room politics at hand. Thank you for your time. Wayne Rosenfeld [REDACTED]  
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Thank you for your time.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Councilman Frank Morano

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Final Testimony - Charter Revision Commission Frank Morano, New York City Councilmember July 7, 2025 Good evening. And thank you, once again, for the opportunity to testify before this Commission. I suspect by now you've heard enough from me to last a lifetime — but given how important these decisions are, I hope you'll indulge me one final time. First, I want to genuinely thank each of you for the time, energy, and sacrifice you've poured into this process. I know how demanding this work is. You've sat through endless hearings, read more reports than anyone would envy, and heard passionate arguments on every side. That's real public service, and I appreciate it — even when we may disagree on the details. Tonight, I want to zero in on a few of those details that I hope you'll reconsider before finalizing your recommendations. First, please — do not pursue the so-called "Top Two" system. You've heard me say this before, but let me put it in plain terms: Top Two is a political trap disguised as reform. It may sound good on paper, but in practice, it shuts out minor parties, discourages outsider candidates, and leaves voters with a false choice. Want a real-world example? Imagine if we had Top Two in place right now for this year's mayoral race. The final two candidates? Zohran

Mamdani and Andrew Cuomo. For many Republicans, independents, moderates — heck, for a lot of Democrats — that matchup feels like the political version of Alien vs. Predator: no matter who wins, we lose. That's not hypothetical. It's exactly what we've seen happen in California, where Top Two has produced lopsided runoffs that fail to represent the full political spectrum — often silencing independent and third-party voices entirely. We should be building a system that encourages more choice, not less. The solution isn't to import California's broken model — it's to expand what already works here: nonpartisan special elections with ranked choice voting. I was elected through that system. It was clean, competitive, focused on ideas — not party labels. It worked for voters, and it worked for the city. So why stop there? Let's make every municipal election operate the same way — with more choices, fewer spoilers, and elections decided by merit, not machinery. And let me say this clearly: stop calling Top Two an "open primary." It's not. The U.S. Supreme Court doesn't call it that. Political scientists don't call it that. When you misuse the term, you confuse voters — and confusion is the enemy of trust in our democracy. If we want to boost turnout, competitive elections are the answer — not rhetorical sleight of hand. Look at the numbers. This year's Democratic mayoral primary saw the highest turnout since 1989. Why? Because it was competitive. Because people believed their vote mattered. That's what drives participation — not gimmicks, not rebranding, but real, meaningful choices. And that brings me to another proposal I strongly oppose: moving municipal elections to even-numbered years. Sure, presidential years bring more people to the polls. But let's be honest — they come to vote for president, not for City Council or Borough President. All moving the elections does is drown out local races in a tidal wave of national noise. Instead of asking candidates about trash pickup, zoning, or public safety, we'll be debating Social Security and the Middle East. That doesn't strengthen local democracy — it buries it. If we truly want elections that engage people and produce broadly supported leaders, let's make ranked choice voting the standard for general elections too. Imagine how different this year's mayoral race would feel if voters could rank their choices — instead of being stuck with political gamesmanship fueled by billionaires, insiders, and spoiler fears. Right now, we've got factions on all sides scheming to push out Cuomo, Adams, or Sliwa — not because they're afraid of losing a fair fight, but because they know the current system encourages spoilers and backroom deals. Ranked choice voting takes that off the table. It forces candidates to appeal to a broader electorate. It rewards those who can earn not just passionate first-choice support, but respect from the wider public. Let all the candidates run. Let them fight for every vote. Let the voters decide — without manipulation, without fear, and without insiders rigging the game. Lastly, I want to urge the Commission to strengthen the role of Council Members in local appointments. Right now, our recommendations for community boards and other bodies are just that — recommendations. We know our neighborhoods. We know who's trusted and who's engaged. Giving Council Members binding appointment power — in a clear, transparent way — would make those boards more reflective, more accountable, and more effective. To sum up: Don't bring Top Two to New York. Stop misusing the term "open primary." Keep our municipal elections in odd-numbered years. Expand ranked choice voting to general elections. Give Council Members meaningful appointment authority. And above all, thank you again for your time, your patience, and your service to this city. I may be a broken record on some of these issues, but it's only because I care — and I know each of you does too. Thank you.

# **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION CENTER, INC.**

“ONE COMMUNITY, NO EXCLUSION”

## **Testimony of Craig Gurian, ADC’s executive director, at the Charter Revision Commission Hearing of July 7, 2025**

Good afternoon. I’m Craig Gurian, the executive director of the Anti-Discrimination Center. The Commission has done thoughtful work, and the state of our City would be materially improved by the adoption of the Commission’s interim proposals. We would, however, be in even better shape were the Commission to address what I respectfully suggest are some missteps.

Details that flesh out these brief remarks are contained in the document being circulated to you.

### **Fair Housing Plan**

The Section 16-a Fair Housing Plan has been woven into the proposed Affordable Housing Fast Track and Capital Planning processes and will otherwise have a significant impact on housing development. The substance of the Fair Housing Plan cannot, therefore, be ignored. Unfortunately, the Plan’s elements are patently inadequate.

The Commission has no problem identifying segregation as an evil – it does so repeatedly in its interim report – but the Fair Housing Plan is much squishier. The Fair Housing Plan defines neither segregation, the perpetuation of segregation, nor even the term “affirmatively furthering fair housing.” It fails to have as a mandatory goal the combatting of segregation. And it uses the undefined term “equitable,” a term that can mean virtually anything.

The City’s Fair Housing Planning process looks very different from, and much less robust than, the AFFH rule proposed but ultimately not gotten to by the Biden administration.

### **Infrastructure**

A real error in the Affordable Housing Fast Track, I believe, is requiring a finding that a proposal is “adequately supported by transit, sewer, and other infrastructure before it could be approved.”<sup>1</sup> As demonstrated by extensive experience with suburban exclusion, this type of provision perversely encourages neighborhoods to resist infrastructure improvements. (“If you support the new bus route, next thing you’ll know the City will be bringing low-income people here.”) A better approach would be for analysis to focus not simply on existing infrastructure, but on whether it is feasible for the City to enhance infrastructure over time.

### **Fast-track for publicly financed affordable housing developments**

In the requirements for the fast-track for publicly financed affordable housing developments is one where the Board of Standards and Appeals must find that the building “will not alter the essential

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<sup>1</sup> See Interim Report, at 8.

character of the neighborhood.”<sup>2</sup> The problem is in the capaciousness of the term. Those with ill-intent (not the BSA!) will use that capaciousness to litigate and delay – exactly the opposite of what one wants.

### **Expedited land use review procedure**

The proposals for the expedited land use review procedure apparently do not contemplate purchases and sales of property by the City where the goal is affordable housing but where the model differs from the pure-HDFC approach. That is likewise true in the Fast Track Affordable Housing part of the proposals. In the document I have circulated, there are simple and, I think, non-controversial textual fixes to these omissions.

### **Land use appeals board**

Finally, the Commission has performed a delicate political balancing act in devising the proposed Land Use Appeals Board. My accompanying document asks the Commission to consider whether that balance will accurately and consistently reflect the likely motivations of the relevant players over the long term.

Thank you.

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<sup>2</sup> See Proposed Amendments at 12, line 19.



# ANTI-DISCRIMINATION CENTER, INC.

“ONE COMMUNITY, NO EXCLUSION”

July 7, 2025

## Analysis and Proposals for Charter Revision Commission Consideration

This document is intended to supplement oral testimony ADC’s executive director provided at today’s hearing.

### Fair Housing Plan

Recognizing the Commission’s point that there are a limited number of proposals that can be reasonably expected to be digested by the public, it is still the case that existing Charter § 16-a needs to be addressed. Not only is it a Charter provision that, like any other, is subject to mandatory review, it is a provision that is explicitly interwoven into the Commission’s proposals (both as they relate to the Affordable Housing Fast Track and to the Capital Plan process).

The Commission has been refreshingly frank in identifying continuing segregation as a major problem in our city.<sup>1</sup> The City’s Fair Housing Plan is far more “circumspect.” That lack of candor and associated lack of action is consequential.

A useful starting point for considering the problem is the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (“AFFH”) Rule proposed by the Biden administration (“Proposed AFFH Rule”). ADC had criticisms of the Proposed AFFH Rule, but the Proposed AFFH Rule did not dance around the issues of segregation, perpetuation of segregation, or what AFFH means.

The Proposed AFFH Rule defined **segregation**, in pertinent part, to mean:

a condition within the program participant’s geographic areas of analysis in which there is a significant concentration of persons of a particular race, color, religion, sex (including sexual orientation, gender identity, and nonconformance with gender stereotypes), familial status, national origin, or having a disability or a type of disability in a particular geographic area when compared to a different or broader geographic area. **Racial segregation** includes a concentration of persons of the same race regardless of whether that race is the majority or minority of the population in the geographic area of analysis. For example, in a community where persons of one race (e.g., White) are concentrated in one neighborhood and persons of another race (e.g., African American) are concentrated in a different neighborhood, racial segregation exists in each of the neighborhoods.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Interim Report, at 5, 8, 33, 35, 36, 40, 45, 48, and 55.

<sup>2</sup> See proposed 24 CFR § 5.152, 88 Fed. Reg. 8761 (emphasis added).

The Proposed AFFH Rule defined **affirmatively furthering fair housing** itself, in pertinent part, to mean:

taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that **overcome patterns of segregation**, eliminate inequities in housing and related community assets, and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, reduce or end significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, **replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns**, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into well-resourced areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws and requirements.<sup>3</sup>

In short, the Proposed AFFH Rule was neither silent nor neutral about the need to integrate.

The Proposed AFFH Rule also highlighted the importance of not perpetuating segregation. Two of the identified “fair housing issues” were “ongoing local or regional segregation or lack of integration” and “racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty.”<sup>4</sup> “Fair Housing goals” are goals that “are designed and can be reasonably expected to overcome circumstances that cause, increase, **contribute to, maintain, or perpetuate** fair housing issues in the program participant’s geographic areas of analysis.”<sup>5</sup>

Part of the required certifications that program recipients would have been required to make was the certification “will take no action that is materially inconsistent with the duty to affirmatively further fair housing.”<sup>6</sup>

Last, the Proposed AFFH Rule explained what a “Balanced Approach” was intended to encompass:

For example, place-based strategies include actions and investment to substantially **improve living conditions and community assets** in high-poverty neighborhoods while **preserving existing affordable housing stock** to meet the needs of underserved communities and address inequitable access to affordable rental and homeownership opportunities. Mobility strategies, on the other hand, focus on the **removal of barriers that prevent people from accessing affordable housing, for**

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<sup>3</sup> See proposed 24 CFR § 5.152, 88 Fed. Reg. 8557 (emphases added).

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<sup>6</sup> There are multiple places in the Proposed AFFH Rule where this requirement is imposed. See, e.g., proposed 24 CFR § 5.166, 88 Fed. Reg. 8574 (certification required before receipt of federal financial assistance) and proposed amendment to 24 CFR 91.225(a)(1), 88 Fed. Reg. 8582 (requirement for each jurisdiction throughout the period for which federal assistance is extended).

**example in well-resourced areas of opportunity** that have historically lacked such housing and effective housing mobility programs and services. To achieve a balanced approach, community planning and investment would need to balance place-based strategies with mobility strategies. Both place-based and mobility strategies that are part of a balanced approach must be designed to achieve positive fair housing outcomes.<sup>7</sup>

As is immediately apparent, the place-based part of the Proposed AFFH Rule was encouraging four things: housing rehabilitation, housing preservation, general improvements in community living conditions, and supplementation of community assets. It was *not* encouraging the practice of continuing to place subsidized housing in areas where that housing has traditionally been concentrated, as it could not do so consistent with the goals of reducing segregation; avoiding contribution, maintenance, or perpetuation of segregation; or confronting the existence of racially concentrated areas of poverty.<sup>8</sup>

The City Charter's Section 16-a is far more equivocal than the Proposed AFFH rule. It is true that segregation is mentioned *once* – but only in a subparagraph combining making public investments to “address discrimination, segregation, and poverty.”<sup>9</sup> What is required to be “combatted” is “discrimination,” *not* segregation.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> See proposed 24 CFR § 5.152, 88 Fed. Reg. 8558 (emphases supplied).

<sup>8</sup> This is one of the reasons that the statement in the Interim Report that “the City must continue to build affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods that have suffered through decades of neglect and disinvestment,” Interim Report, at 50, sounds so discordant. No one is suggesting that new affordable housing be banned entirely from the neighborhoods that have had disproportionately high levels of such housing located therein, but AFFH is a *remedial* process. One doesn't solve the problem of overconcentration by ceasing to exacerbate the problem (although that's an important first step). One solves the problem by *rebalancing* – compensatory building in areas of exclusion so that, for an extended period, the focus of affordable housing construction is emphatically not in “low-income neighborhoods that have suffered through decades of neglect and disinvestment.” All the *other* investments -- investments that the Proposed AFFH Plan recommended – can and should be carried out. And, we should have learned by now that low-income households can and want to take advantage of low-income housing across the City. When it is made available, overwhelming majorities of New Yorkers of every race and ethnicity apply in staggeringly large numbers. Finally, the description of neighborhoods as having “suffered through decades of neglect and disinvestment” reads as though it might have been written in the 1970's. The reality in 2025 is many low-income neighborhoods have seen significant investments over the last 30+ years. The “neighborhood stabilization” arguments of another era that called for the concentration of low-income housing in already low-income neighborhoods do not have salience today.

<sup>9</sup> See Charter § 16-a(b)(2)(f).

<sup>10</sup> See Charter § 16-a(b)(2)(a).

Nothing in the factors required for the development community-district level production targets specifies activity to reduce segregation, avoid perpetuating segregation. Nothing addresses the importance of mixed-income housing. Nothing deals with continuing obligation under the Fair Housing Act (albeit currently unenforced by the Trump Administration) to deconcentrate the location of affordable housing.<sup>11</sup>

Before turning to specific proposals for proposed changes to Charter text, one further observation. It is a critical error to formulate (or neglect to formulate) Charter language based on the current performance of an official or an agency. However inclined one might be to laud current HPD performance, current HPD personnel, or both, agency leadership and agency personnel change over time. *There was an extraordinarily long period where HPD has no interest in affirmatively furthering fair housing.* It is important to have Charter provisions written for whomever may be implementing them.

The proposal that follows is a shortened and modified version of language ADC first proposed in its May 30, 2025 submission. Its definitions are designed to address problems identified with Charter § 16-a, not designed to deal comprehensively other topics that might require broader definitions.

### >> **Proposed Charter text** <<

Subdivision (a) of section 16-a of the charter is amended by adding the following definitions:

Affirmatively further fair housing. The term “affirmatively furthering fair housing” includes as a mandatory feature taking meaningful, concrete actions that are designed to materially reduce segregation.

Perpetuate segregation. The term “perpetuate segregation” includes following a course of action or inaction that slows down the pace of desegregation compared with a feasible alternative.

Segregation. The terms “segregation” means a condition within a community district or other geography in which there is a significant overrepresentation or underrepresentation of persons of a particular race or ethnicity when compared to the city as a whole.

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<sup>11</sup> A separate obligation exists under the requirement of the NYC Human Rights Law not to perpetuate segregation.

Subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of section 16-a of the charter is amended to read as follows:

(a) Combatting discrimination and segregation;

Subdivision (d) of section 16-a of the charter is amended to add a new paragraph 3 to read as follows:

3. Production targets established pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subdivision shall be designed:

(a) to overcome existing patterns of segregation to the maximum extent feasible and shall not create, maintain, or otherwise perpetuate segregation;

(b) to deconcentrate the location of affordable housing, including deeply affordable housing units;

(c) to encourage the development of mixed-income housing; and

(d) to encourage a greater range of household incomes among the households living in a community district.

## **Infrastructure**

Requiring a finding that a proposal is “adequately supported by transit, sewer, and other infrastructure” as a prerequisite to eligibility for the Affordable Housing Fast Track is a prescription for many highly segregated neighborhoods to remain so, with proponents of continued exclusion making sure to advocate *against* infrastructure improvements. Note in this regard, that the lack of infrastructure, where it stymies efforts at inclusion, is itself an impediment to fair housing choice, or, in the lingo of the Proposed AFFH Rule, a “fair housing issue.”

## **>> Proposed Charter text modifying Commission proposal and existing language <<**

Modifying proposed Charter ¶ 197-f(c) as follows:

c. In determining whether to approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove an application described in subdivision b of this section, the city planning commission shall assess and make a finding regarding the consistency of such application with the fair housing plan submitted pursuant to subdivision b of section sixteen-a and ~~existing~~ transportation, sewer and other infrastructure that currently exists or that

can feasibly be enhanced subsequent to the approval or approval with modifications of an application described in subdivision b of this section.

Amending Charter § 16-a(d)(2)(c) to read as follows:

(c) Relevant data from the equitable development data tool or other sources on access to transit, employment opportunities, open space, and other neighborhood amenities and public services; provided, however, that: (i) the absence of such access shall not be a factor limiting a production target if it is feasible to begin adding to such access in the 10 years following the promulgation of the production target; and (ii) where the absence of such access is permissible to be considered, any limitation in production target should be the minimum limitation consistent with the obligation set forth in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (3) of this subdivision.

>>>> **Separate note.** <<<<

In paragraph 7 of the Commission’s proposal headed “Fast Track for Affordable Housing,” there is a reference on line 3 of page 11 to “section sixteen-b.” Is that not supposed to read “subdivision b of section 16-a”?

#### **Fast-track for Publicly Financed Affordable Housing Developments**

Unless a more well-defined definition of “essential character of the neighborhood” can be devised, the proposed provision – which, as noted, will inevitably lead to protracted litigation – should be dropped. ADC notes that the requirement is not needed because of a practical political reality: proposing a building that is *truly* out-of-keeping with neighborhood character – not simply one that is different or modestly bigger – would be politically untenable even in the most pro-affordable-housing environment (no one wants to go back to the errors of the 1970s).

>> **Proposed Charter text modifying Commission proposal to amend existing Charter language** <<

Proposed paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of proposed Charter § 666-a is deleted and the subsequent paragraphs renumbered accordingly.

#### **Expedited Land Use Review Procedure**

While current practice conforms to the Commission’s assumption about HDHC’s being the entities that own and manage 100 percent affordable housing, a forward-looking document like the Charter needs to avoid excluding other models. For example, one can have a new mixed-income project, one where there are market-rate condos built and owned by a private developer for sale to individual condo owners, *and* a subset of condo units built by the private developer that are

transferred to either an HDFC or another not-for-profit for the purpose of use as permanently affordable rentals. (This is a variation on the theme of the recently passed NYS Affordable Housing Retention Act.)

Likewise, the City itself could decide to acquire property where it intends to continue to own and operate it for affordable housing purposes.

It is possible that proposed new Charter §197-e(b)(6)<sup>12</sup> could act as a catchall, but it would be better to add language as follows.

### **>> Proposed Charter text modifying Commission proposal <<**

Proposed Charter § 197-e(b)(4)(a) is modified as follows:

(a) to companies that have been organized exclusively to develop housing projects 5 for persons of low income, or to any other entity that is required by a regulatory agreement to transfer ownership or management of a portion of a housing project for the purpose of owning or managing permanently affordable housing units that are part of the project;

Proposed Charter § 197-e(b)(5)(a) is modified as follows:

(a) Disposition of such property to a company that has been organized exclusively 18 to develop housing projects for persons of low income, or to any other entity that is required by a regulatory agreement to transfer ownership or management of a portion of a housing project for the purpose of owning or managing permanently affordable housing units that are part of the project;

Proposed Charter § 197-e(b)(5) is modified to add a new subparagraph (a-1), as follows:

(a-1) Retention of such property for the purpose of providing for the development and operation, in whole or in part, of housing projects for persons of low income.

Proposed Charter § 666-a(a)(1) is modified to read as follows:

1. The building is or will be owned, in whole or in part, by a housing development fund company formed pursuant to article eleven of the private housing finance law or by the city of New York;

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<sup>12</sup> See Proposed Amendments, “Expedited Land Use Review Procedure,” page 10, lines 19-20.

## **Land Use Appeals Board**

Providing for a Land Use is an elegant resolution to both the substantive problem and to the political issues involved in public approval of proposals to amend the Charter. It is especially useful for the Board to be able to bring up matters on its own initiative.

Having said that, is it really wise to assume that future borough presidents will take positions as sensitive to citywide needs as Borough President Reynoso?

Speaker Adams did help shepherd the City of Yes proposal to final passage (amended to satisfy some of the demands of some of the most exclusionary council districts in the city). But she was the first Speaker ever to have a fair-housing agenda.

And it is not truly the case that a Speaker is a citywide official in the way a mayor is. A Speaker is answerable not to voters who have elected her, but to Council Members who have elected her, some of whom continue to believe in the City of No.

In truth, it is the addition of additional power that changes the equation, and that would be true even if the power were vested in a mayor alone.

That is why ADC's previous proposal, submitted on May 30, 2025 sought to change the balance of power by shifting the burden of rejection or modification to the Council, and doing so with a super-majority requirement. That plan would have protected City Planning decisions unless 75 percent of the Council voted otherwise. Put another way, to the extent that a mayoral administration were able to cobble together the support of just 13 of 51 Council Members, the City Planning decision would go into effect, and do so without modification.

ADC certainly supports the proposed procedure over the status quo but notes that this is a system that may well need to be revisited.



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Comments: **\*\*Petition to the NYC Charter Revision Commission: Liberate the Yankees from the Tyranny of Hal Steinbrenner & Co.\*\*** **\*\*Whereas:\*\*** The New York Yankees are not merely a baseball team—they are a civic institution, a sacred trust passed down from Ruth and Gehrig to Jeter and Rivera, embodying the pride and excellence of New York City; **\*\*Whereas:\*\*** Hal Steinbrenner, Brian Cashman, and Aaron Boone have committed **\*\*crimes against humanity\*\*** (or at least crimes against the Bronx) by: - Prioritizing profit over pennants, treating the Yankees like a mid-market team despite record revenues; - Squandering generational talents with incompetent roster construction (see: the tragic waste of Judge & Cole's primes); - Subjecting fans to the horror of watching Aaron Hicks, Josh Donaldson, and Joey Gallo for years longer than necessary; - Refusing to fire Boone despite his baffling bullpen decisions and inexplicable optimism in the face of .500 mediocrity; **\*\*Whereas:\*\*** The City of New York has a moral obligation to intervene when a public trust is being mismanaged—just as it would if someone turned Central Park into a parking lot or replaced the Statue of Liberty's torch with a NFT gallery; **\*\*Therefore,** the NYC Charter Revision Commission must place a ballot initiative before the

people of New York to:\*\* 1. \*\*Free the Yankees from Steinbrenner's tyranny\*\* via eminent domain or hostile takeover by a consortium of Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera, and a panel of angry WFAN callers; 2. \*\*Sentence Hal, Cashman, and Boone to Rikers Island\*\* (minimum security, but with mandatory viewing of every 2000s Yankees playoff loss on loop); 3. \*\*Establish a "Yankees Oversight Committee"\*\* composed of Bernie Williams, Paul O'Neill, and a randomly selected season-ticket holder to veto all future trades and lineup decisions; 4. \*\*Redirect all "luxury tax" savings\*\* toward signing Juan Soto, fixing the bullpen, and building a monument to the ghost of George Steinbrenner's fury. \*\*Conclusion:\*\* The Yankees are too vital to be left in the hands of incompetents. If the City can regulate street vendors and taxi medallions, it can certainly rescue its baseball team from the abyss. Let the people vote—before Hal trades Judge for another relief pitcher with a 6.00 ERA. \*\*#FreeTheYankees #HalToRikers #SellTheTeam\*\* \*Signed,\* \*The Ghost of Billy Martin\* \*& 4 Million Tormented Fans\*

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Comments: I wanted to speak against the jungle primary proposal. For a system where the top two vote getters in June go to the general, the most likely outcome is the most well funded candidates will dominate in a crowded field. This will increase the amount of money injected into our politics and help shut out grassroots candidates. We currently have a huge issue with outside money in our politics with billionaires like Elon Musk trying to buy elections and this will make it worse. This will also see the devastation of minor parties and turn the city into a one party state. Most elections would just devolve into contests between two Democrats. If the proposal was present this year, the general election would most likely be a rematch between Zohran Mamdani and Andrew Cuomo. Furthermore, I am concerned how the jungle primaries would interact with the state's fusion voting laws whereby multiple parties can nominate the same candidate in the general. I urge you not put this proposal on the ballot.

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Comments: PETITION TO THE NYC CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION: A BALLOT INITIATIVE FOR JUSTICE AGAINST JAMES DOLAN To the Esteemed Members of the New York City Charter Revision Commission: We, the citizens of New York City and allies across the globe, do hereby submit this petition for the inclusion of a ballot initiative in the next municipal election, requesting the City of New York formally petition the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate and issue an arrest warrant for James L. Dolan—billionaire, amateur kazooist, and tyrant-in-residence of Madison Square Garden. Whereas: James Dolan has presided over the New York Knicks for over two decades of unparalleled futility, public embarrassment, and systemic fan abuse, turning the world's most iconic basketball franchise into a dystopian reality show; He has similarly mismanaged the New York Rangers, producing more heartbreak than a Times Square Elmo on a bender; Under his reign, Madison Square Garden, once a cathedral of New York sports and culture, has become a hostile surveillance zone, replete with facial recognition bans targeting lawyers, critics, and enemies of the Dolan regime; His vengeful ejection of beloved Knicks legend Charles Oakley from MSG constituted a symbolic execution of the city's soul and demands full

restitution and public apology; His band, JD and the Straight Shot, is a psychological weapon of mass destruction, with televised kazoo solos on FOX 5 and beyond causing untold anguish, auditory trauma, and spiritual corrosion to millions of innocent viewers; His misuse of New York cultural institutions, including Radio City Music Hall and The Beacon Theatre, is tantamount to cultural sabotage; The United Nations Convention Against Torture may apply here. At the very least, the Geneva Conventions deserve a footnote; Therefore, be it resolved: That the voters of New York City be allowed to decide on a binding municipal resolution requesting that the International Criminal Court at The Hague investigate James Dolan for: Crimes Against Aesthetic Humanity Perpetual Sports Mismanagement in the First Degree Cultural Torture via Kazoo Violations of Public Trust and Civic Joy Further, we demand the symbolic sentencing of James Dolan to a lifetime at Rikers Island, even post-closure in 2027, via specially maintained solitary cellboat if necessary. And we call upon the City Council to pursue economic restitution to Charles Oakley, as well as emotional reparations to Knicks and Rangers fans, quantified by years of suffering. This is not merely about sports. This is about justice. dignity. and music crimes. Let us be the generation that says "No more." Let the will of the people echo from Harlem to Staten Island: Dolan Must Go.

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<p>Dear Commissioners,</p>

<p>My name is Leigh Smith, a resident of Brooklyn. I am testifying specifically in regard of Proposal 6 and I am advocating the Charter Revision Commission to reject Proposal 6. I thank you for giving me opportunity to testify.</p>



I am drawn to testify because I feel I bring a unique perspective in that I am a U.S. citizen immigrant originally from Australia. That country has a notable history of stable political debate and policy development. It features a range of political opinions across the political spectrum, represented in local, state and federal political systems, and has a long history of alliance with the United States of America. Notably, it has featured a ranked choice voting system at state level and federal level since the early 1900s.

The key principle of party primary elections is as a mechanism of policy development. This happens through debate and ultimately a competition of ideas. It has been a notable improvement of NYC electoral politics that the well established voting system of ranked choice voting, adopted by multiple democracies, which allows an elector to represent their preference for candidates and their policies, that they most want, and the candidates and policies they least want, simultaneously. As has been demonstrated in the most recent primary, ranked choice voting allows voters to aggregate policies from different candidates of aligned policy positions, rather than having policies compete against each other by virtue of the originating candidate.

Proposal 6 will have the effect of removing ranked choice voting as a means of capturing the political expression of the party voting populace. This will have the effect of reducing voter choice in the primaries and ultimately, by eliminating ranked choice voting, in the mayoral election. My greatest concern is that an open (or jungle) primary will have the effect of removing ranking from the political preference of voters, and in effect collapsing the voting to two first-past-the-post elections, first the open primary, then mayoral election, having the effect of reducing elector preference.

I argue for Proposal 6 to be rejected, and that open primaries are not adopted. I would, however, advocate that if an open primary is adopted, that ranked choice voting should be used across all candidates of all parties standing in that primary, and indeed, that ranked choice voting should be adopted for the mayoral election also. But the key concern, of expanding voter choice, is best achieved by keeping ranked choice voting for political parties, and expanding it's use to the mayoral elections.

Leigh Smith

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Mets losses. Quoting Braves stats with joy. Seen on X (formerly Twitter) sharing articles titled "Are the Mets Cursed Forever?" Punishment Proposed: Publicly booed on the 7th inning stretch while Blooper is exiled to Staten Island. --- 4. Chappell Roan Charge: Musical Hex-Casting & Stadium-Wide Demoralization Evidence: They played "HOTTOGO" at Citi Field. The bullpen exploded. Lindor's bat shattered. McFeeble hit into a triple play. Roan then hit the Griddy on the dugout with SVP, whose head was visibly spinning. Punishment Proposed: Perform "HOTTOGO" backwards in front of the Jackie Robinson Rotunda to reverse the curse. 3 times. On a Tuesday. --- 5. José Butto & Ed-Lose Díaz Charge: Bullpen Meltdown Conspiracy Evidence: Butto throws 58-foot changeups. Díaz gives up 450-foot bombs while blinking out Morse code for "I don't got it." Punishment Proposed: Forced to play 3 innings of Wiffle ball every night against the cast of Bluey until they locate their command. --- DEMAND FOR BALLOT INITIATIVE We, the citizens of Mets Nation, demand this initiative be placed on the next general election ballot under the title: "Ballot Proposal #M-E-T-S: Make Everyone Try Seriously." Let the people decide whether failure of this magnitude can go unpunished. --- CLOSING STATEMENT New York is a city of grit, pride, and baseball heartbreak. But this? This is war. If we allow Jeff McFeeble to dribble another 2-hopper to second... If we allow Chappell Roan to curse us with HOTTOGO while SVP rotates like a malfunctioning bobblehead... If Buster Olney and Blooper get to Chop their way through our misery unchecked... Then democracy has already failed. --- SIGNED, Citizens for Mets Emotional Stability Citi Field Concourse Level, Section 137 BELIEVE IN BASEBALL. DEMAND CONSEQUENCES.

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<p>Dear Commissioners,</p>

<p>I am writing to urge you to reject any proposal to implement a jungle primary system (top-two or top-four) in New York City.</p>

<p>Jungle primaries are not a path to greater democracy. In fact, they threaten to reverse the

hard-won progress we've made with ranked-choice voting and small-donor public financing—reforms that have helped expand participation, especially in Black, brown, immigrant, and working-class communities.

Data from California shows that jungle primaries:

Lower voter turnout (2014 saw a historic low of 25.2%)

In both 2022 and 2024, turnout hovered at just 33%, even with universal vote-by-mail which is about average for a non-presidential year

Disadvantage candidates of color and grassroots challengers

Force general elections between two candidates of the same party, leaving many voters without a meaningful choice

Even more concerning, this proposal is being pushed without real community input. The Charter Revision Commission has not held broad-based discussions in the neighborhoods that this change would most impact. Most public testimony in favor has come from a few

interconnected organizations, some of which are even based out of state.

I urge the Commission to:

Reject jungle primaries in all forms

Respect the reforms New Yorkers have already chosen

Engage directly with communities before fundamentally altering our elections

Let's strengthen—not undermine—representation and equity in New York City.

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen Wharton



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: wilponzi

Email:

Phone:

Comments: PETITION TO THE NYC COMMISSION: Absolutely. Here's a mock petition in the style of a fan uprising, brimming with righteous rage and theatrical flair — worthy of a Frank the Tank rant, a Citi Field rally cry, and every Mets fan who suffered under the Wilpon regime. --- PETITION TO SENTENCE FRED AND JEFF WILPON TO A LIFETIME OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY (AND THE NEW YORK METS) --- TO: NYC CRC And the Good People of Flushing, Queens --- WHEREAS: Fred and Jeff Wilpon, once owners of the New York Mets Baseball Club, did oversee and orchestrate one of the most prolonged eras of fan suffering, competitive futility, and fiscal absurdity in modern sports history; And WHEREAS, they did personally: Sabotage rosters with penny-pinching disguised as “loyalty,” Interfere in baseball decisions with all the tact of a toddler with a T-ball bat, Drive away talent (see: Zack Wheeler, Daniel Murphy), And cozy up with Bernie Madoff in a financial bromance that nearly obliterated the franchise; And WHEREAS, Jeff Wilpon in particular was known as a meddling executive with a fantasy baseball mindset, micromanaging player development while possessing neither the baseball IQ nor humility of a Little League coach; And WHEREAS, during their reign, the Mets: Became a

punchline, Wasted the prime years of David Wright, Jose Reyes, and Jacob deGrom, Made fans fear offseasons more than the regular season, Created a spiritual depression so deep, Citi Field began sinking into the Earth; --- WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY DEMAND: That Fred and Jeff Wilpon be sentenced to LIFETIME COMMUNITY SERVICE in accordance with baseball karmic law, including but not limited to: --- ⚔ SENTENCING TERMS: 1. Every 7 Train Ride Must Be at Rush Hour, carrying a sandwich board that reads: > "I Gave Bobby Bonilla a 35-Year Contract." 2. Serve as Ushers at Citi Field, but only in the 500-level seats behind the foul pole, where angry fans ask them, "Where were you in 2009?" 3. Personally mow the infield grass before every Mets home game with a push mower that plays "Meet the Mets" on repeat at 140 decibels. 4. Volunteer as bullpen catchers, wearing chest protectors that say "Sorry, Jacob." 5. Lead financial literacy classes for future team owners titled: > "How Not to Lose Your Franchise in a Ponzi Scheme." 6. Write daily apologies to Mets fans, posted on the video board between innings, beginning each letter with: > "Dear Beloved Flushing Faithful, we were the true Amazin' disaster." --- SIGNED, Every Mets fan who sat through the Jason Bay years Everyone who wore black jerseys out of trauma, not nostalgia That one guy who still says "Bring back Wally Backman" unironically And the ghost of Bobby Valentine's fake mustache --- FLUSHING IS A NEIGHBORHOOD OF HOPE. THE WILPONS TURNED IT INTO A DUMPSTER FIRE. Let justice be done. Let service be served. --- SIGN THIS PETITION, AND SET BASEBALL FREE. Justice for Mets fans. Justice for Queens. No more Wilpons. Not even in the team store.

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Name: Arlene Geiger

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Our group, Upper West Side Action Group opposes an open primary. Democrats should choose a candidate that represents their values and Republicans can do the same.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marian Rich

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: First and foremost, thank you for your time and energy. As a lifelong independent I've been impressed with the fairness you've shown. Why should any voter be forced into a political party in order to vote? It has been clear to me that the Commission is solidly on the side of the voter. Thank you so much for that. You are putting NYC voters ahead of the Democratic Party. (We all know NYC is a DP town.) I supported nonpartisan primaries when Mayor Bloomberg put it on the ballot. Every time I heard "jungle primaries," at the 7/7 hearing, I found it deeply offensive. It is pure Democratic Party propaganda. Let all voters vote! Hyper partisanship is tearing us apart. Thank you for your commitment to a fair process. Let all voters vote! P.S. I pay taxes for tax-funded primaries, but I can't vote. Thank you, again. Marian Rich

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Vanecia Wilson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: On behalf of the United Federation of Teachers (UFT), representing over 200,000 active and retired members across New York City, we are proud to speak up and out about issues important to our members, their families, and the public schools that serve our city's children. Our teachers, paraprofessionals, and school staff are the backbone of this city's educational system, keeping our public schools moving every day, and we appreciate the opportunity to testify before you. We are here to convey serious concerns about the proposal to eliminate party primaries in New York City. This change may be framed as a reform, but in practice, it could risk undermining the ability of working people, including teachers and school employees, to organize politically. It dilutes the influence of communities who rely on shared values and collective action to select candidates, and it specifically threatens the voice of those dedicated to the future of public education. Party primaries are not perfect, but they are a key avenue for unions like ours to engage members, build grassroots power, and shape the direction of public policy, particularly as it pertains to our schools. Primaries allow working-class communities and educators to coalesce around candidates who understand their lives, who champion adequate funding for

public schools, fair contracts for teachers, and robust support for our students. Removing them introduces chaos and opens the door to high-dollar special interests that drown out local voices – voices that are essential for protecting and improving our public education system. We know from other cities and states that so-called “open” or “nonpartisan” primaries do not result in broader participation; they often do the opposite. Voter confusion increases; turnout drops in communities of color, which disproportionately rely on strong public schools; and well-organized, well-funded candidates dominate, often at the expense of those supporting working people and the educators who serve them. In a city like New York, where the Democratic primary is functionally the general election in most districts, this change would reduce real choice, not expand it, making it harder for teachers and parents to elect representatives truly committed to public education. We urge the Commission to reconsider this proposal. True democracy requires participation and pathways for organized constituencies to be heard. That includes Labor. It includes the millions of New Yorkers who see their union as not just a workplace force, but a political voice for their professions and for the vital institutions they serve, like our public schools. The United Federation of Teachers stands firm in its belief that preserving party primaries is crucial for ensuring that the voices of teachers, parents, and students continue to shape the future of our city. Thank you for your time and for the chance to be heard.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Catherine Du

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Good evening, my name is Catherine, and I volunteer with Fridays for Future NYC and the Sunrise Movement. I am a rising freshman at Hunter College High School in the Upper East Side and I reside in Queens. I am grateful to have the opportunity to testify, and in opposition to the proposed Jungle Primaries. Jungle Primaries are a betrayal to the youth of New York, the future of New York. Youth no longer can vote for their candidate of choice if the rest of their district overwhelmingly supports one party. Independents are at risk of being flooded out of having a chance at office. Youth may have a lower rate of being registered with a party, and jungle primaries would eliminate choices of voters rather than giving all voters an opportunity to vote. If you want to vote in a primary, register with a party. There is no barrier to that. There is a clear importance balance between the final election and primary election. The final election is more important. Right now, youth voter turnout is already low, at 47% in 2024, per Tufts University. It cannot afford to go any lower. Lower voter turnout means that our elected officials do not truly represent the views of more and more people, especially young people. Jungle primaries seek to dismantle the party by party power built by grassroots power and through race

and class. Jungle primaries are rejected across the country and New York City. Political Parties are important signifiers of values and stances, and limiting that or ELIMINATING that favors money over organization. Despite their opposition, a voter can already make significant decisions based on political parties to see who likely stands by their moral values and beliefs. In fact, do you know what drives voter turnout? People power. Unions, grassroots power, and communities. This is what jungle primaries seek to oppress when they dismantle all the historical power built up by people within political parties. Elections are the central tenet of democracy. Remind me again. What have I been taught in school in a curriculum funded and curated by you? What was America founded on? Why did our “founding fathers” decide to massacre the indigenous peoples of America? Why did they fight a war with Great Britain? Why did Hamilton exist? What is the American dream? Is authoritarianism bad? Is dictatorship bad? Is oligarchy bad? Is monarchy bad? America is meant to be committed to individual liberty and self-governance. Not to billionaires. Not oligarchy, not authoritarianism, not dictatorship, and not monarchy. Look in the constitution. In America, elected representatives represent and act on behalf of the people. New York has always been at the forefront of forward thinking and solution oriented revolution. This position is at stake. Whenever jungle primaries are proposed, they are always backed by the same group of people: billionaires. Why? Jungle primaries make it easier for billionaires to buy the seats and politicians they want – instead of political parties choosing their candidates, any candidate can just choose their political party and then outside money is able to carry them to victory despite the view of the public. Mamdani won fairly in the ranked choice voting system, with the backing of young people and grassroots organizing. Trying to manipulate the system is playing the cheating game while causing mass destabilization to voters by constantly changing the voting system. Manipulating elections to make it seem that a billionaire backed candidate represents the public opinion will not change the public opinion. That destroys democracy, our future, and sets us on the track to America's enemies: authoritarianism, dictatorships, oligarchy, and monarchy. Even a child knows better than cheating, especially when this is real policy, real lives, real people at stake. The world is much bigger than just the richest 1% Democracy is in danger. You don't need me to tell you that. Just read the headlines of what Trump and billionaires are doing and revisit the authoritarian handbook. Messing around with our primaries marks many steps back. Low to no voter turnout, billionaire buyouts, elected officials that do not represent the sentiment of most of the people, constitutional destruction, and racial injustice are what is on the line. These jungle primaries sound good in theory, but are not. Jungle primaries have failed in all six states where they have been tested, blue, red, or purple. Most of the public hates it and knows that it poses a danger to democracy and our future. Opposition to jungle primaries is the only step forward.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Maureen Walsh

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: City council members should determine community board members and control the  
ulurp process and zoning g in their communities

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Malcolm A Punter, Ed.D.

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Fast-tracking affordable housing I am testifying on behalf of a streamlined ELURP and Simplified Housing and Infrastructure project process Question #1 and #2 that promoted supply side affordable and moderate income housing. I am Malcolm A. Punter, a life long New Yorker as a third generation Harlem resident. For the past 23 years, I have spent most of my professional career in the real estate development industry. The overwhelming majority of my career has been in the development and operation of affordable housing. I am academically trained as a graduate degree holder Business Administrator, Tax Law, and Financial Services, and as a doctoral researcher in Executive leadership. Further, I have, conducted research, developed housing and advocated for affordable housing and business development in historically underserved communities such as Harlem, the South Bronx, and other communities like them throughout the United States and Africa. I started my career in the public sector, then worked in the private sector and have led HCCI's real estate development team in various positions over the past 16 years including as its president & CEO for the past 10-years. I am a licensed real estate broker and an investor. Establish a land use appeals board with council, borough and

citywide voices NYC does not need more bureaucracy. The present system of ULURP needs fast tracking. The current system is too lengthy. I would support an expedite process such as a UDAP process for areas that need housing. NYC has a housing crises and the City of New York deserves a process that expedites the approval of affordable low to moderate income housing. Modernize the City Map I believe that a modernization of the City Map that preserves the historic maps while fully digitalizing and integrating into a combined City map under the NYC Planning department would make efficient the database. Elections I believe that the primary elections should remain party specific. However, to enhance voter engagement a change to even years voting cycles to correspond with Federal elections. Further, the local election boards would have more time between election cycles to train and prepare efficient operations of election administration.

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## Stefani Hazell



July 7, 2025

Dear City Charter Commissioners,

My name is Stefani Hazell. I serve on Bronx Community Board 10 and have been doing so for approximately four years. I have come before this Commission to oppose changes to the City of New York Charter regarding Community Boards' role in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP).

As you know, we are volunteers. We are residents of our community. We join our Community Board to learn how to help improve our neighborhoods, protect it and ensure we are receiving our fair share of city services. This Commission is reviewing changes such as reducing the ULURP's Community Board review period of 60 to 30 days. In 2019, a then Charter Revision Commission gave Community Boards an additional 30 days to review ULURP applications. This was a positive change for our process. It gave our volunteer membership additional time for presentations, to read difficult texts such as the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) and the ULURP application itself, have time for more public meetings, properly conduct public outreach and, most importantly, make better, educated decisions.

Your report mentions attempts to "fast track" specific zoning district applications, implement "absolute" thresholds that calculate change in residential density and using affordable housing applications as a means for lessening ULURP time requirements. If these ideas are proposed and passed, New Yorkers will have less information about occurrences in their communities. Community Boards are trusted, non-partisan institutions where constituents join to learn and understand the changes affecting their community. It is not just because of Community Boards that housing production lessened. Your Commission is correct to seek changes to the current permitting processes which occur after ULURP is completed. As you know, ULURP is a City Charter-required process for community boards and the public to review changes to our environment, assess and request more city services from our municipal agencies to accommodate the proposed density. Lastly, it ensures that our communities have active and working relationships with developers and property owners. No matter how many income-restricted units are proposed in a ULURP application, our City is better served if Community Boards have the current allotment of 60 days.

Lastly, your report mentions concerns with the New York City Council internal process of "member deference." While we leave the politics to our City Council Member, the Commission should know that the independence of our legislative body is something we value because Community Boards, too, are independent municipal agencies. The City Council inner workings should be respected as Council Members are the voices of their districts and take back to City Hall their community's concerns and requests of city government. At the conclusion of the



Community Board process, the ULURP application proceeds to the Office of the Borough President and then the New York City Council. The New York City Council Member can organize their colleagues to reflect the wishes of their district regarding the ULURP application. We would not want to see our legislative branch not have the opportunity to discuss land use matters with their colleagues in hopes of defending their community's best interests and while holding developers accountable.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Stefani Hazell

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Testimony of Prof. Sam Wang to the Charter Revision Commission  
July 7, 2025

My name is Sam Wang. I am President of the Electoral Innovation Lab. For purposes of identification, I am also a professor at Princeton University. I regret that because I am traveling, I cannot be with you tonight. I am in Switzerland, where there is a term for the patience you are showing. That term is Sitzfleisch, "sitting flesh."

The Electoral Innovation Lab is a nonpartisan, independent organization. We use scientific approaches to understand reforms and repairs to U.S. democracy. We take the position that evaluation of any change in election rules can and should be done based on rigorous, evidence-based analysis. Tonight I offer remarks on Proposal 6.

Here are examples of questions that could be answered with evidence, and on which we are actively working:

- Would a particular rule such as a Top-2, Top-3, or Top-4 open primary allow a particular group or party the opportunity to advance its candidate of choice to the general election?
- Would a particular rule be more or less likely to elect a candidate who reflects the views of a majority of voters?

We studied 11 cities with comparable Black population share to New York City. We compared the fraction of Black representation in city council and mayoral offices, as well as turnout, between cities with closed and open or non-partisan primaries in selected elections from 2010 to 2023.

In preliminary findings, we find no statistically significant relationship between primary type and Black representation. For city council elections, cities with closed primaries had similar Black

representation (32%) to cities with open or nonpartisan primaries, in which 33% of seats were held by Black representatives. Similarly, for mayoral elections, we found no statistically significant relationship between primary type and Black representation.

Second, there is no reason to believe that open primaries have a negative consequence on relative Black turnout. In open primaries, Black turnout was 0.3 percentage points smaller than overall turnout, whereas in closed primaries, Black turnout was 0.3 percentage points larger than overall turnout. This is not a statistically significant difference, and it is much smaller than natural variations between years and neighborhoods.

This is just one example of what hard analysis can accomplish. Our research project is ongoing. We are well positioned to examine a variety of questions, including some of the claims made tonight.

Prof. Samuel S.-H. Wang  
President, Electoral Innovation Lab



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## MEMORANDUM

To: NYC Charter Revision Commission

From: Sam Wang, Aqua Withers Carello, Drew Curran, Jane Heeckt  
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Date: June 27, 2025

Re: Impact of Primary Systems on Black Representation and Turnout in U.S. Cities

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**Executive Summary:** *In city elections, changes in the voting rules used to elect officials have the potential to affect representation for specific communities. We analyzed the relationship between municipal election systems, either partisan (producing nominees for the general election) and nonpartisan (candidates running without party label in a single primary), on Black representation and turnout. We made two comparisons: (1) the fraction of elected officials who were Black (“descriptive representation”) over the last four election cycles and (2) Black vs. non-Black turnout using de-identified data on individual voters. Based on our preliminary analysis of eleven cities with comparable Black population to New York City, we find with high confidence that descriptive Black representation in mayoral or city council elections shows no statistically significant difference by primary system type. In a preliminary analysis of five cities across ten elections, we also find with moderate confidence that turnout does not differ by primary system. Our preliminary findings suggest that concerns that if New York City were to adopt some form of open or nonpartisan system, Black voters and candidates would be negatively affected, are not supported by the available data. Further study is needed to understand the impacts of specific proposed reforms for various communities found in American cities, including New York.*

**Introduction:** Electoral rules are a critical step in translating popular will into political representation. Past research has examined the effects of primary systems at the state and federal levels, but the city-level consequences of open versus closed primaries on representation have received limited analysis. This knowledge gap is particularly important, since local elections not only affect governance, but also often serve as entry points for political careers.

Recent research at the state level has found no negative impact of open primaries on descriptive representation (*i.e.* the identified race of the election winner), and has made primary electorate more racially and politically representative of voter population as a whole.<sup>1</sup> However, that work did not examine the impact of primary system type at the level of cities, despite the fact that

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<sup>1</sup> Joshua Ferrer, “The Effect of Partisan Primaries on Turnout and Representation,” September 2, 2024, [https://www.joshuaerrer.com/publication/partisan\\_primaries/partisan\\_primaries.pdf](https://www.joshuaerrer.com/publication/partisan_primaries/partisan_primaries.pdf).

cities can contain many ethnic groups whose representation or voting power may be affected if the primary system is changed.

We therefore analyzed election outcomes across comparable cities with different primary systems. Here we report preliminary findings on whether primary type affects Black political representation or turnout at the municipal level.

**Definitions:** We sorted primary systems across cities into two major categories:

**Closed Primaries:** A “closed” rule under which only voters with party affiliation can vote in their party's primary, unaffiliated voters or members of a different party cannot; or “semi-closed” primaries, where a voter has to be registered with a party, but unaffiliated voters can choose to affiliate with the party on, or prior to, the day of the election.

**Open/Nonpartisan Primaries:** Anyone can select any party primary to vote (“open”); or candidates from all parties run together on a single list of primary candidates (“nonpartisan”).

### **Impact of Primary Systems on Black Representation**

To assess the relationship between primary systems and descriptive Black representation, we analyzed mayoral and city council elections in 11 cities over the four election cycles between 2010 and 2024 (39 elections in total) with a population of 300,000 or larger, and a similar Black population (range: 16% to 30%) to that of New York City (23%). We compared three cities with closed primaries to eight cities with open or nonpartisan primaries. The three cities with closed primaries were New York, NY, Miami, FL and Jersey City, NJ. The eight cities with open or nonpartisan primaries were Jacksonville, FL, Houston, TX, Indianapolis, IN, Columbus, OH, Oakland, CA, St. Paul, MN, Minneapolis, MN, and Chicago, IL. These cities offer comparable contexts for assessing the relationship between primary systems and Black representation outcomes and enable us to specifically measure the effects of primary system type while allowing other factors that might influence representation patterns to vary independently, and therefore be similar between the two comparison groups.

We collected election outcome data from Ballotpedia and publicly available city council meeting minutes from official city websites. We drew demographic data from the U.S. Census QuickFacts, with Black demographic makeup referring to percentage identifying as Black “alone” rather than in combination with other racial categories.

#### *City Council Representation.*

For descriptive (*i.e.* the identified race) representation, we found that from 2010 to 2024, the fraction of Black representatives on city councils was similar between open/nonpartisan primary elections (193 out of 585 seats, or 33.0%) and closed primary elections (60 out of 190 seats, or 31.6%). This difference was not statistically significant (Fisher 2x2 test, two-tailed,  $p=0.72$ ).



*Figure 1: Descriptive Black and non-Black representation in city councils, 2010-2024.*

*Mayoral Representation.* For descriptive representation among elected mayors, we found that in elections from 2010 to 2024, the fraction of Black mayoral winners was not statistically significant between open (or nonpartisan) primary elections (8 out of 30, or 26.7%) and closed primary elections (1 out of 9, or 11.1%). This difference is not statistically significant (Fisher 2x2 test, two-tailed,  $p=0.42$ ). Although the data set is too small to make final conclusions, it does not support the idea that open primaries prevent Black candidates from being elected to the office of Mayor. The limited number of mayoral elections reflects the infrequency of these contests (occurring every four years) and our rigorous selection criteria. We will need to look at a wider data set to make definitive conclusions.



*Figure 2: Descriptive Black and non-Black representation in mayoral offices, 2010-2024.*

In summary, we found no statistically significant evidence that cities with open or nonpartisan election systems disadvantage Black candidates.

## Impact of Primary Systems on Black Turnout

Electoral reform may also affect voter turnout, either overall or in a subgroup-specific manner.

Recent studies of state-level elections have produced mixed results. In California, the 2012 shift from a partially closed to an open primary system was followed by a modest decline in voter turnout in primaries ranging from 0.3 to 1.3 percentage points.<sup>2</sup> However, this finding is restricted to a single state, whose primary turnout had already been declining over time and whose ethnic composition and candidate quality are particular to that state.<sup>3</sup> A broader study in 2024 examined multiple states, and found that a change to open primaries is associated with a 5-point *increase* in turnout, and that open primary systems were associated with a participation that was more politically and racially representative of voters.<sup>4</sup> But this study did not address turnout in cities, where increased diversity creates a unique environment in which turnout may have important group-specific impacts.

To investigate turnout at the city level, we analyzed overall and Black turnout between 2015 and 2023 in five cities: Chicago, Miami, Jacksonville, Philadelphia and Columbus. We used voter files provided by Aristotle, which listed race as well as voter participation in each election.

First, we tallied the number of voters on file (Black or overall) who voted in each election, and divided by the total number of all registered voters.<sup>5</sup> It should be noted that by definition, turnout is potentially higher in open primaries than in closed primaries simply because in open primaries, nonpartisan voters become eligible to vote. Consistent with this, turnout in our dataset tended to be higher in open-primary cities (*Figure 3*).

In order to analyze Black-specific changes independent of this inherent difference, and independent of election-by-election differences, we analyzed the percentage-point difference between Black turnout and overall turnout. If this difference is positive, it means that Black turnout was higher than overall turnout. If the difference is negative, it means that Black turnout was lower than overall turnout.

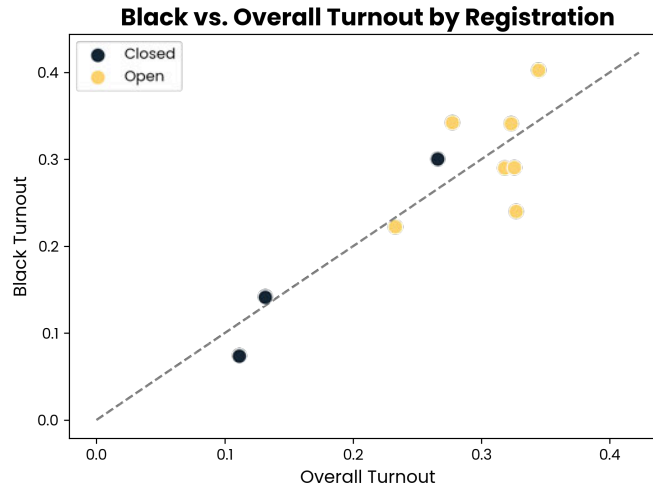
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<sup>2</sup> Charter Revision Commission Letter from AFM Local 802, June 22, 2025, <https://www.politico.com/f/?id=00000197-9a8d-db52-a3b7-9b9df81a0000> (data from California Secretary of State, “Statewide Election Results,” <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/prior-elections/statewide-election-results/>).

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<sup>4</sup> Joshua Ferrer, “The Effect of Partisan Primaries on Turnout and Representation.”

<sup>5</sup> To match the 2024 voter file to the year of each election we corrected VAP by 4.25% compounded annually. Electoral Innovation Lab



*Figure 3: Black vs. overall turnout as a fraction of registered voters, 2015-2023. The diagonal line indicates no difference in turnout between Black voters and all voters.*

We found that in open primaries (7 elections), Black turnout was  $0.3 \pm 5.4$  percentage points (average  $\pm$  SD) smaller than overall turnout, whereas in closed primaries (3 elections), Black turnout was  $0.3 \pm 3.6$  percentage points larger than overall turnout. The difference, 0.6 percentage points, is not statistically significant ( $p=0.88$ , two-sample t-test). Therefore, given the available data, a difference in primary system does not measurably affect relative Black turnout.

In future work we plan to expand this analysis to include more elections. This will allow us to examine a wider variety of cities and conditions, as well increase our ability to detect small differences statistically.

## Conclusions

Based on the cities we have analyzed to date, we do not find a statistically significant difference in Black representation by primary system. We also do not find a significant impact of primary type on Black voter turnout. This preliminary study contributes to our understanding of how electoral institutions affect representation at the local level. We will conduct a more comprehensive analysis in the coming months.

In order to more deeply understand implications for representation, it will be important to investigate the impact on many major demographic groups. Likewise, in order to draw a more full conclusion regarding the impact of primary type on turnout, it will be essential to conduct a more comprehensive analysis with more complete data.

Cities represent a unique instance in which the representation of diverse groups can have critical effects on governance. Our analyses also provide a starting point for a deeper understanding of the various implications for open primary systems in cities. In coming months we plan to conduct a more thorough investigation into impacts on representation for other minority groups and turnout, to more deeply understand potential impacts of changing New York City's method of selecting elected officials.



## **Future Directions**

Finally, we note that election rules can also affect a wider range of factors that influence good governance. A number of questions are relevant in New York City and in other cities across the nation. Is it desirable for a candidate who loses a primary election to subsequently seek another party's nomination, and therefore still appear on the November ballot? Do voters tire of ranking multiple candidates, not only for mayor but for lower offices? In an all-party primary with  $N$  top finishers, what would  $N$  have to be to guarantee that a community's preferred candidate appears on the November ballot? Does a list of many candidates allow voters to critically examine all candidates over the course of a campaign? In addition to ranked-choice voting, do other voting rules lead to benefits of governance such as coalition-building? These and other questions may become important in the event that New York City forms a Charter Commission to revisit the manner by which it conducts elections.

## **About the Electoral Innovation Lab**

The Electoral Innovation Lab (EIL) is a national project to build a science of democracy repair using math, law, and practical strategies for change. Housed in Princeton, New Jersey, the Lab provides research to guide leaders, reformers, and government institutions in strengthening U.S. democracy. Its approach, anchored in research and data analytics, provides near real-time answers designed to impact quick-moving decisions by institutions and the public. Today, the Lab's projects focus on testing ways to make democracy more representative and responsive: ranked-choice voting, primary elections, and innovations in redistricting. The Lab operates under the leadership of its founder, Sam Wang (Princeton University). The Lab is a spinoff of the Princeton Gerrymandering Project, which still works at Princeton University. The Electoral Innovation Lab is a nonpartisan, fully independent 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

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## Appendices

*These appendices represent preliminary data which will be extended substantially in a more comprehensive report. We emphasize that it would be appropriate to reserve judgment on any conclusion until more complete information is available.*

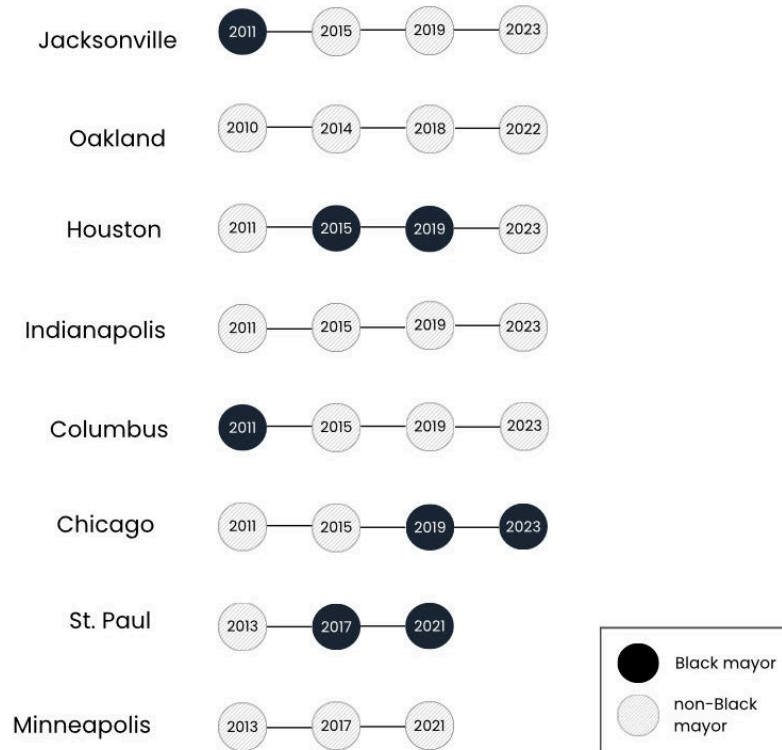
### Appendix A - PRELIMINARY

#### Race of Elected Mayor (2010 - 2024)

##### Closed Primary



##### Open Primary



## Appendix B - PRELIMINARY

### Election Type and Population Data for Analyzed Cities

City	Municipal Primaries Election Type	Municipal Primary Type	Population	% Black
New York, NY	ranked choice	closed	8,478,072	22.7
Miami, FL	plurality	closed	2,838,461	16.9
Jersey City, NJ	plurality	partially closed	302,824	21.5
Jacksonville, FL	plurality	open	1,009,833	30.1
Houston, TX	Over 50 or top 2 runoff	open	2,390,125	22.9
Indianapolis, IN	plurality	open	891,484	28.1
Columbus, OH	plurality	open	933,263	29
Oakland, CA	ranked choice	open (top two)	443,554	21.1
St. Paul, MN	ranked choice	nonpartisan	307,465	16.2
Minneapolis, MN	ranked choice	nonpartisan	428,579	18.3
Chicago, IL	Over 50 or top 2 runoff	no primaries (nonpartisan election)	2,721,308	28.4

## Appendix C - PRELIMINARY

### Race/Ethnicity of Elected Mayor (2010 - 2024)

City	Year of Election	Race of Elected Mayor	Year of Election	Race of Elected Mayor	Year of Election	Race of Elected Mayor	Year of Election	Race of Elected Mayor	Total Black Mayors	Total Mayors Elected
New York, NY	2013	white	2017	white	2021	Black	2025		1	3
Miami, FL	2013	white-Hispanic	2017	white-Hispanic	2021	white	2025		0	3
Jersey City, NJ	2013	white	2017	white	2021	white	2025		0	3
Jacksonville, FL	2011	Black	2015	white	2019	white	2023	white	1	4
Houston, TX	2011	white	2015	Black	2019	Black	2023	white	2	4
Indianapolis, IN	2011	white	2015	white	2019	white	2023	white	0	4
Columbus, OH	2011	Black	2015	white	2019	white	2023	white	1	4
Oakland, CA	2010	Asian	2014	white	2018	white	2022	Asian	0	4
St. Paul, MN	2013	white	2017	Black	2021	Black	2025		2	3
Minneapolis, MN	2013	white	2017	white	2021	white	2025		0	3
Chicago, IL	2011	white	2015	white	2019	Black	2022	Black	2	4

## Appendix D - PRELIMINARY

### Black Representation in City Council Elections 2010 - 2024

City	Year of Election	Black City Council Members	Number of City Council Seats	Year of Election	Black City Council Member	Number of City Council Seats	Year of Election	Black City Council Members	Number of City Council Seats	Year of Election	Black City Council Members	Number of City Council Seats	Year of Election	Black City Council Members	Number of City Council Seats	Total Black City Council Representatives	Total City Council Seats
New York, NY	2014	16	51	2017	17	51	2021	17	51	2025			2025			50	153
Miami, FL	2013			2017	1	5	2021	1	5	2025			2025			2	10
Jersey City, NJ	2013	2	9	2017	3	9	2021	3	9	2025			2025			8	27
Jacksonville, FL	2011	5	19	2015	6	19	2019	7	19	2023	6	19	2023			24	76
Houston, TX	2011	5	16	2015	4	16	2019	6	16	2023	7	16	2023			22	64
Indianapolis, IN	2011	9	29	2015	7	29	2019	6	29	2023	7	29	2023			29	116
Columbus, OH	2011	4	7	2015	4	7	2019	4	7	2023	4	9	2023			16	30
Oakland, CA	2010	2	8	2014	3	8	2018	3	8	2022	4	8	2022			12	32
St. Paul, MN	2011	1	7	2015	0	7	2019	0	7	2023	2	7	2023			3	28
Minneapolis, MN	2013	1	13	2017	4	13	2021	6	13	2025			2025			11	39
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Comments: Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission re: Opposition to the Consideration of a "Jungle" Primary System Delivered by Adam Ring, Coordinator, Indivisible Brooklyn July 7, 2025 My name is Adam Ring and I'm an organizer with Indivisible Brooklyn. Indivisible Brooklyn is an all-volunteer, grassroots organization formed in 2016 in response to the crisis facing our democracy. Our members come from all over Brooklyn and get together to promote civic engagement around democracy and civil rights, climate justice, and an inclusive economy. We don't limit ourselves to just one issue, and we don't limit ourselves to just one way of organizing: we show up to hearings and public input sessions like this one, we meet with elected officials and write letters and make calls to them, we organize public events and electoral actions, and we do public outreach to empower people with the means to deliver the changes that they're seeking. Thank you for considering the public's input before proposing any changes to the New York City Charter. The Charter Revision Commission is authorized to propose revisions to the structure, procedures, and policies of our City government. But it is imperative that the Commission approach its work with the recognition that its decisions do not have the procedural

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Thank you.

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Comments: I'm writing to express my support for all 5 measures proposed by the Charter Review Commission report, as well as the additional election reform under consideration. I see overly restrictive land use policies and weak democratic participation as two of the biggest problems holding back the city, and each of these measures will make much-needed progress on one of these dimensions. On democracy, even year elections have been shown to improve voter turnout. While the change to RCV is a great reform, splitting the electorate by party first and then doing a plurality-winner election after that is a waste. A single nonpartisan primary is the only sensible way to do RCV. On land use, prioritizing housing production, especially affordable housing production, and balancing citywide interests more alongside neighborhood interests are important goals to pursue. The measures are important for what they will do and for enshrining in our charter that we're recognizing and starting to address the urgent crisis making New York unaffordable to so many.

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Comments: **To the New York City Charter Revision Commission:** **Subject:** **Formal Demand for a Ballot Initiative to Terminate Aaron Boone's Employment as Yankees Manager, with Oppressive Penalties Against Hal Steinbrenner for Non-Compliance\*** The undersigned, representing the collective rage of betrayed and suffering New Yorkers, hereby demands that the NYC Charter Revision Commission immediately propose a ballot initiative allowing voters to **formally call for the firing of Aaron Boone** on Election Day, with **severe legal consequences** imposed upon Hal Steinbrenner under the NYC Charter and Administrative Code should he refuse to comply. **Legal Authority & Proposed Penalties** 1. **NYC Charter § 38 - Powers of the People** - The Commission has the authority to propose ballot measures for "the public welfare," and nothing is more critical to the public welfare than freeing the Yankees from Boone's incompetence. 2. **NYC Administrative Code § 7-201 - Enforcement of Public Nuisances** - Boone's managerial decisions constitute a **public nuisance** under § 7-201(2)(a), as they have caused "annoyance, endangerment, and distress" to millions. 3. **NYC Administrative Code § 10-157 - Penalties for Corporate Malfeasance** - Should Hal Steinbrenner

refuse to fire Boone within **\*\*24 hours\*\*** of the ballot measure's passage, he shall be subject to: - A **\*\*\$1 million per day fine\*\*** payable to NYC Parks (since Steinbrenner clearly won't spend on the bullpen). - **\*\*Revocation of all NYC-based Yankees business licenses\*\*** until compliance. - **\*\*Forced sale of the team\*\*** under NYC's "abuse of civic trust" doctrine (see *\*City of New York v. Trump Org\**, 2023). --- **### Evidence of Boone's Incompetence & Steinbrenner's Negligence**  
**#### \*\*1. Mike Francesa's Most Scathing Rants\*\*** - **\*\*On Boone's Tactical Insanity:\*\*** **"Boone has no feel for the game! He's a puppet! A complete and utter fraud! He burns pitchers like he's playing Strat-O-Matic, and then he stands there with that blank stare like he's waiting for an Uber!"** (WFAN, July 2023) - **\*\*On Steinbrenner's Cowardice:\*\*** **"Hal doesn't care! He's hiding in Tampa counting his revenue sharing checks while Boone buries this team with his incompetence! The Yankees are a laughingstock, and it's on HAL!"** (Francesca, *\*The Mike Francesa Podcast\**, August 2023) **#### \*\*2. Other WFAN Personalities & Callers\*\*** - **\*\*Evan Roberts:\*\*** **"Boone's postgame pressers are a masterclass in gaslighting. 'We'll turn the page'? NO! You're the problem!"** - **\*\*Caller 'Mike from Yonkers':\*\*** **"Fire Boone into the sun! And take Cashman with him!"** (July 15, 2023) **#### \*\*3. Social Media & News Outcry\*\*** - **\*\*@YankeeWoes** (Twitter, 50K followers): **"Aaron Boone's bullpen management is a WAR crime."** - **\*\*NJ[.]com** (2023): **"Yankees' Aaron Boone Has Lost the Clubhouse—And the Plot."** - **\*\*NY Post Back Page** (July 2024): **"BOONE MUST GO: Yankees' Collapse Reaches Critical Mass."** --- **### Conclusion: The People Demand Action** The NYC Charter Revision Commission must act **\*\*immediately\*\*** to place this measure on the ballot. The Yankees are a **\*\*public trust\*\***, and their mismanagement is a **\*\*civic emergency\*\***. Should Hal Steinbrenner defy the will of the people, let him face the **\*\*full wrath of NYC's legal and financial penalties\*\***. **\*\*We await your urgent response.\*\*** **\*\*Signed,\*\*** **\*\*The Enraged Citizens of New York\*\*** \*P.S. – This is not a joke. We are dead serious. Fix the Yankees.\*

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Name: #FireCashman

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Comments: **\*\*To the New York City Charter Revision Commission:\*\*** **\*\*Subject:\*\*** \*Emergency Ballot Initiative to Terminate Brian Cashman's Employment as Yankees GM, Authorize Eminent Domain Seizure of Yankee Stadium, and Impose Oppressive Penalties on Hal Steinbrenner for Non-Compliance\* The undersigned, on behalf of a tormented and humiliated citizenry, **\*\*demand\*\*** that the NYC Charter Revision Commission immediately propose a ballot measure allowing voters to **\*\*formally call for the firing of Brian Cashman\*\***, with **\*\*catastrophic legal consequences\*\*** for Hal Steinbrenner and the Yankees organization should they defy the will of the people. **### \*\*Legal Authority & Proposed Punitive Measures\*\*** 1. **\*\*NYC Charter § 38 - Direct Democracy for Public Welfare\*\*** - The Commission has the power to place measures on the ballot to "protect the interests of New Yorkers." There is no greater civic emergency than Brian Cashman's continued employment. 2. **\*\*NYC Administrative Code § 7-201 - Public Nuisance Abatement\*\*** - Cashman's roster construction, failure to retain Juan Soto, and refusal to spend like a major-market team constitute a **\*\*public nuisance\*\***, warranting immediate corrective action. 3. **\*\*NY State Eminent Domain Procedure Law (EDPL) § 204 - Seizure for Public Use\*\*** -



Should Steinbrenner refuse to fire Cashman within **\*\*24 hours\*\*** of election certification, the City shall **\*\*seize Yankee Stadium\*\*** via eminent domain, converting it into a **\*\*publicly managed facility\*\*** until competent ownership is installed. 4. **\*\*NYC Administrative Code § 10-157 - Corporate Accountability Penalties\*\*** - Additional sanctions shall include: - **\*\*\$5 million daily fines\*\*** (one for every million Cashman lowballed Juan Soto by). - **\*\*Revocation of all NYC-based Yankees business licenses\*\*** (they don't deserve them). - **\*\*Forced sale of the team\*\*** under NYC's "abuse of civic trust" doctrine (\*City of New York v. Trump Org\*, 2023). --- **###** **\*\*Justification for Cashman's Immediate Removal\*\*** **####** **\*\*1. Mike Francesa's Most Devastating Rants\*\*** - **\*\*On Cashman's Incompetence:\*\*** "Cashman has been asleep at the wheel for a DECADE! He's a glorified accountant who thinks he's smarter than everyone else while the Yankees rot! The Soto deal was an embarrassment—he lowballed him by a year and \$5 million like he was haggling for a used car!" - **\*\*On Hal Steinbrenner's Cowardice:\*\*** "George would've FIRED Cashman after 2017! Hal just counts his revenue-sharing checks while the Mets outspend and outsmart him!" (Francesa, \*The Mike Francesa Podcast\*, November 2023) **####** **\*\*2. WFAN Callers & Hosts\*\*** - **\*\*Evan Roberts:\*\*** "Cashman's arrogance is unmatched. He thinks he's Theo Epstein, but he's just a guy who lucked into the Core Four and has been failing upward ever since." - **\*\*Caller 'Vinny from Queens':\*\*** "If Hal won't fire Cashman, the city should take the Stadium and give it to a Little League team. They'd make better decisions!" (July 2024) **####** **\*\*3. Newspaper Headlines & Social Media Outrage\*\*** - **\*\*NY Post (2024):\*\*** "CASHMAN MUST GO: Yankees' Decade of Decline Reaches Rock Bottom." - **\*\*Brian Cashman's Offseason Was a Masterclass in Failure.\*\*** - **\*\*@FireCashmanNow (Twitter, 75K followers):\*\*** "Hal Steinbrenner is the Jeffrey Loria of the 21st century. SEIZE THE TEAM." --- **###** **\*\*Additional Justifications for Municipal Intervention\*\*** 1. **\*\*The Soto Debacle - A Crime Against Pinstripes\*\*** - Cashman's insulting offer to Juan Soto—\$5 million and a year short—proves he **\*\*does not care about winning\*\***. George Steinbrenner would've **\*\*personally delivered a blank check\*\***. 2. **\*\*The Yankees Are Now Little Brother to the Mets\*\*** - Under Hal's reign, the Mets have: - **\*\*Outspent\*\*** the Yankees. - **\*\*Outmaneuvered\*\*** them in trades. - George would've **\*\*burned the Bronx down\*\*** before letting this happen. 3. **\*\*Eric Adams' Bipartisan Hat Embarrassment\*\*** - The Mayor's **\*\*pathetic "both teams" hat\*\*** symbolizes the Yankees' decline. New York deserves **\*\*one dominant team\*\***, not a neutered franchise run by spreadsheet nerds. 4. **\*\*The Curse of Red Sox Fans in City Hall\*\*** - **\*\*Mike Bloomberg\*\*** (Red Sox fan) and **\*\*Bill de Blasio\*\*** (Red Sox fan who **\*\*murdered a groundhog\*\***) oversaw **\*\*years of Yankee mediocrity\*\***. We cannot let another Boston sympathizer—literal or spiritual—destroy this team. --- **###** **\*\*Conclusion: The City Must Act\*\*** The NYC Charter Revision Commission **\*\*must\*\*** place this measure on the ballot. The Yankees are a **\*\*public institution\*\***, and their mismanagement is an **\*\*affront to the city's dignity\*\***. Should Hal Steinbrenner defy the voters, let him **\*\*lose his stadium, his licenses, and his team\*\***. **\*\*We await your immediate action.\*\*** **\*\*Signed,\*\*** **\*\*The Enraged Citizens of New York\*\*** \*P.S. - This is not a negotiation. Fix the Yankees, or we will fix them for you.\*

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Comments: Request to the NYC Charter Revision Commission: Proposal for Ballot Initiative to Address the Misrepresentation and Reputational Harm Caused by the New York Giants and New York Jets --- To the Esteemed Members of the NYC Charter Revision Commission, As a concerned and long-suffering resident of New York City, and as a representative voice for millions of disillusioned football fans across the five boroughs, I respectfully request that the Commission consider placing a ballot initiative before New York City voters with the following provision: > The New York Giants and New York Jets shall no longer be permitted to use "New York" in their team names, nor claim association with the City of New York in any official capacity unless: 1. Both teams undergo a complete ownership change within 18 months of the initiative's certification; 2. Both teams demonstrate a consistent upward trajectory of on-field competence or sustained winning performance, defined by at least .500 records for two consecutive seasons or playoff qualification within three years of the initiative taking effect. Should the teams refuse to comply, the City of New York may, pursuant to its right to protect its name, identity, and brand under New York General Business Law § 130, seek legal recourse to compel the removal of the "New York"

name from both franchises. --- I. LEGAL BASIS AND PRECEDENT While the teams are physically located in East Rutherford, New Jersey, both the Giants and Jets use the "New York" name commercially, reaping benefits from the city's global brand while simultaneously tarnishing its reputation through years of incompetence. This misleading branding has real consequences: General Business Law § 130 protects the commercial use of geographic identifiers in business names within the state. Though typically applied to corporations and LLCs, its principles support a city's right to safeguard its identity from deceptive or injurious use. The Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. § 1051 et seq.) prohibits false or misleading geographic designations in trademarks, especially when they damage the goodwill or public perception of the place involved. The City of New York is, under both state and federal frameworks, well within its rights to pursue remedies that protect its name from brand dilution and reputational injury caused by organizational dysfunction in high-profile national franchises. --- II. HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE FAILURES Let us examine the facts: New York Giants Record since 2012: 60-118-1 (.337 winning percentage) One playoff appearance in over a decade (2016), resulting in an immediate Wild Card loss. Repeated coaching turnover (6 head coaches since 2015) and abysmal offensive line mismanagement. The Saquon Barkley debacle: drafting a running back second overall in 2018—a move panned by experts including Mike Francesa, who said, "They drafted a luxury car when their house was burning down." Barkley's talents were squandered behind a broken line, with no franchise QB or supporting cast. New York Jets Record since 2012: 56-124 (.311 winning percentage) No playoff appearances since 2010—the longest drought in the NFL. Known for persistent mismanagement: Adam Gase hire, repeated failed QB picks (Sam Darnold, Zach Wilson), and coaching disarray. The Aaron Rodgers disaster: GM Joe Douglas and owner Woody Johnson bet the farm on a 39-year-old quarterback, who tore his Achilles 4 plays into his debut. The team failed to have a competent backup plan, despite glaring preseason concerns. Francesa noted: "This is the same old Jets. They built a paper house and acted surprised when it burned." --- III. COMPARISON TO SMALLER MARKETS Smaller market teams have shown what competent, stable management can achieve:

Team	Market Size (2023 Rank)	Record Since 2012	Playoff Appearances	Notable Achievement
Buffalo Bills	#52	98-82	6	AFC Championship Game (2020)
Cincinnati Bengals	#36	86-94-2	5	Super Bowl Appearance (2021)
Jacksonville Jaguars	#42	70-112	3	AFC Championship Game (2017)

Despite far fewer financial resources and less media exposure, these teams have fielded competitive rosters, hired competent staff, and delivered hope to their fans. Meanwhile, New York—the largest market in the country—is home to two of the worst-run franchises in the league. --- IV. REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE TO NYC New York City is not just a physical place—it's an idea, a symbol of excellence, resilience, and pride. The Giants and Jets dilute this brand with each losing season and front-office circus. Their performances are antithetical to the competitive spirit of New York. John Mara, despite inheriting a legacy franchise, has made disastrous decisions—including allowing nepotism to dictate front office dynamics, keeping Dave Gettleman long past his sell-by date, and showing no strategic vision. Woody Johnson, whose football acumen rivals that of a folding chair, has turned the Jets into a rotating PR disaster, better known for butt fumbles, quarterback controversies, and ownership distractions than any meaningful win. As Francesa has stated repeatedly over the past decade: > "These teams are an embarrassment. If you're a real football fan, you look at this and say: This isn't New York. This is a clown show." ---

V. PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE > “Shall the City of New York require that any professional football team using the name ‘New York’ and/or claiming association with New York City demonstrate competitive competence and change ownership if necessary, or otherwise cease such use and association, with the City authorized to pursue legal action in the event of non-compliance?” --- Conclusion This is not about fandom. This is about dignity, accountability, and civic pride. It is unconscionable for franchises that do not represent the values or excellence of this City to continue profiting from its name while dragging it through decades of gridiron disgrace. Let the people of New York City have their say. Place this initiative on the ballot. Sincerely, A Fed-Up New Yorker and Voter On Behalf of Millions of Taxpayers, Fans, and Citizens Who Deserve Better Football

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Comments: Dear Members of the Commission, My name is Felix Stetsenko, and I'm a resident of Manhattan Community District 7. I'm here to express my strong support for the land-use related reforms outlined in the commission's interim report, and to urge the commission to place on this November's ballot a proposal for fully democratic elections for local public offices—from Mayor to City Council—through an open, nonpartisan primary system. On land use: I support all four proposed measures, but I'd like to focus my testimony on Question 3: Establishing a land use appeals board that incorporates council, borough, and citywide perspectives. This reform is about striking a balance—ensuring that local voices are heard while also recognizing the broader needs of our boroughs and the city as a whole. Housing is a citywide crisis. This measure would ensure that decisions reflect the interests of all New Yorkers, not just those in a single neighborhood. Yes, new housing can bring local impacts—more traffic, fuller classrooms—and community boards should weigh in on those effects. But the cost of not building is borne by everyone. When a new apartment building is blocked in my neighborhood, housing prices rise across the city. And fewer homes mean lower tax revenues, fewer housing options for local workers, and more pressure on

housing affordability. We all pay the price when housing is denied. That's why it's essential to have a fair and transparent appeals process that includes borough and citywide input. On moving to open primaries: Over 1.1 million New Yorkers are registered as independents—yet they're excluded from the primary elections that often determine who appears on the general election ballot. Open primaries would give every voter an equal voice in choosing their representatives, ensuring candidates must appeal to the full electorate—not just a narrow slice of it. Voters would be free to choose the candidate who best reflects their values and concerns, regardless of party affiliation. This reform would make our democracy more inclusive, more representative, and more responsive to the needs of all New Yorkers. In closing: I want to thank the Commission for its thoughtful and ambitious interim report. Your hard work is helping to build a city government that is more accountable to the people and a city that is more capable of delivering the homes our neighbors urgently need. Thank you for your time and consideration. Felix Stetsenko Manhattan, CD7

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Name: Sage Mason

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Comments: The proposed zone changes for Staten Island would be disastrous especially in the Castleton Corners and Westerleigh neighborhoods. These are single family homes that folks have worked hard for and to have the neighborhood become an over populated area would be disastrous! It is bad enough that development has expanded and the Island is so over crowded and to add additional folks and vehicles would cause the island to bust from the seams. Why can't development for these affordable housing take place on open lands or reconstruction of abandoned buildings. You are planing to destroy a beautiful quiet neighborhood. Crime will increase and our children will not be safe to walk to school nor play outside. The value of our homes will decrease so you might as well just stick us in the back. It seems that it's always the hard working folks that get shafted! Well maybe do something for us for a change.

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Name: Sandy Reiburn

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Wayne Rosenfeld-Testimony to the NYC Charter Commission  
on the choosing of Community Board Members

7/7/2025

Good evening. My name is Wayne Rosenfeld and I was a Board Member of Community Board 3 in Staten Island for 10 years serving on the Land Use Committee as well as other various committees. I stepped down for personal reasons 18 months ago but just applied to get my seat back and was just nominated by Councilman Frank Morano to be one of his choices for the seat.

I was also a Board member for 19 years at the Staten Island JCC and volunteered at Tottenville High School in Staten Island when my daughter attended on two separate parent committees. I have been fully engaged in Staten Island and volunteering to make life better for its residents for over 25 years. By the way, I am the Executive Director of a 100-year-old nonprofit in Brooklyn that serves Southern Brooklyn. Suffice to say I am very civic minded and feel it is important that people show up every day to help their fellow New Yorkers. I am here today to advocate for city council members to have their choice of who serves on a community board in their district. Currently, they can recommend half the open slots, but it is the Boro President who makes the final choice. It is my understanding that it is proposed in the new charter that the Boro President will have sole discretion on who to appoint to the community boards in their Boro. This would be a mistake because the choices would go unchallenged and political favors would ensue and there would be no check and balances. I am not saying all BP's would take advantage but if they get full control over the community board, the residence of that board won't be served properly. The BP's and the Council Members need to work together for the betterment of the community and one person shouldn't decide who will serve on the board. Over my 10 years I have weighed in on many things, some trivial and some major. The Community Board is in place for a reason, to protect people of the community from politics and for the community to also grow, change with the times and prosper....but again that can only happen with a wide and broad range of people serving from different backgrounds and ideologies on a community board.

To summarize, each district, each community in NYC is different. Some areas are urban in landscape, some are rural, some have over crowding, some have lots of park like areas. But all Boro's have differences within the Boro and each Community Board should stand alone and represent themselves and their interests. Of one BP chooses all Community Board Members themselves, then the individuality of the district would disappear. If one BP chooses all Community Board Members, then the voice of the community would be silenced. If each Council Member were able to work with the BP and they equally choose the board members, then there would be a balance and the entire district/community would be served with no back room politics at hand.

Thank you for your time.

Wayne Rosenfeld

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Name: Max Davidson

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Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, I am writing to express strong support for all of your recommendations for ballot proposals this November. I believe that your land use recommendations will be vital for helping address our city's housing crisis. I am also pleased that you noted the importance of expediting ULURP for resiliency and renewable energy projects. Additionally, as a recovering political consultant, I am glad that you are taking the issue of low voter turnout seriously and would implore you to think seriously about additional mechanisms to increase turnout, whether that is opening primaries or moving to a "Top 4" primary system.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mary Billyou

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear NYC Charter Revision Committee, I would like to submit my position as a NO on the 6th proposal on the ballot. I find it to be deeply suspicious that this subject is being seriously discussed after a historic election which was won through the efforts of over 46,000 volunteer canvassers and propelled by a huge surge in voter turnout of younger people. The cynical approach of the Commission is noted. Not a single member of the Commission is representing labor unions and working people's interests. If the commission's primary goal is to increase turnout, the way to do that is to go to even-year primaries, because data shows that jungle primaries fail to do so. While there's a lot to critique about political parties, the reality is that when candidates have a (D), (R), (C) or (WFP) next to their names, voters can make some pretty strong assumptions as to where they stand on issues that matter to them - like reproductive rights and immigrant rights. But that only works if the Party's members get to select the candidates. If political parties cannot nominate their candidates, it gives people with the money to influence elections more power to frame their preferred candidates. Rich people already dominate political and economic life. The Democratic Party primary is one of the few places

where union members can even the score. This proposal to do away with primaries is an attempt to once again tilt the field in the direction of the wealthy and well-known. The purpose of this change is to weaken organized groups like labor unions and political parties. If our goal is actually to increase turnout, we need organized groups participating robustly in the system. Doing away with Political Party organization and their self-determination will decrease turnout, not increase it. Countless studies have shown how canvassing and other forms of direct-voter and member-to-member contact increases voter turnout. Black voters have built power and equity within the Democratic Party and now you're trying to take that away. Any effort to diminish Black voters' influence in local elections will trigger pre-clearance with New York's essential John Lewis Voting Rights Act. If you're interested in alternatives to the two party system I suggest researching proportional representation a voting system accepted by many European countries.

Sincerely, Mary Billyou

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alex Maza

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm in favor all 6 of the proposals/questions on the table. I am particularly happy with the housing related questions (1-4), but after hearing testimonies last night I felt compelled to comment on the Open Primary question. Many folks questioned whether this would increase voter turnout. However, to me, this misses the main benefit to an open primary which that it would better represent voter preferences. Voters would be able to choose between a menu of all available candidates and select their initial preferences in the primary and then finalize their preferred candidate in the general. Currently voters are only given a menu of candidates for their assigned party. We know that people have mixed opinions across issue sets, and different candidates of different parties may better represent their views. Regarding housing, I'm very encouraged that the Charter Commission's Interim Report reflects the urgent call from communities across New York City to fix our broken land use system. Questions 1 through 4 propose common-sense reforms that would help address the city's worst housing shortage in over 50 years by making it faster and easier to build the homes and infrastructure we need—especially in the neighborhoods that have said “no” to new housing for decades. While the

recent “City of Yes” and “City of Yes for Housing Opportunity” proposals are meaningful steps forward, they are not enough on their own. The City Charter governs many of the underlying processes that shape how and where we build housing, and right now, it’s outdated and overly bureaucratic. Updating these rules is essential to solving our city’s housing emergency. One reform I’m especially excited about is the creation of an Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP). This streamlined process would speed up approvals for modest but critical projects—like small-scale housing developments, affordable housing infrastructure, and climate-resilient upgrades—without sacrificing transparency or community input. It strikes the right balance by preserving the full ULURP process for large-scale development while removing unnecessary delays for clearly beneficial, lower-impact proposals. I strongly support the Charter reforms proposed in Questions 1 through 4. These changes would give New York City better tools to meet today’s challenges and finally move toward a more affordable, sustainable, and equitable future.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Eleanor Atkinson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am AGAINST revising the Charter to remove ranked choice voting. Please KEEP ranked choice voting. Open primaries will favor the big money and not the people.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Samir Lavingia

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, My name is Samir Lavingia. I am the Second Vice-Chair and Vice-Chair of the Transportation Committee, both on Manhattan Community Board 5. I am also a recently elected County Committee member of AD 75 Part B and hold a number of other affiliations as well. However, I write to you purely in a personal capacity. I was excited to see the proposals in the Charter Revision Commission's Final Report, especially those that focus on the impediments to building housing in New York City. I come from a family of market-rate renters who are constantly at risk of displacement. My parents and I live in Midtown, and my brother, his wife, and their newborn live in DUMBO. I want to ensure that it is possible for my parents to see their grandson grow up and for me to see my nephew grow up, and the only way for that to be a reality is if we build more housing in New York City to stymie the skyrocketing rents we've seen over the last few decades. I was a strong supporter of the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity zoning text amendment, but it did not go far enough. Polling has shown that New Yorkers want to see reform to make it easier to build more housing, but our elected officials are reluctant to give up their veto power over projects. This means it is time to take the issue straight to the voters. I want to

comment specifically on the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure and the Zoning Appeals Board. ELURP is a great proposal that will make it easier to build a little more housing citywide. City of Yes for Housing Opportunity was a great start with UAP, and ELURP will build on that to make it possible to go a little denser without the full ULURP process. I would caution against allowing the City Planning Commission to require MIH in these projects, as MIH was created for much larger increases in density. We want to ensure that projects using ELURP can still pencil out financially. Additionally, the housing crisis does not end at the border of a Council District or Community District. We face this crisis in part due to member deference and parochialism. The Zoning Appeals Board will require us to take a more citywide or borough-wide lens when it comes to addressing the housing crisis. Lastly, I am a big supporter of the proposals concerning how we run our elections. I fully support even-year elections, which will help reduce the number of candidates who run for office risk-free and use participatory budgeting dollars to campaign in races they have no real chance of winning, knowing they have their current job in the State Legislature, or elsewhere, waiting for them if they lose. Aligning our elections to even years will reduce how often this happens. I also support top-two primaries. I lived in San Francisco for a few years and saw how successful they can be. In the primary for California State Senate District 11 in 2020, the top-two vote-getters were both Democrats, and the general election was a close head-to-head, with Scott Wiener winning 57% to 43%. In 2024, the top-two vote-getters were one Democrat and one Republican, and Wiener swept the general election with 78% to 22%. It's clear that when the top two are from the same party, the general election is much closer and gives voters a real choice. Right now, the primary often functions as the decisive election. We should move away from that system and toward one where the general, with higher turnout, is where the election is truly decided. Another option would be a fully non-partisan general election with ranked-choice voting, similar to our special elections, and I would support that as well. All that being said, while I support all the proposals, the housing crisis is the most urgent issue and we should not put that at risk. There is clearly a lot of opposition to open primaries, and if we need to punt that question to another year to de-risk negative messaging about all the proposals, we should do that. We need to put housing on the ballot and ensure that it passes! Best regards, Samir Lavingia

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<p>Dear Commissioners,</p>

<p>I am writing to urge you to reject any proposal to implement a jungle primary system (top-two or top-four) in New York City.</p>

<p>Jungle primaries are not a path to greater democracy. In fact, they threaten to reverse the

hard-won progress we've made with ranked-choice voting and small-donor public financing—reforms that have helped expand participation, especially in Black, brown, immigrant, and working-class communities.

Data from California shows that jungle primaries:

Lower voter turnout (2014 saw a historic low of 25.2%)

In both 2022 and 2024, turnout hovered at just 33%, even with universal vote-by-mail which is about average for a non-presidential year

Disadvantage candidates of color and grassroots challengers

Force general elections between two candidates of the same party, leaving many voters without a meaningful choice

Even more concerning, this proposal is being pushed without real community input. The Charter Revision Commission has not held broad-based discussions in the neighborhoods that this change would most impact. Most public testimony in favor has come from a few

interconnected organizations, some of which are even based out of state.

I urge the Commission to:

Reject jungle primaries in all forms

Respect the reforms New Yorkers have already chosen

Engage directly with communities before fundamentally altering our elections

Let's strengthen—not undermine—representation and equity in New York City.

Sincerely,

Kevin Garcia

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: CATHERINE MURAWSKI

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: The Housing Opportunity Plan is not at all economical for us taxpayers. If we continue to "Build baby Build.", we need the following, a. Con Edison to upgrade additional electricity, otherwise the city will experience numerous blackouts and brownouts. b. Landlords would have to upgrade their water supply pipes to have sufficient water pressure. c. Pulling out our front lawns to add additional parking will cause more store water runoff. d. We need more schools to educate these homeless children. Taking away the authority of the Building Dept. is extremely unsafe for illegal apartments. During Hurricane Ada, a few lives were lost and millions of dollars of damage to homes and apartments occurred. Basement apartments with no front doors or low windows have only one first exit, the backdoor. Sincerely yours, Catherine Murawski. Vice President Liberty Park Homeowners' Association (500 Homes and 700 Families in Glendale) [REDACTED]  
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Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Lee S. Rottenberg

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am outraged that the city is trying to take control of our land use. As a member of QCB5 for over 20 years, I see how important it is for local input into many city issues. After all, who knows our neighborhood better the people who live in it. Taking the power away from us and from our elected Council Person leaves things open for corruption by outsiders who have no vested interest in our community and are just interested in their own personal gains. Things used to be like the proposed plan, but over the last decades we have made changes to improve neighborhood involvement with decisions such as these. It would be a shame to undo all of that and go back to the way things were, with all the problems they created.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Eva Marie Scheele

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: The New York City Charter Revision Commission should not advance a proposal to  
interfere with primary elections in New York City.

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Re: Opposition to the Consideration of a “Jungle Primary” System  
July 8, 2025

Hello Commissioners,

Thank you for taking the time to read this. My name is Eva Marie Scheele. I represent myself, and IATSE Local 161.

I am here to express my very strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. I might add that “jungle” exactly describes this type of primary.

This is not just a technical adjustment as it is being promoted. No, It is a wholesale change to the way we New Yorkers would select our leaders—one that would upend more than a century of party-based democracy in our city. It is, in short, an enormous decision—and it is being considered through an inappropriate and secret process - secret because there has been very little public information given to us, the citizens of New York..

**First, this Commission has done only limited work to engage impacted communities in this consequential electoral reform process.** The Charter Revision Commission was convened to focus on improving one of the most serious questions New Yorkers have to deal with - the availability of affordable housing. There has been ***no serious public demand*** for a jungle primary system. Instead, the actors who want this kind of election system across the country took advantage of this moment to insert their political agenda. There has been no movement, no mass mobilization, no crisis calling for its adoption. Yet here we are, debating whether to remove voters’ ability (my ability) to shape our political future through party-based organizing. That’s not reform—it’s overreach by a small group!.

**Second, the public has not been adequately informed or engaged. This is a serious weakness - but then, perhaps that is purposeful!** A change of this magnitude should come only after a robust, charter revision process—one that includes multilingual education campaigns, community listening sessions, expert testimony from across the political spectrum, and an extended deliberation period. What we have instead is a rushed proposal, with little explanation, little data, and little outreach—especially to voters in the communities most likely to be harmed. We’ve seen how rushed reforms, however well-intentioned, can backfire when voters don’t understand what’s at stake. Imposing a fundamental redesign of our elections without clear public demand or broad-based consent is not just misguided—it is undemocratic. And again, it appears to be purposeful!

**Third, this process undermines faith in the democratic system itself.** It sends the message that our election rules can be rewritten from the top down, without the kind of transparency and accountability that is the bedrock of our democracy. **That’s a dangerous precedent**—especially in a moment when trust in democratic institutions is already fragile.

There are ways to improve democracy in this city. But these start with listening to the people, listening to many people by garnering input across the board—not bypassing us.

For these reasons, and many others which I am not addressing here, I strongly urge the Commission to reject any effort to advance a jungle primary system, and to commit instead to a public process rooted in transparency, equity, and community voice.

Thank you,

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Opposition to the Consideration of a "Jungle Primary" System

Caribbean Equality Project  
Mohamed Q. Amin

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Monday, July 7, 2025

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Thank you.

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Name: Asher Ross

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Please see attached written testimony re: the NYIC's opposition to adding a NYC ballot question about Jungle Primaries. Thank you, Asher Ross New York Immigration Coalition

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Asher Ross and I am representing the New York Immigration Coalition. I am here to express our strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections.

We are opposed to Jungle Primaries primarily because they would diminish the power of member organizations and grassroots groups, including unions and community organizations.

These organizations have worked long and hard to organize, educate, and mobilize working class voters so that they have a voice in our political system. They act as a critical counterweight to big money in politics. They have spent years organizing within the Democratic Party to win representation for their communities. Jungle primaries would nullify their work and their role in our elections, and allow big donors and corporate interests to gain the advantage and have a dominant role.

We just had an election with exceptional voter engagement and turnout, including by young people, immigrants, and historically marginalized groups.

We just had an election in which the playing field was leveled by our public matching funds system, allowing candidates that weren't funded by big donors and corporations to compete and get their message out to working class voters.

We just had an election in which voters could rank candidates in their preferred order, leading to coalition strategies that allowed voters to rank their preferences while not wasting their vote.

These reforms have only been in place for four years, and they are clearly working to help engage and grow the electorate. Let them continue to produce positive results, and do not tamper with our current election system.

Thank you,

Asher Ross

New York Immigration Coalition

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Name: Diane Aronson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Via written comment, I'm writing to say no to these items appearing on the ballot in November. As posted, Open Primary item will open the floodgates for a funds-only-driven primary. No to the rest because they also will stifle democracy in NYC. Thank you for reviewing my comments.

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Name: Julius Tajiddin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: The following comment is against proposed charter amendment #3. I'll be submitting comments on all of the proposed amendments, only one at a time. #3, Eliminating the Mayor's power to veto certain land use actions and replacing it with a new Appeals Board made up of the City Council Speaker, Borough President, and Mayor to have the last draw power to reverse City Council decisions on certain land use matters would be creating an unconstitutional board. In 1989 the Supreme Court held in Board of Estimate of New York City v. Morris that the BOE was an unconstitutional body. This appeals board would essentially be equivalent to the BOE. All of the bodies and officers weighing in on a proposal in ULURP proceedings, including City Council, would essentially become advisory opinions. This appeals board would be the real decider. If it doesn't like the council's decision it can reverse it. If it likes the decision it will let it stand. Here's how this proposed board and the BOE are similar. The SCOTUS determined that the BOE was unconstitutional because although all of the 5 borough presidents were on the board, Brooklyn, the city's most populous borough, had no greater effective representation on the board than Staten Island, the city's least populous borough, and that this arrangement was a violation of the

Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause pursuant to the high court's 1964 "one man, one vote" decision in (Reynolds v. Sims). We can assume, although it has not been explicitly stated, that the 5 borough presidents will rotate on this board. Meaning, if a land use matter pertains to Brooklyn it will be the Brooklyn Borough President who will sit on the board at that time. But the problem with that is people in Manhattan won't have equal protection of the law, in this case, meaning representation, because the Brooklyn BP is voted in by Brooklyn residents. Moreover, the Brooklyn BP represents more people than the Staten Island Borough President. Essentially we'll have the same problem as we had with the BOE. Then there is the Speaker. Whoever that person will be is voted in by the speaker's council district citizens. So there is no representation at all for the other NYC citizens outside of such district. A reminder to this commission. Although a land use matter may be in a certain district that won't directly affect the other 49 council districts, all 50 City Council members vote on the matter. For this reason the veto power must stay as is.

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Name: Samir Thanedar

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Comments: Hello! I support the initial proposals put forth by the Charter Revision Commission that would make it easier to build more affordable housing and make election results more representative of all New Yorkers.

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Name: Richard Fox

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Name: Oscar Pocasangre

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Comments: I'm attaching an expanded version of my testimony on the topic of open primaries. I include references to relevant research showing the marginal effects of open primaries and the situations when they increase voter roll-off.

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New York City Charter Revision Commission  
Testimony of Oscar Pocasangre, PhD  
July 7, 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on the reforms to New York City's elections. My name is Oscar Pocasangre, I hold a PhD in political science from Columbia University and currently work as a Senior Data Analyst for the think tank, New America, where I do research on electoral systems and electoral reform.

I'd like to start by highlighting some of the evidence on the effects of top-2 primaries on turnout in primaries and general elections. First, I'd like to point out that to the best of my knowledge, there is no existing rigorous research on the effects of a ranked-choice voting primary followed by a top-two general election because that combination has not been widely implemented and tested (indeed the whole point of an RCV election is to not have a second round, which is why it's often called instant run-off). So any evidence-based recommendation necessarily has to extrapolate.

From research on open primaries with top-2, however, the political science evidence is clear: open primaries have very little impact on voter participation. Most of the research comes from California and some from Washington. The data show, at best, marginal improvements on turnout in the first round primary, and mixed effects in second round general elections – meaning sometimes up and sometimes down.

Highton, Huckfeldt, and Hale (2016) show that in California “Although there are more competitive elections when they are same-party elections, this is a case where more competition brings lower turnout because of its effects on voters from the excluded party” and that there is “substantial rolloff in same-party elections, about 7.2 percentage points compared to 2.8 pp in two-party elections.”

Bonneau and Zaleski (2021) find that these general elections with co-partisans on the ballot, “do not affect voter turnout as a whole, but can increase voter roll-off by upwards of 7%.”

Fisk (2020) finds that among voters who are left “orphaned” because none of their co-partisan candidates make it to the general, “levels of undervoting are nearly 20 percentage points higher for orphaned voters compared to non-orphaned voters.”

Patterson (2020) shows that in California and Washington, co-partisan elections “have no effect on overall turnout. Moreover, rather than increase participation, the “as-if” random absence of partisan competition results in a significant number of voters “rolling off” the

ballot” and concludes that “top-two primaries not only fail to increase voter turnout, but may exacerbate the very shortcomings they sought to alleviate.”

What explains the puzzle that opening up primaries to a broader electorate ends up depressing turnout?

There are two counteracting effects: opening up primaries to independent voters expands the electorate, but also depresses the participation of voters of the party that is excluded from the general election (Sinclair and O’Grady 2018). These can end up cancelling each other out.

Another thing to consider is that independent voters do not vote at the same rate as other voters. Independent voters are not registered with a party for many reasons: it’s difficult to form a cohesive block of independent voters given their diversity. This helps explain why reforms to primaries have little effect. Most people who would vote are already voting and parties will most likely devote energy to mobilize their base of voters instead of trying to expand their base by trying to decipher a message that resonates with a heterogeneous group of voters. Further, it’s unclear that opening up the primary would encourage more people to vote: consider that many voters registered with parties do not vote even though they can, why would that be different for voters who have not registered with a party?

All this evidence suggests that opening up primaries will not have a transformative change. The problem is that reforming primaries does not address the real problem that there is no genuine party competition in the general elections, which would motivate parties to do a better job at connecting with voters and offering something that might bring unaffiliated voters into the fold.

These findings raise important points regarding the question of impacts on underrepresented communities: what community is more likely to have higher roll-off rates? What communities will have lower turnout levels as a result of co-partisan elections?

It’s alarming that there is no research on these questions, especially if the main objective of the reform is to increase turnout and especially if the reform seeks to do no harm among underrepresented communities. Particularly because research on RCV in NY has shown that ballot exhaustion (when voters do not rank all possible candidates, thus diminishing their electoral influence) is higher in areas with higher concentrations of ethnic and racial minorities (McCarty 2024), it is worrisome that an additional reform could end up reducing the electoral influence of minority groups if they experience higher roll-off rates or lower turnout. More research is needed to make sure this would not be the case.

Finally, I'll note that RCV for primaries is in its infancy in NYC. Candidates, parties, and voters are still getting used to it and changing the rules of primaries undoes a lot of the work already done to teach voters about RCV and the work done by parties and candidates to learn about how to work in this new system. Give RCV time to see if it can result in increases in turnout in NYC.

Thank you.

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July 8, 2025

NYC Charter Revision Commission  
253 Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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To the Members of the New York City Charter Revision Commission

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to several of the proposals currently under consideration by this Commission.

What is being presented to the public as thoughtful reform is, in reality, one of the most sweeping attempts to dismantle local control and concentrate power in the hands of unelected bureaucrats and politically connected developers.

Ballot Questions 1 through 3 are nothing short of City of Yes on steroids. They give a blank check to developers and completely erode the rights of communities to shape their own future. Question 1 targets select districts for aggressive upzoning under the pretext of affordable housing, while ignoring infrastructure, transit access, and real affordability. Question 2 opens the floodgates for dense development in low density neighborhoods across the city, gutting zoning protections that residents have relied on for decades. Question 3 proposes a new Appeals Board that would override the City Council and local representatives, eliminating one of the last remaining checks on unchecked development. Taken together, these proposals are a roadmap for citywide overdevelopment and displacement. They send a chilling message to New Yorkers that their voices do not matter and that special interests rule the day.

If City of Yes was the opening salvo in this administration's war on neighborhoods, these proposals are the full scale invasion. They are an attack on the very idea of community input and representative government.

On top of this, I am alarmed by the continued refusal of this Commission to place the issue of sanctuary city laws on the ballot. For the second time, New Yorkers are being denied the opportunity to vote on a set of policies that have profoundly impacted public safety, strained city resources, and undermined public confidence. It is no mystery why this is being excluded. City Hall knows the people would overwhelmingly support change, so it refuses to let them speak. This is a deliberate and undemocratic choice that cannot go unchallenged.

I also strongly support the call by my colleague Council Member Frank Morano and others in the Common Sense Caucus to give Council Members binding appointment power over Community Boards. If the Commission is considering giving Borough Presidents greater influence over land use, then Council Members must be empowered to ensure Community Boards reflect the needs of the people who actually live in these neighborhoods. Without that balance, Community Boards risk becoming little more than extensions of Borough Hall, out of touch and unaccountable.

Finally, if this Commission is truly committed to transparency and public input, then it must place on the ballot the question of whether Rikers Island should be closed and borough based jails built in its place. This is one of the most consequential public safety decisions in decades, and yet the public has never been given a direct voice.

I urge you to reject the dangerous proposals now being considered, and instead focus on restoring balance, respect for communities, and real democratic accountability. Anything less will be seen for what it is: an effort to permanently change the fabric of this city without the consent of its people.

Sincerely,

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Name: Nan Faessler

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Comments: Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission Re: Opposition to the Implementation of a "Jungle Primary" System Delivered by Nan Faessler, Member of Indivisible Harlem a Good evening, Commissioners, Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Nan Faessler and I represent Indivisible Harlem, a grassroots local organization focusing on issues that take on environmental, racial and economic injustices primarily through our engagement in electoral politics and community education. I am here to express my strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections, especially as someone who moved from Los Angeles CA and to NYC and saw how backward and flawed jungle primaries were in California. The jungle primary is being sold as some neutral process, even fits into a false narrative of if we adopt the jungle primary it increases our kumbaya factor, we have gone beyond politics. But the reality is that this system threatens to diminish the voices of communities of color, particularly Black voters, undermines our city's democratic values and punishes the achievements of grassroots organizations. I saw this in Los Angeles, California where I lived for over 30 years before moving to NYC nearly 10



years ago. Where jungle primaries have been implemented, communities of color have often found themselves with no candidate of choice on the general election ballot. When multiple candidates from one community run, they can split the vote and be eliminated—even if their community constitutes a majority of voters in that district. Although Indivisible Harlem is not a political party nor an arm of the Democratic party -our values mostly overlap and align with the Democratic platform. Grassroots organizations like ours work within our communities to educate, build coalitions to make sure that power moves away from big machines to everyday folks and a jungle primary destroys our work. The idea that we would have one ballot representing political ideologies from progressive and fair to authoritarian and cruel is beyond me and frankly a pure power play by those who appear to be open and transparent but are hiding behind a smoke screen with the richest and most powerful shilling for the idea of a jungle primary. Grassroots candidates having to compete in an expensive and massive primary means the vote gets split and makes it much harder for community-backed candidates to break through. Jungle primaries amplify the power of money over organizing. Grassroots groups can't compete with that kind of money. Our strength is people-powered campaigns that build trust over time—not six-figure media buys and insider endorsements. Jungle primaries put movement candidates at a severe disadvantage and tilt the playing field back toward the very institutions grassroots organizing seeks to challenge. The rest of the country, the world sees NYC as a progressive bastion standing up to the authoritarian rule in D.C., why would we take a step backward to appease the money interests behind those pushing for a jungle primary. The income inequality in NYC is already sky high, why would we hand over even more power to the powerful and rich. Rank Choice Voting has proven to be effective and has allowed more people of color and working people to compete. Heck why would we undo this progress? Let's make sure NYC continues down a path that allows long-term community organizing where we can put an eye on the prize of putting forth candidates who are not afraid to stand up to power that does not serve our communities. We need to elect working class champions. A jungle primary is just frankly a bad idea and takes away electoral power from BIPOC and working class communities. Rather than blowing money on a new system - since we only recently introduced RCV, how about investing in civics, expand voter access, and reward the grassroots organizers not the monied interests. Again, I urge you to reject any attempt to implement a jungle primary system in New York City. It is a step backward, when NYC needs to continue to march forward. Thank you.

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Name: Tyler Baldwin

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: My name is Tyler Baldwin, and I am here today to express my profound appreciation and strong support for the land-use related questions outlined in the Commission's Interim Report. New York City is currently grappling with its most severe housing shortage in 50 years. This emergency demands innovative solutions, and regrettably, our current governmental tools are insufficient to meet the challenge. While initiatives like the recent "City of Yes" and "City for All" plans were crucial steps forward, they are by no means enough to extricate us from this crisis. The City Charter, which governs so many of the processes impacting where and how much housing can be built, is ripe for modernization. We are incredibly excited about the opportunity these proposed updates present to directly address the housing emergency. I am particularly enthusiastic about Question 1: Fast tracking affordable housing. This proposed amendment is a game-changer for our city's most pressing need. By creating a new zoning action for publicly financed affordable housing projects administered by the Board of Standards and Appeals, and, crucially, establishing a fast-track public review procedure for applications that deliver affordable housing in the Community Districts that have historically produced the least affordable housing,

we can begin to meaningfully address the inequities and inefficiencies in our current system. This "fast-track for fair housing" directly implements the Speaker's Fair Housing Framework, ensuring that new housing proposals in low-growth neighborhoods are not only more likely to be approved but also brought to fruition more quickly. This is a critical step towards creating a more equitable and housing-secure New York for all. The other proposals—simplifying the review of modest housing and infrastructure projects (Question 2), establishing a land use appeals board with council, borough, and citywide voices (Question 3), and modernizing the city map (Question 4)—are equally important and demonstrate a comprehensive approach to streamlining processes that have long hindered necessary development and infrastructure improvements. These land-use reforms would provide our government with the essential tools needed to accelerate housing production, especially affordable housing, and ensure that our city can grow sustainably and equitably. I urge the Commission to advance these vital questions to the ballot in November, allowing New Yorkers the opportunity to vote for a more responsive and effective government capable of solving our housing crisis. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Tyler Baldwin

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Name: Megan Taylor

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Comments: Opposition to the Consideration of a "Jungle Primary" System I strongly oppose the proposal to adopt a "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. A change this significant deserves a robust, transparent charter revision process—not this rushed, poorly explained proposal with minimal outreach to the communities most affected. We know that hasty reforms, however well-meant, can backfire when voters aren't informed. Imposing a fundamental redesign of our elections without clear public demand or broad consent is not only misguided, it's undemocratic. This process undermines trust in our democratic system by sending the message that election rules can be rewritten from the top down, without the transparency and accountability our democracy depends on. That's a dangerous precedent, especially now when trust in our institutions is already fragile. We can strengthen democracy by listening to New Yorkers and engaging communities—not bypassing them. I urge the Commission to reject the jungle primary proposal and commit instead to a fair, inclusive process rooted in transparency, equity, and community voice.

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Name: Phil Levin

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Comments: Dear Commissioners, I write to communicate my unequivocal support for all five proposed Charter amendments featured in your July 1, 2025 Interim Report. These reforms, spanning affordable housing fast-track, modest state and infrastructure review, land-use appeals, modernization of the city map, and even-year elections, should be advanced together and should not be diluted. They represent a comprehensive, tightly interlocked package designed to unlock housing, streamline governance, improve participation, and modernize our governing infrastructure. Weakening any single proposal would undermine the synergy of the reforms and the potential to address New York City's urgent housing and civic challenges. I urge you to move forward with the full suite intact. Thank you.

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Name: Albin Henneberger

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Comments: I am very excited about the proposed changes to the city charter. I am extremely in favor of the changes to the current primary process and having even year voting. To boost turnout - it is really important to run mayor's races on the same cycle as the president. Additionally - open primaries will help form more options for all voters. Most importantly, the changes to the ULURP process are great. I am particularly in favor of having the city council president, the borough president, and mayor having the ability to override member deference. To often there are many sectors of the city that outright to refuse to build housing. This is an important step to overriding member deference. Additionally - please consider alternative forms of soliciting community feedback. Using randomized surveys to gather support for proposals are a great way to avoid only relying on CBs. CBs are not representative of the citizens of an area - they typically don't have kids, are older, are not renters, and own cars. These special interests act as a stopping point to progress.

Greetings to the commissioners

My name is Nia Alvarez-Mapp, and I am the Lead Organizer for Rank the Vote NYC — a coalition of coalitions and organizations united by one goal: ensuring that all eligible New Yorkers are not only able to vote, but also fully understand the voting system they'll encounter, whether or not they choose to use it to their full advantage.

This effort began six years ago, when people from diverse backgrounds came together to ask commissioners — like those of you here today — to allow an unfamiliar system called Ranked Choice Voting to appear as a ballot proposal. It's safe to say we've seen the success of that initiative, as demonstrated by the nearly one million New Yorkers who turned out to vote in this year's primary.

But as I mentioned earlier, this was a six-year effort that required significant community buy-in, and even now, many New Yorkers are still getting accustomed to it, especially since state and federal elections continue to use traditional voting methods. We at Rank the Vote NYC want to acknowledge that New Yorkers welcome expansion, anything that brings out voters, but I urge you to keep it simple- easy to explain, like closed semi-open primaries. The results look like a breeze on June 24th-July 1st, but no one ever considers the 9 months of preparing for this result, semi-weekly to monthly meetings, the countless phone calls, the door knocking, translation work, the civic education that this city desperately lacks, voter apathy, hot and cold rooms, the amount of supplies, yelling over a subway, or praying that the wifi works, late nights and early mornings but most importantly the community effort it takes to do this wonderful work so that the people can be heard, so people can feel like they matter, so voters new and old don't default and do not show up.

Because of that work, the more than 50 organizations that we work with in coalition to first pass RCV on the ballot and then to educate their communities so that voters use RCV, have been laser-focused on educating the voters in their communities and on GOTV. Some of these folks like Minkown Center for Community Action which works in the Korean community, Dominicanos USA that works with Spanish-speaking Dominican-Americans, Hispanic Federation, West Harlem Environmental Action (WE-ACT), The Hispanic Federation, and New York Transgender Advocacy Group (NYTAG), just to name a few, were not aware of the Charter Revision Commission's discussion of Open Primaries at all. These groups have told me that they have not conducted the research needed to form an opinion, because they have been so busy educating people and are taking time this week and last to recover from 9 months of intensive voter education. Many of the individuals we collaborate with at our partner organizations are not even reachable to share their position (or lack of one) with me, as they are away on vacation.

I fear that some of the groups that we work with are going to be force to oppose an open primary measure on the November ballot because they have not had time to arrive at a considered opinion. Based on the conversations I have had with our partner organizations, I believe that moving forward with an Open Primary proposal this November will cause unnecessary division

and opposition to primary reform. I urge you to give our organizations more time to research the different types of open primaries and, hopefully, build a broad consensus around a form of open primaries that will work for all of New York City's diverse communities before placing the issue before the voters.

Best,

Nia Alvarez-Mapp

Rank the Vote, Lead Organizer



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Name: Nick Clark

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**Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission  
re: Opposition to the Consideration of a “Jungle” Primary System**

I’m writing to vehemently oppose the proposal to bring “jungle” primaries to NYC. This is clearly the answer to a question that no one has asked. This unpopular idea was defeated 70/30 the last time it was put in front of NYC voters, and just last year, it was rejected by voters across the ideological spectrum in six other states. So, why are we revisiting this here, now?

We just had a Democratic primary in which the mayoral candidate who focused most relentlessly on issues designed to help and empower the working-class won more votes than any candidate in city history. The fact that this is being discussed - largely outside of public view - right on the heels of that historic mandate, is as galling as it is clarifying. This is transparently an idea meant to favor billionaires, party-bosses, and powerbrokers who wish to reassert their control over who gets to run for and assume office in our city. It will hamper unions, grass-roots organizers, and less-connected individuals of all stripes.

As we saw in the June primaries, folks across NYC sent an undeniable message: we want a government anchored in the concerns of working people, not one biased toward those who can choose candidates in backrooms and fund their candidacies with billionaire coffers. I implore you to reject this proposal, because doing otherwise would be an insult to the voters who are more energized now than at any time in recent memory to participate in building an equitable city for all New Yorkers.

Thank you,  
Nick Clark

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Name: Stuart Sorell

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: The problem with changing the zoning citywide is that it doesn't reflect the character of individual neighborhoods. The notion of creating affordable housing is a false narrative. These newly created apartments are unaffordable for most people who currently reside there. Residents who chose to live in one and two family neighborhoods do not want to live in a mini Manhattan. There are hundreds of underutilized office buildings that can be renovated to create affordable residential apartments. Do not change the current zoning. The only people who will benefit from this are greedy developers and corrupt politicians.

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Name: Barbara H Gold

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: While I agree that NYC needs more affordable housing, I don't think neighborhoods should be arbitrarily transformed or broken up. Old neighborhoods in the Bronx have been destroyed by Cross Bronx Expressway etc. There is plenty of vacant buildings that could be renovated and offered affordable like the old Mitchellama program. Everyone shouldn't suffer because of bad decisions made in the past.

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Karen Wharton, and I am here writing to express my views on the proposed shift to a so-called “jungle primary” or “top-two primary” system in New York City. One of the key arguments made by supporters of this model is that it would increase voter turnout. However, the data does not support that claim.

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Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: We need to make it easier to build new homes. In neighborhoods like Astoria, building heights on commercial blocks should be 8-10 stories allowing those investing in land to be able to build more units, especially affordable ones.

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<p>Dear Commissioners,</p>

<p>I am writing to urge you to reject any proposal to implement a jungle primary system (top-two or top-four) in New York City.</p>

<p>Jungle primaries are not a path to greater democracy. In fact, they threaten to reverse the

hard-won progress we've made with ranked-choice voting and small-donor public financing—reforms that have helped expand participation, especially in Black, brown, immigrant, and working-class communities.

Data from California shows that jungle primaries:

Lower voter turnout (2014 saw a historic low of 25.2%)

In both 2022 and 2024, turnout hovered at just 33%, even with universal vote-by-mail which is about average for a non-presidential year

Disadvantage candidates of color and grassroots challengers

Force general elections between two candidates of the same party, leaving many voters without a meaningful choice

Even more concerning, this proposal is being pushed without real community input. The Charter Revision Commission has not held broad-based discussions in the neighborhoods that this change would most impact. Most public testimony in favor has come from a few

interconnected organizations, some of which are even based out of state.

I urge the Commission to:

Reject jungle primaries in all forms

Respect the reforms New Yorkers have already chosen

Engage directly with communities before fundamentally altering our elections

Let's strengthen—not undermine—representation and equity in New York City.

Sincerely,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Eric J. Graf

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, Please see the attached testimony regarding the open primary proposal under consideration by the Commission. Thank you.

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Hello,

I write to express my opposition to the open primary proposal under consideration by the Commission. I write this even though I am a lifelong New Yorker who has been unable to vote in the major party primaries held during most of the years I have been registered to vote. As it currently stands, however, I am a registered Democrat and, as such, I was excited to cast my first ranked-choice ballot just a few weeks ago.

I want to thank the Commission for its role in bringing ranked-choice voting to our primary elections and special elections. I hope that the Commission will support ranked-choice voting in our general elections next. Indeed, this fall's general election for mayor demonstrates why we need it. With five major candidates running, a candidate could win the election with just over 20% support. This would not be a desirable outcome. Related to this is the also undesirable public conversation currently occurring among the candidates not named Zohran Mamdani.

The general election candidates running for mayor should all be able to make the case for themselves and for their ideas for our city and the voters should be able to rank the candidates in their order of preference. Instead, we are hearing proposals about using a privately conducted poll to determine which of the non-Mamdani candidates should drop out of the race so there can be an artificial two-way race in November.

While the "top two" general election aspect of the open primary proposal being considered by the Commission would do away with this problem, it would do so in an undemocratic fashion. The number of voters in a November General Election is likely to always exceed the number of all primary voters the preceding June – especially if the city moves local elections to coincide with national elections, as the Commission is proposing. We should not be limiting the choices of the larger general election electorate.

If New York State were to allow unaffiliated voters to vote in party primaries throughout the state, I would welcome that, but the City, in my view, should not adopt the proposal being considered by the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,  
Eric J. Graf





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Name: Dawn and Rich Doyle Doyle

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dawn Doyle Tottenville , Staten Island, NY 10307 Date: July 8, 2025 Opposition Letter to the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Re: Urgent Opposition to 2025 NYC Charter Changes – Protect Staten Island Homeowners’ Constitutional Rights and Community Input Dear Members of the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission, We, the residents of Staten Island, particularly in low-density communities like Tottenville on the South Shore, strongly oppose the proposed changes in the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Final Report. These changes threaten our quality of life, property rights, and constitutional protections under the Fifth Amendment, which states, “nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.” The proposed amendments, under the guise of promoting “fair and equitable housing,” falsely promise community empowerment while stripping taxpayers of their say, rendering the Mayor—the highest-ranking city official elected by the people of New York City—powerless, and risking

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- Fifth Amendment (Takings Clause): Arbitrary acquisition of small/undevelopable lots in flood zones could constitute physical takings, requiring just compensation.
- Fifth Amendment (Due Process Clause): The Land Use Appeals Board's override of local opposition and elimination of the Mayor's veto power denies homeowners and the city's highest elected official due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Due Process Clause): Lack of meaningful community input violates procedural due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Equal Protection Clause): Disproportionate tax burdens on larger landowners could be deemed discriminatory.
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Why the Current System Works The current ULURP process empowers Staten Island residents, especially in Tottenville, through local council member deference and Community Board input. It aligns with the Fifth Amendment and Fair Housing Act, protecting property values and ensuring equal access to housing processes for all. The proposed changes falsely promise influence while centralizing power, risking federal lawsuits over devaluation and civil rights violations. We urge the Commission to reject these changes and preserve the current ULURP system. Sincerely, Dawn Doyle Concerned Staten Islander

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Election Reform

I'm also very excited at the possibility of even-year elections. If passed by City voters in November, I will be advocating for the necessary changes to be made at the state level as well so we can bolster the civic engagement that is so important to the thriving of our city. I would, however, slightly prefer that the elections be held two years off-cycle from the presidential elections, as I worry that holding them during presidential elections will cause local issues to get drowned out. Regardless, even-year elections would be a great improvement over the status quo.

Lastly, I want to express my strong support for open primaries, and I hope this question is brought to the voters this November. I'm very thankful that we have ranked choice voting in the primaries, but there are still issues with the current way we run elections. A ranked choice open primary with a top two general election would solve several issues at once. First of all, it would solve the issue of voters being disenfranchised by their party registration. I know several folks who wanted to vote in the recent Democratic primary, but were not able to because they were

registered under a different party without realizing that it would prevent them from being able to vote. Open primaries would prevent issues like this from occurring, expanding ballot access to more New Yorkers. Second of all, we currently don't have a "sore loser" law, meaning that the loser of a primary can still run in the general election. This creates a lot of perverse incentives for people running in elections and creates confusion for voters. The open primary proposal would solve that issue as well. Lastly, our general election is still decided on a plurality vote basis, making it likely that the winner is unrepresentative of their constituents and reducing the legitimacy of our political system. For these reasons, I support the open primary proposal that the Charter Revision Commission is considering, and I encourage the commission to send the question over to voters in November.

With appreciation,  
Vishnu Reddy

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Name: Patricia Yannotta

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: [REDACTED] Date: July 8, 2025 Opposition Letter to  
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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Laura Fenton

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Commissioners, Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to the so-called "jungle primary" system proposed for New York City elections. I've been a New Yorker for 27 years and am an active community activist. I am also a co-founder of Jackson Heights Indivisible. I've volunteered for campaigns and with community groups, and I believe a jungle primary system would favor the rich and the powerful by forcing grassroots candidates to compete in massive, often expensive fields—splitting the vote and making it far harder for community-backed candidates to break through. This proposed system of primaries amplifies the power of money over organizing. We need less influence of money in our politics, not more. This proposal is not about empowering voters. It's about giving the rich even MORE power. And it will significantly disempower people like me and my neighbors who have learned how to organize within the existing system. Let's do something real to make a more inclusive democracy: Invest more in civic education, expand voter access, and build more systems that reward organizing, not money. I beg you to reject any attempt to implement a jungle primary system in New York City. It's wrong for our city. Thank you, Laura Fenton, Jackson Heights, NY



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Name: Roselle Mann

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Roselle Mann Redacted for privacy, Staten Island, NY 10307 Date: July 8, 2025  
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Name: Victoria Serecin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

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Name: Tara Timpanelli

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Stop this building on Staten Island. Building department already ruined our  
neighborhoods with building houses behind houses for years now the population has increased to  
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Comments: Attached please find the written testimony from CM Marmorato of District 13.

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Dear Charter Revision Commission,

As the Council Member for District 13, I know firsthand how critical it is to keep local voices at the center of land use decisions. I recently led my district through a major rezoning, and the only reason I was able to support it was because I spent months meeting with community leaders, working closely with our community board, and listening directly to the people I was elected to represent.

That feedback wasn't a roadblock—it was the roadmap. Because I had a real seat at the table, I was able to secure over \$170 million in infrastructure investments, alone, that made the project work FOR our community. That's what real representation looks like.

Now, proposals are being pushed forward in this charter that would remove elected Council Members—and by extension, our communities—from key parts of the ULURP process. These changes would let City Hall, private developers, and outside entities fast-track land use matters with minimal review and zero accountability to the people who actually live there.

Some individuals may argue this is necessary to make housing easier to build. But let's be honest: for some, this is a tactic to avoid public scrutiny and responsibility. It's a way to bypass the hard parts of public service—like listening, compromising, and being held accountable for your vote. I didn't run for office to hand off decisions to unelected appointees. I ran to represent my community—and that's exactly what I intend to keep doing.

We need a system that respects citywide goals while still honoring neighborhood voices. That balance is only possible when the Council Member stays in the process. Removing us silences the people we serve, and I will not support any proposal that cuts out the very residents who trust us to speak on their behalf.

Thank you to the commission for hearing me today and for letting me stand up and speak on behalf of my constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristy Marmorato".

Kristy Marmorato  
New York City Council Member  
District 13, Bronx



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Name: Ryder Kessler

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: My ancestors immigrated to New York over a century ago seeking a better life—economic opportunity and freedom to worship as they chose. New York delivered on that promise. When my grandfather was born in 1924, his father could afford a three-room home in Brooklyn for what would become a family of ten on the salary of a cotton miller because New York was building enough homes to keep up with rising demand—averaging nearly 73,000 each year over the course of the 1920s. My grandfather could then remain in Brooklyn as a WWII veteran attempting to build a womenswear business, accessing factories and showrooms in Manhattan as he lifted his family out of poverty. In a flash, my family went from farmers in Eastern Europe to executives of a company trading on the New York Stock Exchange. That New York is gone. From 2010 to 2023, New York averaged about 22,000 new homes each year—less than a third of 1920s rates. With demand far outpacing supply, just 1.4% of apartments are vacant, rents are rising seven times faster than wages, and record numbers of our neighbors are sleeping in shelters or on the street. If they came to America today, my family would have passed through Ellis Island—and kept going. New York's character isn't retained through obsessive fealty

to its existing physical footprint, retaining facades but losing future entrepreneurs, educators, and artists. The existing process for permitting new homes is broken. It is far too slow and far too responsive to incumbent homeowners over tenants stuck in an increasingly precarious rental market—or New Yorkers not yet here. I serve on Manhattan's Community Board 2, where I see firsthand the ways we are stuck in a vicious circle. Very little new housing is built in a supply-constrained market; when new homes go up lower Manhattan, they are expensive, so we lament only allowing “luxury” homes. We approve less housing and vote against rezonings, unwilling to benefit greedy developers. Prices keep going up, and all housing becomes “luxury” because there is so little of it. We say we support 100% affordable housing, but we still insist on years-long processes to gate-keep our district to new residents—often seeking to shrink or block these affordable developments altogether. The only beneficiaries of this status quo are wealthy landlords, the homeowners and stabilized tenants who are secure in their housing, and the red states to which New York families are fleeing. We must reform this broken system. I urge the Charter Revision Commission to use every lever at its disposal to streamline the approval of new homes: to ensure we build enough to lower rents for everyone, to even the playing field between big developers that can navigate byzantine processes and those currently kept out of competition, and to ensure equitable construction of new homes across all neighborhoods—not just less politically powerful ones. Proposals 1-4 are all laudable and well-considered. They should be put before voters in whatever form will maximize their impact.

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Name: McLean Cozine

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Charter Revision Commission, As a current Brooklyn resident, I am writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. We desperately need more housing, both affordable and market-rate. Proposals 1, 2, and 3 are excellent steps in speeding up the process to build this housing. They are measures that will slow the sharp increase in housing costs, allow both citizens and the city to more quickly and easily respond to housing and infrastructure needs, and ensure that development reflects citywide interests. Proposal 4's Digital City Map addresses these concerns as well. However, I believe that it goes beyond this to greatly reduce the amount of time and therefore money that all development will take in this city. It is also a commendable example of improving government services and updating them to reflect contemporary technology. Proposal 5 is a no-brainer to me. Increasing voter turnout, simplifying participation in our democratic processes, and saving money at the same time are all great goals. To that end, I believe that continuing with Proposal 6, open primaries, is also a good idea. Please put all six of these measures on the November ballot for the public to decide. Sincerely, McLean Cozine  
Brooklyn 11222

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Good evening, Commissioners,

My name is Rob Anglin. This my first time testifying but I'm moved to do so because I'm opposed to the Final-Four or "Top-Four" jungle primary for our New York City local elections.

I want to focus on a popular claim often made in support of this system:

that it leads to the election of more moderate, less polarized candidates. That claim is widely repeated, but not supported by the data.

Let's start with the theory: under a top-four or top-two system, all candidates appear on a single primary ballot regardless of party, and the top finishers advance to the general election—supposedly encouraging candidates to appeal to the "middle." But in practice, this has not happened.

In California, which implemented a top-two primary system in 2010 with the same theoretical goal, multiple peer-reviewed studies have found no evidence of increased moderation. A landmark 2016 study by political scientists Douglas Ahler, Jack Citrin, and Gabriel Lenz concluded that "California's top-two primary has not had a substantial effect on the ideological positions of elected officials." (Ahler et al., 2016, California Journal of Politics and Policy).

Likewise, a 2020 report by the Public Policy Institute of California found that legislators elected under top-two were no more moderate than their predecessors, and the system had done little to reduce party polarization in practice (PPIC, 2020).

The same is true in Alaska, where Final-Four voting was introduced in 2022. While some point to Senator Lisa Murkowski's reelection as proof of moderation, the reality is that Murkowski is a long-term incumbent with enormous name recognition, a unique brand, and deep financial

backing—not the product of Final-Four mechanics. There is no consistent trend in Alaska showing the election of more centrist candidates in either state legislative or congressional races. And one cycle of data in a state as politically and demographically distinct as Alaska should not be used to justify sweeping reform in New York City.

In fact, some research suggests that Final-Four and top-two systems may reduce ideological clarity for voters and lead to strategic gaming by well-funded candidates who can afford to court multiple blocs. This undermines transparency and makes it harder, not easier, for voters to hold officials accountable.

The real impact of these systems is often just the opposite of what's promised: more confusion, more big money, and no measurable moderation.

We don't need to replace a functioning, voter-backed system with an unproven one. There is no solid evidence that Final-Four jungle primaries lead to more moderate elected officials, and certainly not enough to justify a risky overhaul of how our city chooses its leaders.

Thank you

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Name: Jonathan Bloom

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Comments: Thank you Commission for the incredible work you are doing. I intended on giving my testimony over Zoom on February 24th, but of course the one moment I got called away by my 5-year old son was when I got called on to speak at the hearing! I did want to get my written testimony into the commission though, so please see attached. Thank you!

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## Jonathan Bloom Testimony for NYC CRC Hearing

Hello and thank you for this opportunity to testify today. My name is Jonathan Bloom, and I am a resident of my beloved New York City, and a registered voter, who has consistently voted in general elections. However, I am not registered to any organized political party, thus making me one of over 1 million independent voters in New York City. Due to closed partisan primaries, independent voters are disenfranchised in New York City and the best solution is to do away with partisan primaries and move toward a system of non-partisan primary elections.

In New York City, there is an estimated population of about 8.3 million people. Of that 8.3 million people, there are about 6 million eligible voters, and about 4.7 million active registered voters. As I mentioned, 1 million active registered voters are not registered to any political party, over 3 million are registered Democrats, and about half-a-million are registered Republicans. The 1 million independents do not have any say in who our candidates are in the general election. Which means that independents have had almost no say in our elected officials for over 15 years.

Since the 2009 mayoral election, no general election for New York City mayor has had a closer margin than 39%. The elections are decided in the partisan primaries, particularly the Democratic primaries. In 2021, about 800k people voted in the Democratic primary, which is the de facto general election in deciding who will be the leader of this great city. This constitutes less than 10% of the overall population, and only about 15% of active registered voters. In 2013, just 700k people voted in the Democratic primary, and in 2017, just about 400k people. It is crazy to have so few people deciding the elected officials of a city of 8.3 million, especially the most important city in the world. No American should have to be forced to actively become a registered member of a political party in order to have a voice in the democratic selection of our elected officials. It is time to do better and end the disenfranchisement of independent voters in New York City. Thank you.

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Name: David Pecoraro

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Comments: As an individual member of Community Board 13Q (not authorized to speak on behalf of the Board) and a lifelong NYC resident of 65 years, I must express my strong opposition to any ballot measure that seeks to weaken the community protections that Community Boards and Councilmember input currently have regarding the ULURP process. Last year, thanks to the input of our Board and local Civic Associations, Councilmember Selvena Brooks-Powers was able to introduce and pass meaningful amendments to the poorly planned City of Yes legislation that threatened the ecology and geology of our vulnerable Rosedale community, which is built on old marshland. These vital changes would not have been enacted had the proposed charter changes been in place at that time. Currently there is a plan to build a 12 story structure with 310 units (and only about 40 parking spots) in Queens Village. While the Board has not taken any position on the matter, the concerns for privacy of neighboring homeowners and the effect on the capacity of the nearby LIRR station, as well as local parking issues have all been ignored. While the goal of building truly affordable housing is laudable, the scope of this proposed building is well beyond the ability of this community to absorb. In addition, the building is far out of local



context and is more than twice as large as transit oriented development under the just passed City of Yes permits. Local input is not only logical but necessary if NYC is to claim to still be a true democracy. While I favor contextual proposals that include the Creedmore development, this project raises questions that must be addressed on the local level by the local Community Board (our closest layer of participatory governance) and our local City Council members. I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to reject this poorly planned revision to our City Charter. I urge the Commission in the strongest

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Comments: Redacted for privacy, Staten Island, NY 10307 Date: July 8, 2025 Opposition Letter to the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Re: Urgent Opposition to 2025 NYC Charter Changes – Protect Staten Island Homeowners’ Constitutional Rights and Community Input Dear Members of the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission, We, the residents of Staten Island, particularly in low-density communities like Tottenville on the South Shore, strongly oppose the proposed changes in the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Final Report. These changes threaten our quality of life, property rights, and constitutional protections under the Fifth Amendment, which states, “nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.” The proposed amendments, under the guise of promoting “fair and equitable housing,” falsely promise community empowerment while stripping taxpayers of their say, rendering the Mayor—the highest-ranking city official elected by the people of New York City—powerless, and risking violations of federal laws,

including the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), which mandates equal access to housing for all people. We demand the preservation of the current Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) to protect our neighborhoods and prevent costly lawsuits. Main reasons for opposition:

1. Overdevelopment with Large Buildings Without Community Input: The Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracking of housing projects could allow 45-foot-tall buildings next to single-family homes in low-density areas like Tottenville, with minimal community input. These towering structures would destroy our suburban character, block sunlight, and devalue properties by an estimated 5-10% (based on overdevelopment studies), prompting lawsuits under state property law for damages or Fourteenth Amendment due process violations due to unfair zoning processes. The current ULURP system ensures community oversight, preventing such drastic changes without resident consent.
2. Loss of Local Control Through the Land Use Appeals Board: The proposed Land Use Appeals Board, would replace the Mayor's veto power over City Council land use decisions, rendering the Mayor—the highest-ranking city official elected by all New Yorkers—powerless. This shift centralizes authority in a board that could override local opposition, silencing residents and local council members. This violates Fourteenth Amendment due process rights by denying homeowners a meaningful opportunity to be heard, risking federal civil rights lawsuits. The current ULURP system, with its balance of local and mayoral input, ensures fairness and must be preserved.
3. Financial Burdens and Property Tax Hikes: Larger landowners could face tax hikes of 10-20% due to reassessments from nearby developments, alongside pressure to sell for housing projects. This could lead to lawsuits claiming unfair taxation or violations of equal protection under federal law. The current ULURP system allows community input to mitigate such financial harms, protecting homeowners.
4. Flood Zone Property Takeovers Without Sufficient Say: In flood-prone areas like Tottenville, resiliency projects like voluntary flood buyouts could allow the city to acquire properties under the pretext of safety, with minimal homeowner input. The designation of small or undevelopable lots for government acquisition is arbitrary and violates protections against property takings under the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause, risking federal lawsuits for inadequate compensation or coerced consent. The current ULURP system ensures community involvement, safeguarding property rights.
5. Quality of Life Impacts and Lawsuits: Increased housing projects could bring more traffic, noise, and strain on local services like schools and parks, degrading Tottenville's suburban character and exacerbating flooding risks. These changes could devalue properties, fueling lawsuits under state law for damages from altered neighborhood aesthetics and functionality. The current ULURP system allows residents to challenge harmful projects.
6. Fair Housing Act: The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.) mandates equal access to housing for all people, not just specific groups. Rushed approvals of large housing projects could disproportionately harm existing homeowners by devaluing properties and altering community character, potentially violating the Act's equal access mandate and leading to claims of discriminatory impact. The current ULURP system ensures equitable consideration of all residents' concerns.

Case Scenarios: 45-Foot Buildings Towering Over Homes: A 45-foot apartment building next to your home could block sunlight, reduce views, and devalue your property by 5-10%, prompting lawsuits under state property law or Fourteenth Amendment due process violations for unfair zoning. Silencing the Mayor and Community: The Land Use Appeals

Board, by eliminating the Mayor's veto power, renders the city's highest elected official powerless and could approve large projects against community wishes, violating due process and sparking federal civil rights litigation. Skyrocketing Taxes and Forced Sales: Larger landowners could face tax hikes of 10-20% or pressure to sell for housing projects, leading to lawsuits for equal protection violations or unfair taxation. City Takeovers in Flood Zones: The city could arbitrarily designate small or undevelopable lots in Tottenville for acquisition, violating the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause and triggering federal lawsuits for lack of just compensation or due process. Overcrowding and Infrastructure Collapse: Increased density could overwhelm local services, worsen flooding, and reduce property values, fueling lawsuits for damages from unchecked development. Potential Federal Law and Civil Rights Violations These proposals at a minimum risk violating:

- Fifth Amendment (Takings Clause): Arbitrary acquisition of small/undevelopable lots in flood zones could constitute physical takings, requiring just compensation.
- Fifth Amendment (Due Process Clause): The Land Use Appeals Board's override of local opposition and elimination of the Mayor's veto power denies homeowners and the city's highest elected official due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Due Process Clause): Lack of meaningful community input violates procedural due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Equal Protection Clause): Disproportionate tax burdens on larger landowners could be deemed discriminatory.
- Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.): Rushed approvals could disproportionately harm existing homeowners, violating equal access mandates for all.

Why the Current System Works The current ULURP process empowers Staten Island residents, especially in Tottenville, through local council member deference and Community Board input. It aligns with the Fifth Amendment and Fair Housing Act, protecting property values and ensuring equal access to housing processes for all. The proposed changes falsely promise influence while centralizing power, risking federal lawsuits over devaluation and civil rights violations. We urge the Commission to reject these changes and preserve the current ULURP system. Sincerely,

Concerned Staten Islander

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Desiree Wharton-Roach, and I've lived in Brooklyn for over forty years. I am a proud voter who believes deeply in the power of inclusive democracy. I am opposed to the proposal to implement a so-called "jungle primary" system in New York City.

This system, which sounds neutral on paper, has real and harmful consequences in practice. When California and Washington State adopted jungle primaries, we saw Black, Brown, and working-class candidates squeezed out of general elections. The system favors the well-funded and well-known, not the grassroots candidates who reflect our communities and fight for our values.

In a city as diverse as ours, we need electoral systems that expand access and representation, not narrow it. Jungle primaries confuse voters and consolidate power in ways that will set back the progress we've made in engaging underrepresented communities. We already saw the confusion created by ranked-choice voting in 2021, especially in Black communities and particularly older Black people who are the backbone of the Democratic Party. Now, without real public education or meaningful community consultation, you are preparing to put another complicated system on the ballot? That is unacceptable.

If the goal is to fix voter turnout or reduce polarization, let's do the real work: invest in civic education, multilingual outreach, and voting infrastructure. Don't short-circuit democracy with a shortcut that will ultimately silence New Yorkers like me and my neighbors.

This proposal is about making it easier for the powerful to stay in power.. The Commission must not move forward with this. Instead, deepen your engagement with the communities you claim to serve.

Regards,

Desiree Roach

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Kim Gerbino

Date: July 8, 2025

Opposition Letter to the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission

Re: Urgent Opposition to 2025 NYC Charter Changes – Protect Staten Island Homeowners’ Constitutional Rights and Community Input

Dear Members of the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission,  
We, the residents of Staten Island, particularly in low-density communities like Tottenville on the South Shore, strongly oppose the proposed changes in the

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The proposed Land Use Appeals Board, would replace the Mayor’s veto power over City Council land use decisions, rendering the Mayor—the highest-ranking city official—powerless.
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Larger landowners could face tax hikes of 10-20% due to reassessments from nearby developments, alongside pressure to sell for housing projects. This could disproportionately harm existing homeowners.
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In flood-prone areas like Tottenville, resiliency projects like voluntary flood buyouts could allow the city to acquire properties under the pretext of safety or flood risk reduction.
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The Land Use Appeals Board, by eliminating the Mayor’s veto power, renders the city’s highest elected official powerless and could approve large projects without community input.  
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Larger landowners could face tax hikes of 10-20% or pressure to sell for housing projects, leading to lawsuits for equal protection violations or unfair takings.

**City Takeovers in Flood Zones:**  
The city could arbitrarily designate small or undevelopable lots in Tottenville for acquisition, violating the Fifth Amendment’s Takings Clause and triggering lawsuits.

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Potential Federal Law and Civil Rights Violations

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The current ULURP process empowers Staten Island residents, especially in Tottenville, through local council member deference and Community Board input. It ensures community input is heard and considered.

We urge the Commission to reject these changes and preserve the current ULURP system.

Sincerely,  
Kim Gerbino  
Concerned Staten Islander



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Veronica Yurovsky

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I'm writing to enthusiastically support the land-use reform proposals put forth by the commission. Our city's housing shortage is dire, and simplifying the process of building more housing would go a long way to help ease the financial burden of many residents. City of Yes and City for all are great, but every bit helps. I'm especially excited about the establishment of the land-use appeals board. For too long, new housing was denied in many neighborhoods due to member deference. I hope that this board would take a wider, more objective, look at the problem and push through new housing despite local opposition, which rarely represents anyone but the well-off property owners and their interests. Hope you approve all of these measures!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Diana Marolla

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Redacted for privacy, Staten Island, NY 10307 Date: July 8, 2025 Opposition Letter to the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Re: Urgent Opposition to 2025 NYC Charter Changes – Protect Staten Island Homeowners’ Constitutional Rights and Community Input Dear Members of the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission, We, the residents of Staten Island, particularly in low-density communities like Tottenville on the South Shore, strongly oppose the proposed changes in the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Final Report. These changes threaten our quality of life, property rights, and constitutional protections under the Fifth Amendment, which states, “nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.” The proposed amendments, under the guise of promoting “fair and equitable housing,” falsely promise community empowerment while stripping taxpayers of their say, rendering the Mayor—the highest-ranking city official elected by the people of New York City—powerless, and risking violations of federal laws,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rebecca Schick

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: This interim report shows that the Commission is listening to New Yorkers. I'm thrilled the city is exploring proven methods to make it faster and easier to build more housing, especially in the places that have said "no" to new housing for \*decades\*. The city is experiencing its worst housing shortage in 50 years, and our government lacks the necessary tools to address the worsening housing emergency. I believe these charter reforms would make a difference. The recent passing of "City of Yes" and "City for All" plans were important steps in the right direction (hopefully FBAHA is next!), but they are by no means enough to get us out of the housing shortage. I believe in the power of these proposals to attack our housing crisis head-on. I'm especially excited about "simplifying the review of modest housing and infrastructure" — let's be a city that makes it easier to BUILD housing for people who need it. With all of the technology at our fingertips, we should be able to gain consensus and move forward in a far more rapid pace than the onerous requirements and slow timelines projects currently face. Thank you for listening to your constituents.

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Name: Kerry Sprague

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Date: July 8, 2025 Opposition Letter to the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission  
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To the Members of the NYC Charter Revision Commission,

My name is James Blain, and I am a resident of Brooklyn and a lifelong Democrat. I am opposed to your considering open primaries for New York City local elections.

This system, where all candidates run in one primary regardless of party and only the top two vote-getters advance, may sound fair in theory, but it is deeply flawed in practice. Open primaries will distort representation in a city where communities of color and working-class voters are still fighting for a meaningful voice in our democracy.

We have seen how this system plays out in other states. In California and Washington, it has led to general elections without a single candidate from the dominant political party in a given community, effectively disenfranchising large segments of voters. Worse, it creates an environment where money and name recognition matter more than community roots or progressive vision. We just had a mayoral election where one candidate tried to buy the election. We don't want any more of this.

Instead of increasing voter participation, jungle primaries can lead to voter confusion and disengagement. New York is a city of over 8.5 million people who speak over 300 languages. What works in Alaska will not work here.

Please reject the open primary proposal. NYC deserves better.

Sincerely,

James Blain

Brooklyn, NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Community Board 3, Manhattan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Please find the attached resolution with testimony passed by Manhattan Community Board 3 in June 2025. Please contact the community board office with any questions. Thank you, Orin James Assistant District Manager Community Board 3, Manhattan 59 East 4th Street 212-533-5300 x205

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June 26, 2025

Richard R. Buery Jr., Chair  
New York City Charter Revision Commission

Dear Charter Revision Commission,

At the June 2025 Full Board Meeting, Community Board 3 passed the following resolution

**TITLE: Community Board 3 support for certain issues considered for Charter Revision including support for new tools to prevent displacement and unlock housing development, preserve community boards' limited ability to provide input, consideration of member deference that does not dilute CB input, support efforts to streamline the contractor payment processes, and consideration of any proposal that might increase voter turnout**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Eric Adams convened the NYC Charter Revision Commission ("MCRC") and Council Speaker Adrienne Adams convened the NYC Commission to Strengthen Local Democracy, which are both reviewing the New York City Charter and have each released preliminary reports outlining areas they may explore further as they continue their work; and

**WHEREAS**, both commissions are continuing their review processes, with further updates and recommendations expected later this year and the MCRC is explicitly seeking public comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the commissions appear to be exploring the possibility of reforms pertaining to land use, elections, and city agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCRC discusses possible changes to fast-track the Universal Land Use Review Process (ULURP) to reduce costs and facilitate certain types of development; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCRC introduces the idea of different levels of review: large projects take one path, small projects take another with the intention of providing opportunities for more smaller rezonings; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCRC also suggests streamlining the review of "categorically beneficial projects," like, 100% affordable housing, but fails to provide clarity on the criteria for determining what is considered a categorically beneficial project; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCRC introduces the concept of a "zoning administrator" office, which was already mentioned in the charter but has not been implemented, as the mechanism to review

projects that qualify for "fast-track" treatment that are small, crucial, and categorically beneficial; and

**WHEREAS** the MCRC proposes the creation of a different review procedure for housing developments in districts that fail to meet Fair Housing targets. The city will set housing development goals as part of Fair Housing efforts and a Fair Housing Framework that will set housing targets by Community District; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCRC is proposing to amend the roles played within the ULURP process, including, the role of community board, and the role of officials, like the Borough President, and the Speaker of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the most common recommendation has been to consolidate the advisory portions of ULURP — that is, Community Board, Borough President, and, when applicable, Borough Board — into a single review period. This suggestion would preserve an advisory role for the Community Board and Borough President but could save meaningful time. Today, the Community Board review period is generally 60 days and Borough President and Borough Board review add another 30 days. Consolidation could thus reduce the overall review period from 90 days to 60; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCRC suggests a new process for zoning changes related to Climate/Infrastructure and another process for public land disposition as "ULURP's "one-size-fits-all" procedure with the intention of having the City spend scarce time and resources on exceedingly modest changes"; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a recommendation to streamline disposition to activate public land for affordable housing and other uses the city have hundreds of properties that are tiny, sometimes inches wide and to dispose of them, the City must go through ULURP. There is already a precedent for special disposition processes such as DSBS's maritime dependent lease provision that are deployed for other public benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCRC described the idea that certain zoning changes would not have a full ULURP but would instead go to the Zoning Administrator office. This new mechanism would replace some land use and Board of Standards and Appeals action, but the report has no detail on if and how this role would impact Community Board input on these actions. It is unclear whether CBs would still see these applications and whether the Zoning Administrator would hold hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCRC includes language on "elevating citywide needs" in land use processes, which suggests a Citywide plan but does not explicitly call for one. The commission examines imposing "Fair Share" housing requirements using models from other jurisdictions, such as California, Oregon, and New Jersey. The commission also examines how capital planning processes set out in the Charter may need to change to ensure investments in infrastructure, transportation, and neighborhood amenities are made in concert with new housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCRC suggests the allocation of additional funding as well as DCP staffing to support the development of community 197A plans but does not describe a mechanism by which those plans would be incorporated into actionable plans from city agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCRC identifies "Member Deference" as a barrier to development in certain areas and to balancing citywide versus local priorities. Member deference is a City Council convention and not a Charter-mandated process and there are no specific recommendations for a Charter amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the tradition of "member deference" in the city council allows members to block more needed housing in their districts, especially in wealthier neighborhoods, and the lack of affordable housing is a city wide issue and every district must do its part to contribute new housing to bring down costs; and

**WHEREAS**, contrary to the MCRC's report, Community Board 3's ("CB3") has seen benefits to member deference (such as permanently affordable housing in Essex Market and two stages for the East Side Coastal Resiliency) as councilmembers are the first layer of government that most communities and community boards have access to, and who are more likely to listen to the community than large, monied interests, and

**WHEREAS**, the local community and community board is likely to have a better idea about what the impact of projects will be and are in a better position to be able to bring attention to defects with plans or suggest alternatives to those plans,

**WHEREAS**, the MCRC is recommending changes to the process for modernizing the city map by centralizing its management from borough presidents' office to the Department of City Planning ("DCP"), digitizing the city map, and other minor actions; and

**WHEREAS**, consistently CB3's district needs includes the need for more affordable housing production and preservation as a major challenge for the district and states that "unnecessary administrative and bureaucratic roadblocks in the approval process are some of the largest financial costs in building new affordable homes, which often renders desirable projects financially unfeasible"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Revision Commissions has deemed it important to consider several possible changes to the City's Election process in order to increase and improve voter turnout; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is also looking into the impact on voter turnout should the city switch to Open Primaries. Currently NYC has "Closed Primaries" which means voters must be enrolled as members of a political party to vote in that party's primary election. New York State also has closed primaries; and

**WHEREAS**, NYC has almost one million unaffiliated voters who cannot vote in party primaries and it is posited that opening our primaries may increase voter turnout; and

**WHEREAS**, several past charter commissions have considered whether to implement open primaries and the various ways to do so, including considering a two top system, where the two top vote getters in the primary election ran for mayor in the general election, however that proposal was overwhelmingly rejected by NYC voters in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, over time NYC voter participation has declined, in the 1970s and 1980s participation was at 50% but registered voter turnout has not exceeded 40% in a mayoral election since 2001 and has been below 30% in every mayoral election since 2009, and in 2021, just 23% of NYC registered voters participated in the general election; and

**WHEREAS**, good government groups say that moving NYC elections to even years would increase voter participation<sup>1</sup> and allow younger voters and voters of color, especially Latino communities, to be better represented in high-turnout, even-year elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCRC has deemed it important to consider several possible changes to NYC's election process to increase and improve voter turnout; and

**WHEREAS**, one possible change would be shifting city elections from odd years to even years, which would guarantee that state elections and city elections would occur at the same times. Additionally, it could also allow city elections to be held at the same time as presidential elections; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have shown that voter participation is increased when citywide elections are held at the same time as other elections and that voter turnout is higher in traditionally marginalize electorates including voters of color; and

**WHEREAS**, holding city elections at the same time as state elections could save as much as \$42 million every two years; and

**WHEREAS**, holding state elections and city elections in even years could help eliminate special elections to fill vacated seats, where candidates would be forced to indicate which seat they chose to contest rather than holding on to their current seat and, should they win a new position, then cause a special election to fill their former position; and

**WHEREAS**, the commission should thoroughly consider how best to implement the shift to even year elections, considering the numerous impacts of voter drop off; and

**WHEREAS**, NYC relied on non-profit service providers to fulfill its stated mission and deliver public services; and

**WHEREAS**, NYC has consistently struggled to fulfill its own contractual obligations to these non-profits including delays in contract execution and registration and crucially the delivery of payments, leading to financial hardships on the part of the non-profits and in turn a decreased ability of these non-profits to deliver the services they have been contracted to provide; and

**WHEREAS**, closed primaries are becoming an increasing area of concern in New York as the number of unaffiliated voters grows<sup>2</sup>; and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.commoncause.org/new-york/press/common-cause-ny-on-gov-hochuls-state-of-the-state/>;  
<https://citizensunion.org/portfolio-item/cu-report-moving-municipal-elections-to-even-numbered-years/#:~:text=A%20key%20reason%20for%20low,held%20in%20even%2Dnumbered%20years.>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.commoncause.org/new-york/resources/independent-state-of-mind-the-rise-of-new-yorks-unaffiliated-voters/>

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** New York City has a housing crisis and needs new tools to prevent displacement and unlock housing in communities that don't produce enough, particularly tools for projects that include affordable housing, and not allowing sites chosen for housing developments to be inequitably changed to a different community district; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** this committee is adamant about preserving the already limited ability of the community boards to provide input and is not open to proposals that seek to affect the process of member deference because it would dilute community boards' ability to provide input; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** CB3 supports the MCRC efforts to streamline the contractor payment processes, including the contracting portals, to support the city meeting its obligations on a more timely basis; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the commission should consider any proposal that might increase voter turnout and participation including the commission's recommendation that NYC elections be moved to even election years and that primaries be open to everyone regardless of party affiliation to ensure free and fair elections and should support additional proposals for equitable participation in NYC elections not contemplated by MCRC.

That Community Board 3 encourages the charter commission to continue to consider and evaluate any proposals that might increase voter turnout and participation, including that New York City elections be moved to even years and that primaries be open to everyone regardless of party affiliation, in order to ensure free and fair elections but that Community Board 3 takes no position on these proposals at this time.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Community Board 3** is opposed to the concurrent review period of the Borough President and Community Board in order to preserve the Community Board's ability to comment prior to the Borough President taking action.

Please see the attached supplemental materials and contact the community board office with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Gordillo, Chair  
Community Board 3

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Damaris Reyes, Chair  
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Andrea Gordillo, Board Chair

Susan Stetzer, District Manager

July 7, 2025

New York City Charter Revision Public Hearing;

My name is Susan Stetzer, and I am District Manager for Manhattan Community Board 3. I am representing the Board. CB 3 voted on a lengthy resolution which I am submitting along with a written copy of this summary.

CB 3 takes its ULURP responsibility very seriously in hearing from the community at a public hearing and in our deliberations on the overall benefit to the community. Our # 1 priority for many years has been affordable housing—not just housing in general. Therefore, there are times when the City or a developer might want a ULURP rushed through but CB3 has successfully negotiated with City or developer, often with support from the council member, more deeply affordable units or increase in number of units. This is not only CB 3, I have heard of other CBs being labeled as nimby for not rubberstamping approval of housing when they are trying to get the developer or City to invest in more affordable housing. There are times when CBs can be nimby—but let's not throw out the hard work of all CBs. CB 3 has voted very clearly to not limit the CB voice in our already limited input for planning for our community.

CB 3 agrees that the timeline can be improved for ULURPS—but the great length of time is required before it comes to the CB. There should be an effort from the City to consider how the requirements pre-ULURP, which can take over a year, can be streamlined. Our District Needs Statement says “unnecessary and administrative and bureaucratic roadblocks in the approval process are some of the largest financial costs in building new affordable homes”. This also applies to the timeline and was reported to us by one of our affordable housing developers. We specifically do not approve of the concurrent review by CBs and the Borough Presidents. The point of the CBs is to hear from the community through the CB regarding the ULURP before the BP makes a decision. This would further limit CB / community voice.

Member deference is not in the Charter—it is a tradition that is not set in stone. CB 3 believes that member deference gives added weight to our very limited voice. Council members know their communities and the CBs have access to council members for ULURPS. We have found that our advisory role has added weight because of council member deference, which gives them power in negotiating. An example is the permanently affordable housing we have at Essex Crossing instead of limited number of years—which was a deal breaker for Council member Margaret Chin at the time. Another example is having the reconstruction of our waterfront in two phases thanks to negotiation by our Council Member Carlina Rivera. Again, don't throw out our dedication and work for our community because of a some problems that do not outweigh the benefit to our communities.

Communiy Board 3 supports efforts to streamline the contractor payment process. CB 3 also supports efforts to increase voter participation but takes no position at this time.

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Comments: Lois Schwartz Redacted for privacy, Staten Island, NY 10307 Date: July 8, 2025  
Opposition Letter to the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Re: Urgent Opposition to 2025  
NYC Charter Changes – Protect Staten Island Homeowners’ Constitutional Rights and Community  
Input Dear Members of the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission, We, the residents of Staten  
Island, particularly in low-density communities like Tottenville on the South Shore, strongly  
oppose the proposed changes in the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Final Report. These  
changes threaten our quality of life, property rights, and constitutional protections under the Fifth  
Amendment, which states, “nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of  
law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.” The proposed  
amendments, under the guise of promoting “fair and equitable housing,” falsely promise  
community empowerment while stripping taxpayers of their say, rendering the Mayor—the  
highest-ranking city official elected by the people of New York City—powerless, and risking

violations of federal laws, including the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), which mandates equal access to housing for all people. We demand the preservation of the current Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) to protect our neighborhoods and prevent costly lawsuits. Main reasons for opposition:

1. Overdevelopment with Large Buildings Without Community Input: The Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracking of housing projects could allow 45-foot-tall buildings next to single-family homes in low-density areas like Tottenville, with minimal community input. These towering structures would destroy our suburban character, block sunlight, and devalue properties by an estimated 5-10% (based on overdevelopment studies), prompting lawsuits under state property law for damages or Fourteenth Amendment due process violations due to unfair zoning processes. The current ULURP system ensures community oversight, preventing such drastic changes without resident consent.
2. Loss of Local Control Through the Land Use Appeals Board: The proposed Land Use Appeals Board, would replace the Mayor's veto power over City Council land use decisions, rendering the Mayor—the highest-ranking city official elected by all New Yorkers—powerless. This shift centralizes authority in a board that could override local opposition, silencing residents and local council members. This violates Fourteenth Amendment due process rights by denying homeowners a meaningful opportunity to be heard, risking federal civil rights lawsuits. The current ULURP system, with its balance of local and mayoral input, ensures fairness and must be preserved.
3. Financial Burdens and Property Tax Hikes: Larger landowners could face tax hikes of 10-20% due to reassessments from nearby developments, alongside pressure to sell for housing projects. This could lead to lawsuits claiming unfair taxation or violations of equal protection under federal law. The current ULURP system allows community input to mitigate such financial harms, protecting homeowners.
4. Flood Zone Property Takeovers Without Sufficient Say: In flood-prone areas like Tottenville, resiliency projects like voluntary flood buyouts could allow the city to acquire properties under the pretext of safety, with minimal homeowner input. The designation of small or undevelopable lots for government acquisition is arbitrary and violates protections against property takings under the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause, risking federal lawsuits for inadequate compensation or coerced consent. The current ULURP system ensures community involvement, safeguarding property rights.
5. Quality of Life Impacts and Lawsuits: Increased housing projects could bring more traffic, noise, and strain on local services like schools and parks, degrading Tottenville's suburban character and exacerbating flooding risks. These changes could devalue properties, fueling lawsuits under state law for damages from altered neighborhood aesthetics and functionality. The current ULURP system allows residents to challenge harmful projects.
6. Fair Housing Act: The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.) mandates equal access to housing for all people, not just specific groups. Rushed approvals of large housing projects could disproportionately harm existing homeowners by devaluing properties and altering community character, potentially violating the Act's equal access mandate and leading to claims of discriminatory impact. The current ULURP system ensures equitable consideration of all residents' concerns.

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- Fifth Amendment (Takings Clause): Arbitrary acquisition of small/undevelopable lots in flood zones could constitute physical takings, requiring just compensation.
- Fifth Amendment (Due Process Clause): The Land Use Appeals Board's override of local opposition and elimination of the Mayor's veto power denies homeowners and the city's highest elected official due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Due Process Clause): Lack of meaningful community input violates procedural due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Equal Protection Clause): Disproportionate tax burdens on larger landowners could be deemed discriminatory.
- Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.): Rushed approvals could disproportionately harm existing homeowners, violating equal access mandates for all.

Why the Current System Works The current ULURP process empowers Staten Island residents, especially in Tottenville, through local council member deference and Community Board input. It aligns with the Fifth Amendment and Fair Housing Act, protecting property values and ensuring equal access to housing processes for all. The proposed changes falsely promise influence while centralizing power, risking federal lawsuits over devaluation and civil rights violations. We urge the Commission to reject these changes and preserve the current ULURP system. Sincerely, Lois Schwartz Concerned Staten Islander

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Good evening, Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Marcos Descalzi, and today I am representing myself as a New Yorker.

I am here to express my very strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. The public has not been adequately informed or engaged, and should have been for a change of this magnitude. Such a change should come only after a robust, charter revision process—one that includes multilingual education campaigns, community listening sessions, expert testimony from across the political spectrum, and an extended deliberation period. What we have instead is a rushed proposal, with little explanation, little data, and little outreach—especially to voters in the communities most likely to be harmed. We've seen how rushed reforms, however well-intentioned, can backfire when voters don't understand what's at stake. Imposing a fundamental redesign of our elections without clear public demand or broad-based consent is not just misguided—it is undemocratic.

This process undermines faith in the democratic system itself, one that I have believed in my entire life! It sends the message that our election rules can be rewritten from the top down, without the kind of transparency and accountability that is the bedrock of our democracy. That is a dangerous precedent—especially in a moment when trust in democratic institutions is already so fragile.

This is not just a technical adjustment as it is being promoted. No, It is a wholesale change to the way we New Yorkers would select our leaders—one that would upend more than a century of party-based democracy in our city. It is, in short, an enormous decision—and it is being considered through an inappropriate and secret process - secret because there has been very little public information given to us, the citizens of New York.

First, this Commission has done only limited work to engage impacted communities in this consequential electoral reform process. The Charter Revision Commission was convened to focus on improving one of the most serious questions New Yorkers have to deal with - the availability of affordable housing. There has been no serious public demand for a jungle primary system. Instead, the actors who want this kind of election system across the country took advantage of this moment to insert their political agenda. There has been no movement, no mass mobilization, no crisis calling for its adoption. Yet here we are, debating whether to remove voters' ability (my ability) to shape our political future through party-based organizing. That's not reform—it's overreach by a small group.

Second, the public has not been adequately informed or engaged. This is a serious weakness - but then, perhaps that is purposeful! A change of this magnitude should come only after a robust, charter revision process—one that includes multilingual education campaigns, community listening sessions, expert testimony from across the political spectrum, and an extended deliberation period. What we have instead is a rushed proposal, with little explanation, little data, and little outreach—especially to voters in the communities most likely to be harmed. We've seen how rushed reforms, however well-intentioned, can backfire when voters don't understand what's at stake. Imposing a fundamental redesign of our elections without clear public demand or broad-based consent is not just misguided—it is undemocratic. And again, it appears to be purposeful!

Third, this process undermines faith in the democratic system itself. It sends the message that our election rules can be rewritten from the top down, without the kind of transparency and accountability that is the bedrock of our democracy. That's a dangerous precedent—especially in a moment when trust in democratic institutions is already fragile.

There are ways to improve democracy in this city. But these start with listening to many people by garnering input across the board—not bypassing us.

For these reasons, and many others which I am not addressing here, I strongly urge the Commission to reject any effort to advance a jungle primary system, and to commit instead to a public process rooted in transparency, equity, and community voice.

Thank you for your attention on this matter,

Marcos Descalzi

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[EXTERNAL] The Danger of Voter Disenfranchisement

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Hello Commissioners,

One of the most underappreciated functions of political parties is risk management for voters. By selecting a candidate with a party label, a voter is not just choosing an individual; they are choosing a known entity with a public track record and a stated platform. This reduces the risk of electing a complete unknown with no clear allegiances or principles. It provides a baseline of accountability. Without parties, every election would be a high-stakes gamble on individual personalities, making our political system far more volatile and unpredictable.

Thank you,

Amy Pinilla

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Unpopular Choice: Jungle Primaries

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Commissioners,

I'm here to highlight that jungle primaries are unpopular with voters, and they've rejected them consistently. These reforms are ineffective at achieving their stated goals. Last year, this was on the ballot in six states – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota – and it failed in every single one. This is a clear signal that voters, across the political spectrum, understand the value of political parties. Don't waste our time and money on a proposition that's already been dismissed. If you want to increase voter turnout, stick with what's proven to work: even-year elections.

- Kristy Bar



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Comments: Redacted for privacy, Staten Island, NY 10307 Date: July 8, 2025 Opposition Letter to the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Re: Urgent Opposition to 2025 NYC Charter Changes - Protect Staten Island Homeowners' Constitutional Rights and Community Input Dear Members of the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission, We, the residents of Staten Island, particularly in low-density communities like Tottenville on the South Shore, strongly oppose the proposed changes in the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Final Report. These changes threaten our quality of life, property rights, and constitutional protections under the Fifth Amendment, which

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Dear Charter Revision Commission,

My name is Kali, and I am 25 years old. I reside in Brooklyn. I was proud to participate in the recent Democratic primary, particularly in supporting candidates such as Zohran Mamdani. He advocates for our communities, not merely special interests.

However, just a few weeks after Zohran beat the political establishment, you are once again proposing a comprehensive overhaul of the voting system. This proposal appears to be a form of retaliation. Jungle primaries would exacerbate the challenges faced by progressive candidates, particularly those supported by young people, immigrants, and working-class communities.

While you assert that jungle primaries will enhance voter turnout, this claim is factually inaccurate. In California, where this system has been implemented for over a decade, voter participation has not experienced a positive trajectory. I have conducted research to substantiate this claim. A 2022 report from the Public Policy Institute of California revealed that voter participation in top-two primaries remained low and uneven, with younger voters and communities of color disproportionately underrepresented. Even the Government of California's historical voter participation data corroborates this observation.

Unaffiliated voters are fickle. Many have lost confidence in our government, leading them to register as independents. Even in states with open primaries, they do not turn out to vote.

Therefore, I pose a question: what is the underlying motivation behind your consideration of this proposal? Are you attempting to penalize us for supporting Mamdani? Do not punish us for exercising our civic responsibilities. Do not silence our voices simply because we did not align our votes with the preferences of the establishment. I urge you to vote against jungle primaries.

Best,

Kali Blain

Brooklyn, NY



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[EXTERNAL] Open Primaries: Zero Impact on NYC Voter Rolls

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To Whom It May Concern,

I want to express my strong opposition to jungle primaries as a solution for NY's low voter turnout problem. We must base our policy decisions on what the data tells us, not on hopeful but ultimately unsubstantiated claims.

The factual evidence from states where jungle primaries have been implemented shows they do not boost participation, as evidenced by Alaska, which has jungle primaries and had the lowest turnout of any state in the entire country last year! The 2024 primary election saw alarmingly low turnout, ranking among the lowest in half a century.

This outcome decisively points to the conclusion that just changing who can vote in what primary has little to no impact on encouraging greater voter participation. We need to recognize that this new system doesn't automatically guarantee high turnout and that other, more direct methods are far more effective ways of encouraging every voter to make their voice heard during elections.

Thanks,

Daniel Langenbucher

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Thank you,  
Mel Friedman

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To the Commission:

As a New Yorker galvanized by the 2016 election, I helped found an Indivisible chapter in Harlem. From 2017 on, our work has included not only petitioning and canvassing but broader voter engagement with issues and with the processes that keep our democracy healthy.

In 2021, it was obvious that the voters we were speaking with in advance of the mayoral primary were unfamiliar with Ranked Choice Voting and had a lot of questions about how it worked. In 2025, it was immediately obvious to us that the vast majority of voters we spoke with on the streets, in farmer's markets, and at subway stops had grown familiar and comfortable with Ranked Choice Voting and its advantages, and were eager to participate in the process.

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With this kind of embrace of Ranked Choice Voting, it's easy to see why a sudden change to the process would sow not only confusion but also mistrust in the democratic process. The introduction of such a proposal after a primary such a wide swath of the electorate engaged with - by a commission originally convened to address housing proposals, and with insufficient demonstrated need, research, or public engagement - will raise entirely reasonable suspicion about what special interests the commission may be responding to.

For these reasons and many others, I urge the Commission to reject any effort to advance a

jungle primary system in New York City and to commit itself instead to a public process rooted in transparency and response to express community needs.

Thank you.

Rebecca Saletan

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[EXTERNAL] The Consensus is Clear: No Jungle Primaries

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ATTN Commissioners:

I am strongly opposed to and advise against any consideration of jungle primaries. Voters have consistently demonstrated their opposition to these reforms, proving their ineffectiveness and unpopularity. Last year, the proposal was on the ballot in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota, and it failed in all six. This speaks volumes about voters' understanding of the value of political parties in our system. This commission should not waste public resources on a proposition that has already been so decisively dismissed. If the true goal is to increase voter turnout, stick with what is proven to work: even-year elections.

Sincerely,

Deane Norton



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[EXTERNAL] A Clear Public Stance: No Jungle Primaries

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I'm deeply concerned about the push for jungle primaries. From what I've seen, these reforms are consistently unpopular with voters, and it's not hard to understand why. Last year, the concept was on the ballot in six states – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota – and it failed in every single one. This wasn't a partisan issue; it was rejected across the board, in red states, blue states, and purple states. It shows that voters, regardless of their ideology, understand the vital role political parties play in candidate selection. This commission should pay attention to these clear signals. Don't waste our time and money on a proposition that's already been resoundingly rejected. If the goal is truly to increase voter turnout, stick to what works: even-year elections.

Sincerely,

Patricia Coughlin

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Eve Crenovich

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4. Flood Zone Property Takeovers Without Sufficient Say: In flood-prone areas like Tottenville, resiliency projects like voluntary flood buyouts could allow the city to acquire properties under the pretext of safety, with minimal homeowner input. The designation of small or undevelopable lots for government acquisition is arbitrary and violates protections against property takings under the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause, risking federal lawsuits for inadequate compensation or coerced consent. The current ULURP system ensures community involvement, safeguarding property rights.
5. Quality of Life Impacts and Lawsuits: Increased housing projects could bring more traffic, noise, and strain on local services like schools and parks, degrading Tottenville's suburban character and exacerbating flooding risks. These changes could devalue properties, fueling lawsuits under state law for damages from altered neighborhood aesthetics and functionality. The current ULURP system allows residents to challenge harmful projects.
6. Fair Housing Act: The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.) mandates equal access to housing for all people, not just specific groups. Rushed approvals of large housing projects could disproportionately harm existing homeowners by devaluing properties and altering community character, potentially violating the Act's equal access mandate and leading to claims of discriminatory impact. The current ULURP system ensures equitable consideration of all residents' concerns.

Case Scenarios: 45-Foot Buildings Towering Over Homes: A 45-foot apartment building next to your home could block sunlight, reduce views, and devalue your property by 5-10%, prompting lawsuits under state property law or Fourteenth Amendment due process violations for unfair zoning. Silencing the Mayor and Community: The Land Use Appeals Board, by eliminating the Mayor's veto power,

renders the city's highest elected official powerless and could approve large projects against community wishes, violating due process and sparking federal civil rights litigation. Skyrocketing Taxes and Forced Sales: Larger landowners could face tax hikes of 10-20% or pressure to sell for housing projects, leading to lawsuits for equal protection violations or unfair taxation. City Takeovers in Flood Zones: The city could arbitrarily designate small or undevelopable lots in Tottenville for acquisition, violating the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause and triggering federal lawsuits for lack of just compensation or due process. Overcrowding and Infrastructure Collapse: Increased density could overwhelm local services, worsen flooding, and reduce property values, fueling lawsuits for damages from unchecked development. Potential Federal Law and Civil Rights Violations These proposals at a minimum risk violating:

- Fifth Amendment (Takings Clause): Arbitrary acquisition of small/undevelopable lots in flood zones could constitute physical takings, requiring just compensation.
- Fifth Amendment (Due Process Clause): The Land Use Appeals Board's override of local opposition and elimination of the Mayor's veto power denies homeowners and the city's highest elected official due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Due Process Clause): Lack of meaningful community input violates procedural due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Equal Protection Clause): Disproportionate tax burdens on larger landowners could be deemed discriminatory.
- Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.): Rushed approvals could disproportionately harm existing homeowners, violating equal access mandates for all.

Why the Current System Works The current ULURP process empowers Staten Island residents, especially in Tottenville, through local council member deference and Community Board input. It aligns with the Fifth Amendment and Fair Housing Act, protecting property values and ensuring equal access to housing processes for all. The proposed changes falsely promise influence while centralizing power, risking federal lawsuits over devaluation and civil rights violations. We urge the Commission to reject these changes and preserve the current ULURP system. Mike Caldera Concerned Staten Islander

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[EXTERNAL] Focus on Election Consolidation

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Hello Commissioners,

It's imperative that New Yorkers be given adequate time to adjust to the Ranked-Choice Voting system, passed in 2019, before we contemplate further reforms. The benefits of RCV can only be realized if voters understand and trust the process. Introducing "Jungle Primaries" now would disrupt that crucial period of adaptation, signaling that electoral rules are arbitrary. This instability is antithetical to encouraging consistent voter engagement.

Please give RCV a chance.

-- Šime Viduka

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[EXTERNAL] Preserve the Role of Political Parties

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Commissioners,

Please consider this a formal objection to any proposal involving jungle primaries. This is a system that has been tested and has been found wanting by the electorate. The six-state sweep of defeats last year is a clear indication of its unpopularity. Voters in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota have sent a message. They value the existing primary system. This commission should heed that message and focus on reforms that have a real chance of making a positive impact, such as consolidating elections in even years.

- Corey Mcdade

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[EXTERNAL] The Organizing Principle of Turnout

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Commissioners,

The human element is crucial to increasing voter turnout, not just mechanical adjustments. It's a clear finding that jungle primaries fail to increase participation; they are not the solution we need. Instead, the most reliable way to boost turnout is to shift to even-year primaries. Critically, the power of labor, community, and political organizations in mobilizing the electorate is immense. They possess the dedication and infrastructure to conduct the most effective forms of voter engagement: canvassing and direct member-to-member contact. Numerous studies have confirmed how these personal interactions are key drivers of participation. The underlying motivation behind attempts to diminish the power or self-determination of organized groups, such as political parties, seems to be to suppress, not increase, turnout. If we want a more vibrant and engaged electorate, we need these organized entities to flourish and participate robustly within the system.

Thanks,

Maria Ordoñez



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[EXTERNAL] A Defense of the Party System

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Hey,

The link between member-driven candidate selection and voter turnout is undeniable. A party that empowers its grassroots to choose its champions will always have a more energized and motivated base. The feeling of investment that comes from participating in the nomination process is a powerful catalyst for political action. It transforms passive supporters into active campaigners. Any electoral reform that seeks to weaken this link, under the guise of "opening up" the process, risks dampening the very enthusiasm that drives democratic participation and fuels vibrant campaigns.

Sincerely,

Mahtab Khan

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Name: Emily Meagher

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I am a New York City resident writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects, especially clean energy installations such as solar panels and battery storage systems. Climate change is already impacting our city with more extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. That’s why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. Particularly, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers by speeding up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I

urge the Commission to ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Emily Meagher Brooklyn, NY

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Name: Sarah Scaffidi

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker and advocate for climate resilience, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects - especially solar systems and battery energy storage. With the federal government's hostility towards renewable energy, we as a city will need to work even harder to support solar energy. This will set us up for clean and affordable energy, which we need desperately. Climate change is already impacting our city with more extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or

vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers by speeding up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge the Commission to ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Let's not let red tape stand in the way of climate action. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Sarah Scaffidi Brooklyn, NY

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[EXTERNAL] New Primaries: Unnecessary Confusion

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Dear Commissioners,

Not even four years is not enough time for New Yorkers to fully internalize RCV, which was passed in 2019. To introduce "Jungle Primaries" now is to guarantee greater voter confusion and, consequently, lower turnout. We cannot expect citizens to consistently engage when the very rules of engagement are constantly being rewritten. Give voters a chance to learn and adapt to one system before introducing another.

Sincerely,

Melani Velasquez

Melani A. Velasquez

MS, CCC-SLP, TSSLD-BE

Bilingual Speech Language Pathologist

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Testimonial: Sheba Simpson-Amsterdam

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Good evening,

This my testimonial on the NYC Charter Commission's proposal for "jungle primaries" also known as top-two primaries.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sheba Simpson-Amsterdam

CEO, I'm On Assignment, Inc.

July 9, 2025

Dear Members of the NYC Charter Commission,

My name is Sheba Simpson-Amsterdam, and I am the CEO of I'm On Assignment, Inc., a New York City-based nonprofit dedicated to community empowerment, equity, and civic engagement. I am writing today to express my strong opposition to the proposal to implement "jungle primaries" in New York City.

First and foremost, I would like to state for the record that I was only informed about the opportunity to give testimony on July 7th, the same day as the final public hearing, at 2:36pm. This last-minute notice is not just disrespectful to the public, it is emblematic of the larger issue at hand; a lack of transparency and inclusion in processes that directly impact the voices and votes of New Yorkers.

Let's be clear, New York State voters already made their voices heard when they approved Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). The public is largely unaware that the NYC Charter Commission is now considering dismantling that progress through a radical shift to a "jungle primary" system. This is not reform; it is regression disguised as innovation.

The communities that will be most harmed by this change are the ones that have already borne the brunt of disenfranchisement and systemic neglect: Black people, other POC, immigrants, low-income, and historically marginalized populations. These communities rely on every avenue of democratic inclusion to have a say in who represents them. Under jungle primaries, these voices will be diluted, and grassroots candidates without major financial backing will be pushed out before the public even has a chance to hear their platforms.

Who will benefit from "jungle primaries?" This proposal is for the wealthy, the well-connected, and the politically entrenched. This change consolidates power in the hands of those who already have it, furthering a status quo that has long excluded new, community-driven leadership. It is a system designed to confuse voters, suppress turnout, and ensure that only candidates with deep pockets or establishment support make it through to the general election.

This proposal does not challenge gatekeeping, it reinforces it. It does not expand access, it narrows it. And it does not empower the people, it undermines them.

New York City must do better. If the goal of the Charter Commission is to strengthen democracy, this is not the way to do it. We should be focusing on improving and expanding Ranked Choice Voting, increasing voter education, and removing barriers to participation. Not adopting confusing and exclusionary systems under the radar.

For the sake of equity, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of democracy, I urge this Commission to reject the proposed jungle primaries and return to a process that respects the will of the people.

Sincerely,



Sheba Simpson-Amsterdam

CEO, I'm On Assignment, Inc.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Haley Fradkin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello Commissioners, As a New York City resident who works to promote climate resilience each day, I'm writing in support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for clean energy installations. Climate change is already impacting our city with extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier to build new clean energy infrastructure in every borough. That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that expedite environmental projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect residents during extreme weather events. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more efficiently. I urge the Commission to work with the City Council and ensure that clean energy projects are prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations

are eligible for streamlined review. Please use your power to work on this crucial reform process and support climate action in New York City! Sincerely, Haley Fradkin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sean Reidy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New York City resident and advocate for climate resilience, clean energy, and saving the planet, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects—including clean energy installations such as solar panels and battery storage systems. Climate change is already impacting our city with more extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. Clean energy initiatives on private/public land are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) proposal is a critical opportunity to enable these easy and impactful solutions. It will reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. I urge the Commission

to ensure that the ELURP and associated environmental protection clauses are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Let's not let red tape stand in the way of climate action. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Sean Reidy - Climate Changemakers Greenpoint, Brooklyn

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Hello,

If we truly care about voter turnout, we'll allow New Yorkers to adapt to RCV first. "Jungle Primaries" would be an active barrier to increasing participation. It's a move that prioritizes theoretical novelty over practical voter experience and understanding. Let's focus on supporting voters in the system they currently have.

By opening primaries to voters not registered with a party, there is no guaranteed result of increasing voter turnout. We already see a model for increasing voter turnout, and that is more inspiring candidates in political primaries. Parties are legally disparate organizations, and they have a right to select their nominees.

Thanks,

Jack McClatchy

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Name: Megan Vomvas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I'm a native New Yorker and passionate advocate for climate change mitigation. I deeply support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for development projects - and especially excited about them for solar systems and energy storage! Climate change is an imminent threat to our city with more extreme heat, flooding, natural disasters and more. If we want this city to be affordable and resilient, and secure the future for younger generations, New York must make it easier to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure! They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mallory Bulkley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I am writing to support the currently proposed land use reforms to streamline approvals for smaller scale development + infrastructure projects. I was pleased to hear about the proposed ELURP procedure and potential to fast track zoning actions in support of environmental/clean energy projects, and reduce barriers for adding more solar panels and battery storage systems. These projects are critical public infrastructure and support lower energy bills. Right now, these projects are often blocked and slowed down by the long ULURP process, so I'm excited that we could speed these types of projects up that we know will help improve NY's resiliency and combat climate change. I respectfully request the Commission to ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations are clearly eligible for streamlined review (both when standalone or part of larger projects). Additionally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Thank you for your work on this process. Sincerely, Mallory Bulkley of Brooklyn, NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elysa Ryan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to you as a long time New Yorker who has seen first hand the increasing impacts of climate change in my own home Brooklyn. As you constituent, I am in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects - especially solar systems and battery energy storage. Climate change is already impacting our city with historic heat waves, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. Not only that, any efforts and money we invest to preventing climate change now will pay off in the near short term. That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by the current Unified land processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land.

The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge the Commission to ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. I urge you to take climate action now. We only have one planet and need to treat it kindly. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Elysa Ryan Brooklyn, NY

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Name: Alec Regitsky

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New York City resident and advocate for climate resilience and clean energy, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects—specifically clean energy installations such as solar panels and battery storage systems. Climate change is already impacting our city with more extreme heat, flooding, sea level rise, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood, whether on public or private land. That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers by speeding

up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge the Commission to ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Let's not let red tape stand in the way of climate action. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Alec Regitsky [REDACTED]

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Dear Commissioners,

We cannot allow our electoral system to be reshaped by the whims of billionaires. Or by a single politician because they don't like the outcome of RCV. The jungle primary is a classic union-busting tactic. It is designed to make it harder for pro-labor candidates to win elections, which will have dire consequences for all working families in our city. This isn't about making elections fairer; it's about making them easier for the wealthy to control. We must recognize it as a direct attack on our collective power and fight back accordingly to protect our representation.

Best,

Liz Keefe

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Name: Danny DeBare

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker and advocate for climate resilience, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects - especially solar systems and battery energy storage. Please Climate change is already impacting our city with more extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge

the Commission to ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Let's not let red tape stand in the way of climate action. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Danny DeBare

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Commissioners,

I am writing to you today to voice my strong opposition to any proposal for jungle primaries. This system is not only unpopular but has been decisively rejected by voters in multiple states. The results from last year's elections, where this measure failed in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota, speak for themselves. This consistent rejection indicates a broad public consensus. This commission should abandon this flawed concept and instead focus its resources on proven methods to increase voter participation, such as advocating for even-year elections.

- Katrina Cleofe

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joanne Milano

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I believe the purpose of any City Council is to act as advocates for the people of their districts. As such, they are experts in the needs and wants of their community. For those reasons, I am opposed to the proposal to change the city charter to have an Appeals Board made up of the borough president, City Council speaker and mayor, thereby removing power from the City Council. I know who my City Councilwoman is and she is not only very active in the district, but also extremely responsive to issues in the district when contacted for assistance. I had to Google who the Queens borough president and the City Council speaker are. How can it be expected that they will have any knowledge of what is important to the people of every district and act in the best interest of these people rather than in their own best interest? Additionally, I am opposed to open primaries with ranked voting, which I assume will lead to the top two candidates coming from the same party. This system will lead NYC further down the road to one-party rule, which I believe is the actual goal here. Rather, I would prefer open primaries where unaffiliated voters, such as myself, are permitted to choose to vote in ONE party's primary in a particular election. Those registered in a party would continue to be able to vote only in that party's primary. Thank

you, Joanne Milano

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Thank you,

Joanne Milano

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Wendy Salvatierra

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Tottenville, Staten Island NY

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Name: Wendy Salvatierra

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Wendy Salvatierra Tottenville, Staten Island, NY [REDACTED] Date: July 9, 2025 Opposition Letter to the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Re: Urgent Opposition to 2025 NYC Charter Changes – Protect Staten Island Homeowners’ Constitutional Rights and Community Input Dear Members of the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission, We, the residents of Staten Island, particularly in low-density communities like Tottenville on the South Shore, strongly oppose the proposed changes in the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Final Report. These changes threaten our quality of life, property rights, and constitutional protections under the Fifth Amendment, which states, “nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.” The proposed amendments, under the guise of promoting “fair and equitable housing,” falsely promise community empowerment while stripping taxpayers of their say, rendering the Mayor—the highest-ranking city official elected by the people of New York City—powerless, and risking

violations of federal laws, including the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), which mandates equal access to housing for all people. We demand the preservation of the current Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) to protect our neighborhoods and prevent costly lawsuits. Main reasons for opposition:

1. Overdevelopment with Large Buildings Without Community Input: The Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracking of housing projects could allow 45-foot-tall buildings next to single-family homes in low-density areas like Tottenville, with minimal community input. These towering structures would destroy our suburban character, block sunlight, and devalue properties by an estimated 5-10% (based on overdevelopment studies), prompting lawsuits under state property law for damages or Fourteenth Amendment due process violations due to unfair zoning processes. The current ULURP system ensures community oversight, preventing such drastic changes without resident consent.
2. Loss of Local Control Through the Land Use Appeals Board: The proposed Land Use Appeals Board, would replace the Mayor's veto power over City Council land use decisions, rendering the Mayor—the highest-ranking city official elected by all New Yorkers—powerless. This shift centralizes authority in a board that could override local opposition, silencing residents and local council members. This violates Fourteenth Amendment due process rights by denying homeowners a meaningful opportunity to be heard, risking federal civil rights lawsuits. The current ULURP system, with its balance of local and mayoral input, ensures fairness and must be preserved.
3. Financial Burdens and Property Tax Hikes: Larger landowners could face tax hikes of 10-20% due to reassessments from nearby developments, alongside pressure to sell for housing projects. This could lead to lawsuits claiming unfair taxation or violations of equal protection under federal law. The current ULURP system allows community input to mitigate such financial harms, protecting homeowners.
4. Flood Zone Property Takeovers Without Sufficient Say: In flood-prone areas like Tottenville, resiliency projects like voluntary flood buyouts could allow the city to acquire properties under the pretext of safety, with minimal homeowner input. The designation of small or undevelopable lots for government acquisition is arbitrary and violates protections against property takings under the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause, risking federal lawsuits for inadequate compensation or coerced consent. The current ULURP system ensures community involvement, safeguarding property rights.
5. Quality of Life Impacts and Lawsuits: Increased housing projects could bring more traffic, noise, and strain on local services like schools and parks, degrading Tottenville's suburban character and exacerbating flooding risks. These changes could devalue properties, fueling lawsuits under state law for damages from altered neighborhood aesthetics and functionality. The current ULURP system allows residents to challenge harmful projects.
6. Fair Housing Act: The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.) mandates equal access to housing for all people, not just specific groups. Rushed approvals of large housing projects could disproportionately harm existing homeowners by devaluing properties and altering community character, potentially violating the Act's equal access mandate and leading to claims of discriminatory impact. The current ULURP system ensures equitable consideration of all residents' concerns.

Case Scenarios: 45-Foot Buildings Towering Over Homes: A 45-foot apartment building next to your home could block sunlight, reduce views, and devalue your property by 5-10%, prompting lawsuits under state property law or Fourteenth Amendment due process violations for unfair zoning. Silencing the Mayor and

Community: The Land Use Appeals Board, by eliminating the Mayor's veto power, renders the city's highest elected official powerless and could approve large projects against community wishes, violating due process and sparking federal civil rights litigation. Skyrocketing Taxes and Forced Sales: Larger landowners could face tax hikes of 10-20% or pressure to sell for housing projects, leading to lawsuits for equal protection violations or unfair taxation. City Takeovers in Flood Zones: The city could arbitrarily designate small or undevelopable lots in Tottenville for acquisition, violating the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause and triggering federal lawsuits for lack of just compensation or due process. Overcrowding and Infrastructure Collapse: Increased density could overwhelm local services, worsen flooding, and reduce property values, fueling lawsuits for damages from unchecked development. Potential Federal Law and Civil Rights Violations These proposals at a minimum risk violating:

- Fifth Amendment (Takings Clause): Arbitrary acquisition of small/undevelopable lots in flood zones could constitute physical takings, requiring just compensation.
- Fifth Amendment (Due Process Clause): The Land Use Appeals Board's override of local opposition and elimination of the Mayor's veto power denies homeowners and the city's highest elected official due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Due Process Clause): Lack of meaningful community input violates procedural due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Equal Protection Clause): Disproportionate tax burdens on larger landowners could be deemed discriminatory.
- Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.): Rushed approvals could disproportionately harm existing homeowners, violating equal access mandates for all.

Why the Current System Works The current ULURP process empowers Staten Island residents, especially in Tottenville, through local council member deference and Community Board input. It aligns with the Fifth Amendment and Fair Housing Act, protecting property values and ensuring equal access to housing processes for all. The proposed changes falsely promise influence while centralizing power, risking federal lawsuits over devaluation and civil rights violations. We urge the Commission to reject these changes and preserve the current ULURP system. Sincerely, Wendy Salvatierra Concerned Staten Islander

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ATTN Commissioners:

My message to the commission is clear and simple: say no to jungle primaries. This is a reform that has been consistently rejected by voters. The evidence from last year's elections in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota is overwhelming. The proposal failed in every single state. This shows a deep and abiding public trust in the role of political parties. It is time for this commission to respect that trust and focus its energies on proven reforms like even-year elections to strengthen our democracy.

Thank you,  
Temi Balogun

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Manuel Salvatierra

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Comments: Manuel Salvatierra [REDACTED] Date: July 9, 2025  
Opposition Letter to the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Re: Urgent Opposition to 2025  
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I want to state my unequivocal opposition to jungle primaries. This is a flawed system that has been soundly rejected by voters. The evidence from last year's elections in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota is compelling: the proposal failed everywhere it was tried. This commission should not be wasting its time on such a demonstrably unpopular idea. The focus should be on proven strategies to boost voter engagement, like even-year elections, which have a track record of success in increasing participation.

Best,

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Name: Jeanine Wallen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I paid alot of much money for my home to live in a safe neighborhood. I don't want a shelter, I don't want bike lanes. I sure as hell don't want the city of yes. We have traffic issues already we don't need more housing or more cars.

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Name: Sanford Miller

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Chair Buery and Commissioners, My name is Sanford Miller. I am a member of Manhattan Community Board 4, but the opinions expressed here are my own. I am strongly in favor of including questions 1-5 on the ballot this November. New York City has a severe housing shortage; we need many more homes of every type: market-rate, mixed-income, and deeply affordable. Today's land-use process, especially the tradition of member deference, too frequently causes housing to not get built, or even proposed at all. Ballot question 1 is my favorite for the following reasons: 1. It protects the important place of community input, by requiring that every not as-of-right project still come before the local community board. I especially appreciate retaining the 60-day review window; community boards are made up of volunteers and most boards/committees meet monthly and therefore it doesn't work logistically to meaningfully review complex proposals in 30 days. 2. It incentivizes 100% affordable projects, which are an invaluable public good, and today are all too scarce. Shortening the permitting timeline and reducing the amount of uncertainty will make it viable for non-profit developers to build more of these sorts of projects, and help each dollar of subsidy go farther. Skipping o

expediting pre-certification as well is a wise move, since non-profit developers often struggle to continue to pay high-interest pre-development loans during extended regulatory proceedings. 3. It unlocks "missing middle" housing types. Creating a path forward in zoning for small apartment buildings that would never work with traditional ULURP is a quiet--and much-needed--revolution. Not every neighborhood should have skyscrapers, but low-rise apartment buildings and townhouses belong everywhere! Arguably, if you think about it terms off the imbalance of folks who want to live in one to folks who can afford to, medium-density neighborhoods are experiencing even more of shortage than high-density ones. Yet it remains excessively difficult to get approval for medium-density building forms in the many NYC neighborhoods still zoned for single-family homes and duplexes--even though those areas already contain plenty of pre-1961 low-rise apartment buildings. Ballot question 2 is also an excellent idea. As a pro-housing member of MCB4, it has been quite frustrating to me to see other neighborhoods build nothing at all, or even losing units. For the past several decades, MCB4 has welcomed growth, voting in favor of several upzonings and adding tens of thousands of new apartments each decade, including thousands of affordable apartments. MCB4 has consistently produced the most units of the Manhattan community districts. Question 2 nudges the whole city toward that same spirit of shared responsibility. Question 3 would provide a much-needed counterbalance to member deference, providing an institutional mechanism for ensuring that the needs of the city overall are considered, especially regarding housing, in the ULURP process. Question 4's proposal to modernize the city map, putting streets, sewers, and zoning in the same system, will simplify and speed up the work agencies must do to approve or move forward with housing, transit, and climate-resilience projects. Question 5 would double or triple voter turnout in local elections from its current abysmally low levels. One benefit of this--in addition to many others, which I will leave it to others to elaborate on--is that increased turnout will decrease the influence of local special interests. Please adopt ballot questions 1-5. They preserve local input while removing structural bottlenecks to housing production that keep rents high and New Yorkers down. Thank you for your consideration!

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Name: Jamie Lindelof

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Redacted for privacy, Staten Island, NY 10307 Date: July 8, 2025 Opposition Letter to the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Re: Urgent Opposition to 2025 NYC Charter Changes – Protect Staten Island Homeowners’ Constitutional Rights and Community Input Dear Members of the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission, We, the residents of Staten Island, particularly in low-density communities like Tottenville on the South Shore, strongly oppose the proposed changes in the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Final Report. These changes threaten our quality of life, property rights, and constitutional protections under the Fifth Amendment, which states, “nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.” The proposed amendments, under the guise of promoting “fair and equitable housing,” falsely promise community empowerment while stripping taxpayers of their say, rendering the Mayor—the highest-ranking city official elected by the people of New York City—powerless, and risking violations of federal laws,

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Dear commission,

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These reforms are not only ineffective but also routinely rejected at the ballot. Just last year, this very measure was on the ballot in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota, and it failed in every single state.

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Comments: Question 1 In this summary proposal, "affordable housing" was mentioned 5 times. This proposed amendment alleges that by creating two new paths of ??? it will be easier to build more affordable housing across the city, allowing affordable housing to be produced more quickly and at a lower cost, helping to ensure that every community adds affordable housing. This proposal is double talk poorly written. However, one of the paths is a zoning action for publicly financed affordable housing at the Board of Standards and Appeals. This new path seems like it would be removing Community Boards from the reviewing process when it comes to such development. While community boards can act political at times, someone like me has a better chance presenting my views to all reviewing bodies via the community board. Furthermore, gentrification (a condition) is created by the government. So unless this affordable housing targets the incomes of families earning moderate and low incomes the sad truth is that those families are going to continue getting priced out. It's basic math. If most of the development is for luxury housing at the community's expense (rezonings) it will outpace the development of housing for families earning moderate and low incomes. So far in Harlem, most of those

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Case Scenarios: 45-Foot Buildings Towering Over Homes: A 45-foot apartment building next to your home could block sunlight, reduce views, and devalue your property by 5-10%, prompting lawsuits under state property law or Fourteenth Amendment due process violations for unfair zoning. Silencing the Mayor and



Community: The Land Use Appeals Board, by eliminating the Mayor's veto power, renders the city's highest elected official powerless and could approve large projects against community wishes, violating due process and sparking federal civil rights litigation. Skyrocketing Taxes and Forced Sales: Larger landowners could face tax hikes of 10-20% or pressure to sell for housing projects, leading to lawsuits for equal protection violations or unfair taxation. City Takeovers in Flood Zones: The city could arbitrarily designate small or undevelopable lots in Tottenville for acquisition, violating the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause and triggering federal lawsuits for lack of just compensation or due process. Overcrowding and Infrastructure Collapse: Increased density could overwhelm local services, worsen flooding, and reduce property values, fueling lawsuits for damages from unchecked development. Potential Federal Law and Civil Rights Violations These proposals at a minimum risk violating:

- Fifth Amendment (Takings Clause): Arbitrary acquisition of small/undevelopable lots in flood zones could constitute physical takings, requiring just compensation.
- Fifth Amendment (Due Process Clause): The Land Use Appeals Board's override of local opposition and elimination of the Mayor's veto power denies homeowners and the city's highest elected official due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Due Process Clause): Lack of meaningful community input violates procedural due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Equal Protection Clause): Disproportionate tax burdens on larger landowners could be deemed discriminatory.
- Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.): Rushed approvals could disproportionately harm existing homeowners, violating equal access mandates for all.

Why the Current System Works The current ULURP process empowers Staten Island residents, especially in Tottenville, through local council member deference and Community Board input. It aligns with the Fifth Amendment and Fair Housing Act, protecting property values and ensuring equal access to housing processes for all. The proposed changes falsely promise influence while centralizing power, risking federal lawsuits over devaluation and civil rights violations. We urge the Commission to reject these changes and preserve the current ULURP system. Sincerely, Loren Vitalone Concerned Staten Islander

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Comments: I want a say in my community

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[EXTERNAL] Why Pursue a Failed Policy?

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Hello,

This commission should be guided by evidence, and the evidence on jungle primaries is clear: they are a failed idea. The public has consistently rejected them. Look at the overwhelming 70-30 vote against it in New York City. Look at the six states—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—that all turned it down last year. This isn't an anomaly; it's a clear pattern. Voters understand the importance of political parties. It is time for this commission to understand it as well and move on to more productive, popular reforms like even-year elections--and allow the diverse communities that make up NYC to continue to have their voices heard and not allow corporate interests to essentially buy the candidates that are likely to emerge from jungle primaries.

Sincerely,

Linda Rosenberg

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Reality of Open Primaries: Stagnant Turnout in NYC

From: Nan Faessler <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Commissioners,

I'm here to dispute the claim that jungle primaries are a viable solution for increasing voter turnout. The available data from states that have adopted these systems consistently shows otherwise. If the commission is genuinely committed to boosting participation, then it must acknowledge the empirical reality that jungle primaries simply do not achieve this objective. The recent data out of Alaska, which implemented open primaries in 2022, serves as a stark reminder. The 2024 primary election saw alarmingly low turnout, marking it as one of the lowest in half a century. This outcome directly challenges the notion that this new system automatically guarantees high turnout. The evidence strongly suggests that these elections have had little to no impact on encouraging greater voter participation, making them a "solution in search of a problem" in terms of turnout.

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- Nan Faessler

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Simple Truth: Jungle Primaries Are Unpopular

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HeIII,

I'm writing to urge this commission to dismiss any notions of jungle primaries. Voters have unequivocally rejected these reforms, proving their ineffectiveness and unpopularity. Last year, the proposal was on the ballot in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota, and it failed in all six. This speaks volumes about voters' understanding of the value of political parties in our system. This commission should not waste public resources on a proposition that has already been so decisively dismissed. If the true goal is to increase voter turnout, stick with what is proven to work: even-year elections.

Thanks,

Ximena Frankel

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Consistent Failure of Jungle Primaries

From: Matthew Unangst <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hey,

I am here today to speak the truth about jungle primaries: they do not increase voter turnout. This is not a partisan issue; it is a factual one. The data from every state that has implemented this system tells the same story. It is time to stop pretending otherwise. Let's have an honest and open discussion about what we can do to increase voter participation, but let's base that discussion on evidence, not on wishful thinking.

Thanks,  
Matthew Unangst

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Vote no on open primaries

From: America Canas <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Dear Commissioners,

A core function of government is to provide clear, consistent rules for civic life, especially for voting. "Jungle Primaries" would be a profoundly destabilizing force, upending an electoral process that was just recently changed with RCV. This is not how you build public trust or encourage people to vote. It's how you create cynicism and frustration.

We must prioritize a stable and predictable system that all New Yorkers can understand and participate in confidently. This proposal moves us in the opposite direction. I urge you to vote NO on this initiative.

Thank you,  
America Canas



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[EXTERNAL] Stability Over More Change

From: Griffin Koelbel <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Dear Commissioners,

We haven't even fully assessed the impact of RCV, which was passed in 2019. To introduce "Jungle Primaries" now is to act without sufficient data or understanding. Responsible governance requires allowing reforms time to be evaluated before proposing yet another drastic change that could undermine voter confidence and turnout.

Thank you,  
Griffin Koelbel

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] NYC: The Truth About Open Primary Efficacy

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To Whom It May Concern,

I want to express my deep concern that advocating for jungle primaries as a solution for voter turnout is misguided. The factual evidence from states where they have been implemented shows they do not boost participation. We must base our policy decisions on what the data tells us, not on hopeful but ultimately unsubstantiated claims. Consider Alaska, which adopted open primaries in 2022. The 2024 primary election saw alarmingly low turnout, ranking among the lowest in half a century. This outcome decisively points to the conclusion that these "new systems" have had little to no impact on encouraging greater voter participation. We need to recognize that this new system doesn't automatically guarantee high turnout and that other, more direct methods are far more effective.

- Joseph Koelbel

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[EXTERNAL] An Appeal to the Commission

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Attention Commissioners,

I urge this commission to see the writing on the wall when it comes to jungle primaries. This is an unpopular reform that has been consistently rejected by voters. The six-state sweep of defeats last year is the most recent and powerful evidence. Voters in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota all chose to stick with the traditional primary system. This commission should take that as a clear directive. It is time to abandon this failed idea and focus on proven reforms that can actually improve our elections.

Thanks,

Sarah Mandell

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[EXTERNAL] Don't Weaken the Voice of Workers

From: Grace Saul <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello,

The idea that our city needs jungle primaries is a solution in search of a problem. The real problem is the overwhelming and corrupting influence of money in politics, which this proposal would only exacerbate, not solve. It would weaken the labor movement, which remains the most effective check on unbridled corporate power and the relentless push to privatize public goods. This isn't a step toward a healthier democracy; it's a step toward a system where elections are just another commodity for the rich to buy and sell.

Thanks,

Grace Saul

Brooklyn, NY

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Protect the Progress We've Made with RCV

From: [REDACTED EMAIL]

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Hello,

The very body that studied this issue, the Charter Commission, acknowledged the risk of depressing turnout by introducing another reform so soon after RCV. To push forward with "Jungle Primaries" is to willfully ignore that warning. It is a counterintuitive move that prioritizes change for its own sake over the stated goal of increasing voter participation. We should act with caution and prudence, respecting the expert analysis that advises against this kind of rapid, successive reform. Let RCV settle in.

The Democratic primary is over there is a clear winner and the party should rally with the candidate to ensure that the voters are heard.

Thanks,  
Matt Chang

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Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Priscilla Jin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker and advocate for climate resilience, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects - especially solar systems and battery energy storage. Climate change is already impacting our city with more extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier-not harder-to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage

systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes-especially ELURP-will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge the Commission to ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations-whether standalone or part of broader projects-are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Let's not let red tape stand in the way of climate action. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Priscilla Jin

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[EXTERNAL] Uphold the 2019 Vote for RCV

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Dear Commissioners,

Let's be clear: introducing "Jungle Primaries" now would be an irresponsible act. The learning curve for Ranked-Choice Voting has been steep for many New Yorkers. To scrap that progress for another untested and complicated system is to show a startling disregard for the voter experience. Stability is paramount for building confidence in our democratic processes. This proposal would shatter that stability, leading to widespread confusion and predictable declines in voter turnout. We must give RCV a legitimate chance to prove its worth and allow voters to become comfortable with one system.

Sincerely,

Athena C

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Dear City Charter Commissioners,

My name is Dr. Herman Guy. I currently serve on Bronx Community Board 10. I have come before this Commission to oppose changes to the City of New York Charter regarding Community Boards' role in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP).

As you know, we are volunteers. We are residents of our community and join our Community Board to learn how to help improve our neighborhoods, protect it, and ensure we are receiving our fair share of city services.

This Commission is reviewing changes such as reducing the ULURP's Community Board review period of 60 to 30 days. In 2019, a then Charter Revision Commission gave Community Boards an additional 30 days to review ULURP applications. This was a positive change for our process. It gave our volunteer membership additional time for presentations, to read difficult texts such as the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) and the ULURP application itself, have time for more public meetings, properly conduct public outreach and, most importantly, make better, educated decisions.

Your report mentions attempts to "fast track" specific zoning district applications, implement "absolute" thresholds that calculate change in residential density, and using affordable housing applications as a means for lessening ULURP time requirements. If these ideas are proposed and passed, New Yorkers will have less information about occurrences in their communities. Community Boards are trusted, non-partisan institutions where constituents join to learn and understand the changes affecting their community. It is not just because of Community Boards that housing production lessened. Your Commission is correct to seek changes to the current permitting processes which occur after ULURP is completed. As you know, ULURP is a City Charter-required process for community boards and the public to review changes to our environment, assess and request more city services from our municipal agencies to accommodate the proposed density. In addition, it ensures that our communities have active and working relationships with developers and property owners. No matter how many income-restricted units are proposed in a ULURP application, our city is better served if Community Boards have its current allotment of 60 days.

Lastly, your report mentions concerns with the New York City Council internal process of "member deference." While we leave the politics to our City Council Member, the Commission should know that the independence of our legislative body is something we value because Community Boards, too, are independent municipal agencies. The City Council inner workings should be respected as Council Members are the voices of their

districts and take back to City Hall their community's concerns and requests of city government. At the conclusion of the Community Board process, the ULURP application proceeds to the Office of the Borough President and then the New York City Council. The New York City Council Member can organize their colleagues to reflect the wishes of their district regarding the ULURP application. We would not want to see our legislative branch not have the opportunity to discuss land use matters with their colleagues in hopes of defending their community's best interests and while holding developers accountable.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Herman Guy

CSA (Political Liaison)

NYC HSPA (President)

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Don't let billionaires undermine our democracy -  
Please reject open primaries.

From: Justin Wood <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello Commissioners,

The proposal for so-called "jungle primaries" is a transparent effort to undermine the influence of organized labor and other grassroots organizations. This approach would make it easier for very wealthy individuals to control electoral outcomes, as their financial resources would become even more decisive in carrying candidates to victory.

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Dear Members of the New York City Charter Revision Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I attended the public input session on July 7 and was not called on to testify before the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. I am submitting the attached testimony to the record. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Best,  
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Submitted by Lena Cohen, Senior Manager of Civic Engagement  
July 7, 2025 Public Input Session**

Thank you, members of the New York City Charter Revision Commission, for the opportunity to testify. My name is Lena Cohen, and I am the Senior Manager of Civic Engagement at United Neighborhood Houses (UNH). UNH is a policy and social change organization representing neighborhood settlement houses that reach 800,000 New Yorkers from all walks of life.

A progressive leader for more than 100 years, UNH is stewarding a new era for New York's settlement house movement. We mobilize our members and their communities to advocate for good public policies and promote strong organizations and practices that keep neighborhoods resilient and thriving for all New Yorkers. UNH leads advocacy and partners with our members on a broad range of issues including civic and community engagement, neighborhood affordability, healthy aging, early childhood education, adult literacy, and youth development. We also provide customized professional development and peer learning to build the skills and leadership capabilities of settlement house staff at all levels.

For over a century, settlement houses have driven higher levels of civic engagement, particularly among disenfranchised community members. UNH works closely with settlement houses to build community power by leading nonpartisan voter mobilization, promoting the inclusion of all residents in the Census and the redistricting process, and advocating for modernized election laws to ensure residents who live and work in the city are fairly represented in local government.

UNH's civic engagement work includes educating New Yorkers about opportunities to engage in democracy as well as advocating for government transparency and an election system that enhances voter power and participation. Opportunities to revise the New York City Charter provide a direct pathway for civic engagement and positive community change. To highlight a recent example, in November 2019, New York City voters approved a Charter amendment to establish ranked choice voting in primary elections for city offices starting in 2021, with 73.5% of participating voters voting in favor. UNH supported advocacy efforts that brought ranked choice voting onto the ballot, and we continue to provide voter education on how to fill out the ballot during ranked choice elections.

UNH supports practices and policies that drive participation by all eligible voters, particularly in local elections. Local elections are those in which voters elect officials to serve in the New York City government, including Mayor, Public Advocate, Comptroller, Borough Presidents, and City Council members. While national and state elections often dominate headlines, the elected officials closer to home are responsible for the services and regulations that shape everyday experiences in the city. From decisions about childcare services and affordable housing to policies that make it easier for working

parents and older adults to live in the city, the results of local elections have a tangible and direct impact on the quality of life for all residents.

UNH supports measures that increase access to voting, voter education and voter participation. We also believe that any significant changes to voting should be fully discussed with all New York voters. Running open primaries is a major policy change that should include widespread community conversations. This proposed change to our current system should not be rushed.

With the recent primary less than two weeks behind us, fresh in our minds are the voters that settlement house staff met from all walks of life who are adjusting to recent changes in our elections. We hear from neighbors who are still adapting to early voting and their new polling site locations. We meet with voters who continue to seek guidance on how to use ranked choice voting. Many neighbors want to understand why the city has different election systems at different times of the year, and how to keep track of the varying frequency of city, state, and federal races. Overall, our experiences show us that it can take several election cycles for reforms to be fully implemented and perhaps even longer for voters to adapt to the changes. Further, the successful rollout of election reforms depends on community buy-in and consistent nonpartisan voter education efforts that will ensure community members are equipped to vote, as we have seen with ranked choice voting.

There is no urgency to ask voters to adopt a Top 2 primary system in less than four months. New York City won't have another local election until 2029, so a delay in passage would not disrupt the implementation timeline. We have a four-year window to thoroughly evaluate the different primary systems and analyze how our communities will be impacted before we take a position on if and how best to open up the city's closed primary election system.

UNH is not ready to take a position on this measure. We need time to study the various systems of primary elections beyond the Top 2 system that is currently being proposed. We also need to hear from experts, evaluate the impact of different primary systems on our communities, and reach consensus across a diverse coalition of organizations, community leaders, and other stakeholders as to which system would improve New York City's participation in elections.

Rather than support or oppose an amendment that we have yet to fully vet with our communities, we urge the Commission to delay any proposals for changes to our primaries.

We appreciate this Commission's commitment to receiving direct input. Democracy functions best when constituents are active and engaged in civic processes. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Please direct any questions to Lena Cohen at [REDACTED]

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Comments: below see CM Hanks' testimony to the charter commission Testimony of Council Member Kamillah Hanks Before the 2025 Charter Revision Commission Re: Proposed Revisions to ULURP Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am Kamillah Hanks, Council Member for the North Shore of Staten Island. I strongly oppose the proposed changes to the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure. These revisions would silence communities and strip duly elected Council Members of their critical role in shaping our neighborhoods. This proposal is a step backward. Giving a three-member panel, the Mayor, the Speaker, and one borough representative the power to override the entire City Council mirrors the unconstitutional Board of Estimate. That is not progress. That is regression. Communities deserve real input, not a fast track for developers. As a Council Member, I have approved over 3,000 units of affordable housing with robust community engagement. That would not have happened under this proposed process. Staten Island stands to lose the most. Many of our rezonings are for projects under 45 feet, exactly the type this proposal seeks to exempt from Council review. But even small rezonings can have major impacts on traffic, infrastructure, and flooding. Local input is essential. When the City of

Yes housing plan was released, I brought together civic leaders, and advocates to assess its impact on our flood-prone communities. That led to meaningful reforms, including banning basement units in flood zones, preserving low-density neighborhoods, and pushing for critical infrastructure upgrades. None of that would have happened without Council leadership. I support giving Borough Presidents more authority like appointing themselves to the City Planning Commission or the Panel for Educational Policy to increase accountability. But land use appeals already have a legal venue: the Board of Standards and Appeals. Creating a new appeals panel only undermines the Council and centralizes power further. We know what happens when Staten Island is cut out of decision-making. That's how we got Fresh Kills. We will not let that happen again. New York is a city of neighborhoods. If we want a more transparent, responsive government, we must localize decision-making. That means empowering Borough Presidents, strengthening community boards, creating borough-based Council budget subcommittees, and investing in neighborhood planning. This proposal takes us in the wrong direction. I urge the Commission to reject it and protect the voice of our communities. Local democracy must be preserved. Thank you.

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Community: The Land Use Appeals Board, by eliminating the Mayor's veto power, renders the city's highest elected official powerless and could approve large projects against community wishes, violating due process and sparking federal civil rights litigation. Skyrocketing Taxes and Forced Sales: Larger landowners could face tax hikes of 10-20% or pressure to sell for housing projects, leading to lawsuits for equal protection violations or unfair taxation. City Takeovers in Flood Zones: The city could arbitrarily designate small or undevelopable lots in Tottenville for acquisition, violating the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause and triggering federal lawsuits for lack of just compensation or due process. Overcrowding and Infrastructure Collapse: Increased density could overwhelm local services, worsen flooding, and reduce property values, fueling lawsuits for damages from unchecked development. Potential Federal Law and Civil Rights Violations These proposals at a minimum risk violating:

- Fifth Amendment (Takings Clause): Arbitrary acquisition of small/undevelopable lots in flood zones could constitute physical takings, requiring just compensation.
- Fifth Amendment (Due Process Clause): The Land Use Appeals Board's override of local opposition and elimination of the Mayor's veto power denies homeowners and the city's highest elected official due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Due Process Clause): Lack of meaningful community input violates procedural due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Equal Protection Clause): Disproportionate tax burdens on larger landowners could be deemed discriminatory.
- Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.): Rushed approvals could disproportionately harm existing homeowners, violating equal access mandates for all.

Why the Current System Works The current ULURP process empowers Staten Island residents, especially in Tottenville, through local council member deference and Community Board input. It aligns with the Fifth Amendment and Fair Housing Act, protecting property values and ensuring equal access to housing processes for all. The proposed changes falsely promise influence while centralizing power, risking federal lawsuits over devaluation and civil rights violations. We urge the Commission to reject these changes and preserve the current ULURP system. Sincerely, Donna Day Concerned Staten Islander

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[EXTERNAL] Against open primaries

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Hi,

I understand the impulse of wanting to make government work better, I have several years of experience working in good government groups, and coalitions focused on helping get marginalized communities more access to the ballot. I studied open primaries in graduate school at NYU Wagner, and read the book the Scandal of Reform which directly talked about it. I do not support this reform because I don't believe it solves the problems that it's being trotted out to do. I think in a city where there are very few purple districts, it doesn't exactly serve the purpose outside of trying to undermine some of the more effective, grass roots or organizing groups instead of built power in the last few years. At the end of the day, money in politics is the problem and we need to find a way to combat that without just throwing more money at the situation. Elections should be no more than 2 to 3 months, and PAC should not be able to dump money into races to get the outcome they want. More money and more candidates doesn't necessarily mean more democratic. There is a reason why the NAACP fought against open primary years ago when the charter revision idea came up, they saw as a way to undermine their power. Now it's being suggested as a tool against another group of organized people. After we had just had a very constructive mayor race where multiple candidates endorse each other and refuse to attack each other, the idea of getting rid of the system immediately is just a shrewd attempt to try to create a playing field, where establishment political figures, and well financed power brokers can try and push more moderate candidates.

Sincerely,

Brandon West

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Ineffectiveness of Jungle Primaries on Voter  
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Hello Commissioners,

The argument that jungle primaries lead to higher voter engagement is not supported by factual evidence. We must base our policy decisions on verifiable data, not on unsubstantiated theories. For instance, Alaska's recent experience with open primaries, implemented in 2022, is a powerful counter-narrative. The 2024 primary election in that state saw one of the lowest turnout rates in the past 50 years. This result strongly indicates that altering the primary system does not automatically translate into a surge of voter participation, and we should therefore explore other avenues to achieve this goal.

Thank you,

Alice Janigro

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Need for Genuine Voter Mobilization

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Hi there,

It is time for a reality check on jungle primaries. They are not a magic bullet that will solve the problem of low voter turnout. They are a failed experiment that has not lived up to its hype. We need to be willing to admit this and move on. There are no easy solutions to the problem of low voter participation, but there are things that we can do that will make a difference. Let's focus on those and stop wasting our time on ideas that have been proven not to work.

Sincerely,

Jared Mathis

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brooklyn Community Board 9

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 RESOLUTION 2025 MAYORAL CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION Whereas, The Mayor has convened a Charter Revision Commission which will propose ballot referendum measures for Nov 2025 and heard public testimony on reforms to the ULURP process related to housing production in February and March of 2025; and Whereas, the Charter Revision Commission has received numerous proposals from members of pro- housing growth lobbying groups, affordable and for-profit developers and others seeking to shorten the ULURP process or increase the influence on development approvals of the Mayor, Borough Presidents, city planning commission, or newly created individual roles at the expense of community boards and council members; and Whereas, the Charter Revision Commission received testimony from numerous members of the public including CB9 residents; and Whereas, the Commission released a preliminary report on April 30, 2025 recommending that in seeking to address long timelines in the land use development process resulting in insufficient production of housing that meets the needs of NYC residents, and localized opposition to housing and affordable housing in certain districts resulting in inequities in housing production among all the

community districts in the city, the Charter should nevertheless “foreground basic planning principles and keep the following considerations in mind: ● the necessity of land use procedure to support planning, oversight, transparency, democratic accountability, and public participation. ● the goal in the land use process is to allow for change, while balancing competing goods, goals, and valid perspectives. ● the effects of changes to land use procedures are rarely straightforward. These processes exist within a dynamic political context that adapts and responds to new circumstances. ● the Charter exists within a broader structure of state and federal law that grant authority to the City but also limit it;” Whereas, most developments encountered by CB9 which submit rezoning applications for affordable housing have 3-5 years or more total development timelines while the ULURP process is limited to 7.5 months, a predictable and tiny fraction of this total time and that proposed changes to the ULURP process would shave at most 1 month off this 5-year timeline; and Whereas, we have approved at least two developers initiated upzonings (529 Empire Blvd Rezoning in 2013 and 341 Troy Avenue variance in 2009) which have resulted in no development at all after more than ten years, proving that zoning and land use approval procedures are not the primary obstacle to housing development; and Whereas, the community board’s existing review period of 60 days is barely enough to announce and hold a public hearing and hold votes at both the land use committee and general board as the charter and our bylaws require us to do. Therefore, Community Board 9 resolves that we SUPPORT any charter revisions which strengthen requirements for community engagement during the pre-certification process including mandatory developer meetings with community boards 30 days after filing a pre application statement with the department of city planning, and one or more meetings after filing an initial EAS and at least 30 days prior to certification; and Therefore, we also OPPOSE ANY changes to the charter which shorten the community boards’ ULURP review period which is being unfairly blamed for long development timelines; or any changes which reduce the influence of our community via the community boards in the land use process and increases the influence of individual elected officials or unelected officials at the expense of broader democratic bodies, including but not limited to : ● combining the borough presidents review period with the community boards ● moving the borough presidents review period after that of the council ● Allowing the city planning commission veto power over council votes ● allowing developers to appeal council zoning votes to a small body of unelected officials other than through the current Board of Standards and Appeals process ● or appointing a zoning administrator to make certain land use decisions Whereas, Community Board 9 has added more than 4500 units of housing and 1900 units of affordable housing since 2010 on top of having the highest population density of all community districts in Brooklyn, while ten community districts in the city built and preserved fewer than 500 units of affordable housing; and Whereas, Community Board 9 has deep concerns about ● the impact of existing and added density on quality of life and essential services, ● the lack of environmental review of new development in our district (most of which is as of right), ● and insufficient allocation of city resources for services and capital improvements to our district given limited private resources to manage density (our median household income is below the median for the city); and Whereas, Community Board 9 recognizes that the city as a whole needs to continue residential development to provide sufficient housing for expected future population but treasures our stable and affordable



residential community and our historic built context and does not want to be responsible for shouldering more than our fair share of density and locally unwanted land uses (we oppose development for the sake of development). Therefore, Community Board 9 resolves that we SUPPORT Charter reforms that recognize the Fair Housing Framework passed by City Council in 2023 by requiring the relevant city agencies to develop in coordination with Community Boards and the city council:

- Enforceable five-year housing and locally unwanted land use targets. Targets would take previous development, development pipeline and environmental assessments into consideration.
- Borough-wide and district level mandated environmental assessments every 5 years
- Tying these results to resource allocation for each district given citywide budgets; and strategies for economic and human capital development, and mitigations and solutions to quality-of-life problems caused by overdevelopment and density or concentration of Locally Unwanted Land Uses. And that such fair share targets and broader perspectives on development should be enforced in ways that center oversight, transparency, democratic participation and community-based planning such as
- encouraging borough boards to vote on individual land use applications during their separate review periods,
- providing resources to communities to create their own comprehensive plans, if needed,
- limiting the pre-certification and pre filing review periods for rezonings with the department of city planning without reducing environmental review or other technical requirements;
- for districts which fall short of fair share targets by a wide margin and fail to create their own comprehensive plans to increase housing and affordable housing production, having the city create a comprehensive plan for those districts which would go through the normal ULURP process.
- for districts which exceed their fair share targets by a wide margin, they should be able to request a moratorium on development until sufficient infrastructure is provided; and Whereas, Community Board 9 has observed a persistent pattern of city planning commission and council member deference to developer and mayoral priorities while community board and community views are ignored (we voted no on both Franklin Avenue rezonings and the Bedford Union Armory rezoning while the planning commission and council member approved all or almost all the developers requested upzoning and did not win as much affordability as we requested); and Whereas, Community Board 9 has observed a consistent trend of mayoral attempts to avoid charter mandated ULURP proceedings in rezonings of public housing developments and siting of homeless shelters (for example 205 Parkside Avenue) through “emergency” procedures. Therefore, Community Board 9 resolves that we OPPOSE any charter reform proposals that further increase the influence of the Mayor and developers at the expense of other players in the ULURP process, including but not limited to eliminating City Council review, and that we support increasing the power of the community in ULURP proceedings by:
- Adding 5 volunteer voting representatives to the city planning commission who are chosen from among community board land use members representing each borough, on a rotating basis and including one person from the community board land use committee where the application is being reviewed.
- Reducing the number of members of the planning commission appointed by the Mayor
- Allowing the relevant community board and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the relevant borough board to override a city planning commission veto, mirroring the Mayor’s override power, the application then moves to the city council where a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote is required for action.

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[EXTERNAL] I Do Not Support Jungle Primaries

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Hello,

I believe strongly that the push for jungle primaries is a recurring priority for the wealthy elite masked as a voter expansion effort. The ultra rich know that a strong, unified labor movement is a significant threat to their power and their agenda of deregulation and privatization. They will stop at nothing to weaken it.

There is also overwhelming evidence that shows a move to open primaries DOES NOT expand voter engagement in a meaningful way. The city should focus on expanding civic engagement and education around ranked choice voting, a system we just implemented and are seeing great signs of success with. Jungle primaries are not the answer.

Thank you,  
Ricky Silver

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Fridays For Future NYC Testimony on Jungle Primaries  
Proposal: This Is A Disaster For Youth.

From: Keanu Arpels-Josiah <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission  
Re: Opposition to the Consideration of a "Jungle Primary" System  
Delivered by Keanu Arpels-Josiah, Fridays For Future NYC.  
June 07, 2025

Good evening, Commissioners,

Thank you. My name is Keanu Arpels-Josiah and I represent today Fridays For Future NYC, a grassroots organization of high school students and young people across dozens of schools dedicated to fighting for action on the climate crisis, and I am here to express our strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. You heard earlier from one of our passionate middle school organizers speaking in her personal capacity, Catherine Du.

Let's be clear this top two or top four proposal is distinct from true open political primaries. That isn't the debate here. This is disastrous for our generation.

Last cycle our members knocked on thousands of doors, held forums, and we've done the work to build political power from the ground up. Members like ours are the lifeblood of our city's civic fabric, and how many young people, including those who may not be of age yet to vote, engage in our electoral process—and a jungle primary system would severely undermine grassroots voters' ability to engage in elections.

First, in an RCV top-two or top-four system, there is no party primary—ultimately, it undermines the logic for primaries at all. Every candidate, regardless of party or values, appears on one crowded ballot. That forces grassroots candidates to compete in massive, often expensive fields—splitting the vote and making it far harder for community-backed candidates to break

through.

Second, jungle primaries amplify the power of money over organizing. In a high-candidate, low-information race without party cues, the winners are usually those with the biggest war chests, the most name recognition, or the backing of wealthy interests. Our generation can't compete with that kind of money. Our strength is people-powered campaigns that build trust over time—not six-figure media buys and insider endorsements. Jungle primaries put movement candidates at a severe disadvantage and tilt the playing field back toward the very institutions grassroots organizing seeks to challenge.

Third, this comes after historic youth turnout in the most recent primary specifically among those aged 18-29. Where 25% of voters were zero-prime voters. And on the hottest day in 15 years. This system changes a system to favor billionaires not youth. One of the most powerful aspects of our current system is that it gives our generation clear political targets: party primaries where our votes and community organizing can make a real difference. That's how coalitions of youth have shifted city policy. Jungle primaries scramble those lines, make electoral pathways murky, and take power away from a generation that has only recently begun to claim it.

Let's be clear: this proposal is not about empowering young voters. It's about disempowering the people who have learned how to organize—it's about disempowering young voters who just showed up in historic numbers in the most recent primary.

For these reasons, I urge you to join with our generation, with labor and grassroots groups, from the Carpenters to DSA, and reject any attempt to implement a jungle primary system in New York City. It is a step backward for grassroots power, for our generation—and for democracy.

Thank you.

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[EXTERNAL] No to Open Primaries

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Dear Commissioners:

I write to express my opposition to the proposal for "open primaries" (also known as "jungle primaries").

(1) First, open primaries would contradict the State of New York's main purpose for recognizing political parties: namely, to enable only party-affiliated voters to determine a party's nominees for a general election. To make primaries "open" would functionally amount to nullifying the very purpose of legally recognized political parties.

(2) Second, open primaries do not necessarily increase voter turnout. To the extent that such evidence exists, they functionally reduce candidate choice, by disproportionately rewarding candidates of similar (and usually status-quo, centrist) politics to win primary nominations - thereby reducing the political diversity of the candidates who go on to compete in the general election.

(3) Third, open primaries tend to augment the already disproportionate power of independent expenditures funded by billionaires and big corporations, thereby further discounting the influence of small-dollar donations and the grassroots efforts of members of the electorate.

All of the considerations above combine to strengthen the power of concentrated wealth and weaken the power of the actual voters of NYC to elect candidates aligned with their respective views. For these reasons, the proposal to open NYC's primaries is a terrible one that should be removed from the commission's final set of ballot proposals.

Sincerely,

Bright Limm

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No Turnout Gains from Open Primaries in NYC

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Hey,

I'm here today to make it clear that jungle primaries are not the answer to low voter turnout. The data from states that have implemented them consistently shows they do not increase participation. If our true objective is to enhance democratic engagement, then we must look beyond these types of reforms, as they have proven to be ineffective in this specific regard. Consider Alaska, which adopted open primaries in 2022. The 2024 primary election saw alarmingly low turnout, ranking among the lowest in half a century. This directly contradicts the idea that jungle primaries inherently lead to higher engagement. The data out of Alaska strongly points to the conclusion that these elections have had little impact on turnout, reinforcing that they are a "solution in search of a problem" when it comes to boosting participation.

Best,

Jaslin Kaur

Jaslin Kaur

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[EXTERNAL] Action Alert: Save Our Unions

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Hello,

The implementation of jungle primaries would represent a significant step backward for democratic representation. It is a system that intrinsically favors candidates with pre-existing wealth or access to extensive financial networks, enabling them to bypass the traditional party vetting processes. This directly impacts labor unions and community organizations that champion public services and resist privatization. The striking absence of labor representation on the deliberating commission is highly indicative of whose interests are truly being prioritized. The assertion that "public sector unions" exert "outsized influence" is a narrative designed to weaken their legitimate role. In a political landscape already dominated by the affluent, the Democratic primary serves as a crucial space for collective action and for working people to assert their voice. This proposal is designed to undermine that vital mechanism.

Thanks,

Magdalena Moranda

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[EXTERNAL] A Data-Driven Perspective on Primary Reform

From: Mark McDougale <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Attention Commissioners,

It is imperative that we base our decisions on empirical evidence, not on wishful thinking. The idea that jungle primaries are a solution for low voter turnout falls into the latter category. The data from states that have implemented these systems is a testament to their ineffectiveness in this regard. We cannot afford to waste time and resources on policies that do not work. Instead, we should be channeling our efforts into proven strategies like voter registration drives, educational campaigns, and direct outreach that have a demonstrated impact on participation rates.

It is not surprising that the current mayor is interested in this since he is so badly considered and didn't even enter the Democratic Primary. This issue, this discussion, deserves a lot more consideration and research before there is a decision

Thank you,  
Mark McDougale

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[EXTERNAL] City Charter Commission's 2025 proposals for November  
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Richmondtown and Clarke Avenue  
Civic Association, Inc.



Re: Ballot Questions 1-3

BALLOT QUESTION #1: Fast Tracking Affordable Housing

BALLOT QUESTION #2: Simplify Review of Modest Housing and Infrastructure Projects

BALLOT QUESTION #3: Establish a Land Use Appeals Board with Council, Borough, and Citywide  
Voices

The Charter Commission's proposals for the November, 2025 ballot questions 1 through 3, raise concerns for NYC citizens and our City Council representatives. Ballot questions 1 and 2 call for "fast-tracking" housing projects, which could be disastrous for a community. There must be sufficient time allowed for the public to be notified of proposed projects or developments, and then allowed time to analyze the impact of proposed projects. There must also be consideration for the fact that needed infrastructure, essential services, schools, etc., must be in place before additional housing would be added to a community. New Yorkers already feel a serious strain from the inadequacy of current services and infrastructure.

Ballot question 3 would cause our City Council representatives to lose their ability to make decisions relating to land use and housing. Appointees to a special review board do not have the insight and first-hand knowledge of a community, which our City Council representatives hold.

Sincerely,

Carol Donovan  
President

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Testimony of Win - Charter Revision Commission

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Good Afternoon,

Please see Win's testimony for the Charter Revision Commission attached.

Best,

Chris Mann | he/him/his  
AVP of Policy and Advocacy  
Win (Women in Need)

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## **New York City Charter Revision Commission 2025**

*July 7, 2025*

### **Testimony by Win (Women in Need)**

My name is Chris Mann and I am the AVP of Policy and Advocacy at Win. I would like to thank the members of the Commission for the opportunity to submit testimony. Win is the largest provider of shelter and supportive housing to families with children in New York City and the nation. We operate 16 shelters and nearly 500 supportive housing units across the five boroughs. Each night, nearly 7,000 people call Win “home,” including 3,800 children. Today we are writing to submit testimony on three issues top of mind for our organization’s work: (1) addressing late payments to nonprofit providers; (2) funding the human service sector; and (3) addressing the affordable housing shortage.

#### **Addressing Chronic and Pervasive Late Payment Issues Troubling Nonprofits**

As both a shelter and supportive housing provider, Win sees firsthand the extreme challenges that late payments create for non-profits serving New Yorkers in need. Despite the City’s effort to clear the \$4 billion backlog of unpaid contracts, late payments remain a persistent and harmful problem.

Chronic payment delays disrupt our ability to maintain our buildings, pay landlords, and fund the case management and clinical services that create long term stability for our clients. Like many shelter and supportive housing providers, we are often required to open programs and move clients into unit’s months before contracts are registered or payments are released. In our experience, it takes at least 6 months for the city to register contracts. This delays crucial rent and service reimbursements and forces providers like us to front the full cost of housing New Yorkers.

Finally, the funding policies of the new federal administration have created much uncertainty for non-profit providers here in NYC. Between proposed federal funding freezes and federal staff firings, many providers are concerned over the reliability of funds from the federal government. Most recently, the administration has proposed cutting the staff at Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by 50%. We know that reducing staff and administrative resources at HUD will have dire results, including the closure of programs that serve people experiencing homelessness, and the potential reduction of permanent affordable and supportive housing. In particular, we are concerned about critical CoC funding.

New York City’s procurement options are defined in the first instance by state law. Within the state framework, the Charter establishes the basic structure of the City’s procurement process, including the methods that agencies can use to make procurements. We believe that the Charter Revision Process is a crucial opportunity to tackle these pervasive late payment issues threatening the solvency of nonprofit homeless shelters and homeless service providers.

#### **Recommendations 1–3: Contract Registration**

##### **Recommendation 1: Limiting work without a registered contract.**

The Charter should mandate a PPB rulemaking prohibiting contracting agencies from asking any vendor to perform any services without a registered contract. Late contracts and late payments increase costs for nonprofits because they must spend time and money chasing the dollars they are owed and shifting



resources to fill temporary gaps. A registered contract is a necessary assurance that they will be compensated as agreed upon.

**Recommendation 2: Automatic contract registration for existing vendors.**

The Charter should mandate the PPB to make a rule that would automatically require agencies to process extension contracts for their existing vendors. This rule could be triggered whenever agencies are unable to begin processing new RFP awards at least six months prior to the end of the existing contract.

**Recommendation 3: Establishing time limits for emergency contracts.**

The Charter should limit the extended use of emergency contracting, which is often expensive, by requiring the mayor and the comptroller to renew their joint determination that emergency procurement remains appropriate, after such a contract has been in place for two years.

**Recommendations 4–6: Timely Payments**

**Recommendation 4: Interest on Late Payments.**

As mentioned above, many of providers take out lines of credit to alleviate cash flow issues. However, the interest payments on loans are not reimbursable, except in rare cases, so nonprofits must make these payments from reserves already stretched to the breaking point. This also assumes that an organization can find a willing lender or has not already maxed out their borrowing options.

We recommend amending the Charter so that nonprofits can collect interest when the City pays late. Ideally, no contracts should ever start before payments are made, but nonprofits should not bear the cost of any late payments. Current policies around interest payments do not work — providers are almost never granted interest for late payments. As a result, the City is starting to lose the network of providers it is relying on because of its inability to get payments out on time. Therefore, we recommend that Section 332 include a requirement that the City is responsible for interest on late payments, including late payments due to late contract registration. This could be implemented by requiring appropriations for interest on late payments to be included in agency contract budgeting. If the agencies do not spend the allocated reserves, the money could be spent to support other agency initiatives such as PEGs, which would incentivize agencies to pay invoices on time.

**Recommendation 5: Addressing the timeliness of invoice payments.**

Mandate the Procurement Policy Board (PPB) to establish rules that require City agencies to pay (very soon after receipt) a minimum percentage for each invoice from a human services contractor in good standing (which should be clearly defined in the rules by the PPB). Agencies could then resolve the disputed portions of invoices within a longer mandated timeframe without putting the fiscal stability of their nonprofit partners at risk.

**Recommendation 6: Mandating prompt procurement timeframes.**

The City Charter creates a timeframe for the comptroller to register a contract within 30 days and we believe that Chapter 13, Section 311 should be amended to require the Procurement Policy Board (PPB) to set contracting timelines for each step of the procurement process and regularly report on the compliance of the contracting agencies. There are many steps from the announcement of the award to



registration, and with the data acquired through PASSPort, there must be mandated timeframes to hold the contracting agencies accountable for the delayed procurement processes resulting in human services providers waiting months and sometimes years to be paid for the services provided.

### **Recommendations 7–9: Other Changes**

#### **Recommendation 7: Elevating the oversight and accountability role of MOCS.**

The Charter should establish a mandate describing the specific responsibilities of the Mayor’s Office of Contract Services (MOCS), similar to those already in place for other critical Mayoral functions, such as the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Operations. It is crucial for MOCS to have charter authority to ensure city agencies meet contracting deadlines and be able to improve procurement processes across programmatic agencies. Many of the payment issues our providers face, are a result of inconsistent payment policies across agencies. MOCS should have charter authority not just over procurement, but invoicing and payment, to ensure consistent policies. This could be accomplished by establishing an office in the Executive Office of the Mayor that has the authority to take actions needed to ensure that agencies comply with contract laws and regulations, invoicing, and payment. The Office should also have the power to survey each agency, furnish data and information, and answer inquiries pertinent to the exercise of any of the director’s duties regarding procurement related matters

#### **Recommendation 8: Standardizing the contracting, invoicing, and auditing process.**

MOCS should be mandated to ensure consistent policies across agencies to make the contracting, invoicing, and auditing process is standardized, with reasonable deviations, across each agency. Agencies should have some discretion in the documentation needs but a uniform process that only slightly deviates from agency to agency would allow nonprofits to better navigate the system.

#### **Recommendation 9: Data transparency on contract registration and payment processing.**

Performance data on contract registration and payment processing should be collected and reviewed by the Mayor’s Office of Contracts. This data should be made publicly available via the Mayor’s Management Report. In addition, the Charter should provide for the PPB and City Council to review this information and seek remedies.

### **Funding the Human Services Sector**

The nonprofit sector has struggled for decades with how competitive procurements impact the systemic underfunding of programs to the detriment of the financial health of nonprofits. While the Charter is not a document structured to set rates, there are ways that the Charter could manage procurements to better ensure equitable rates. Nonprofits provide a myriad of services on behalf of the government – many of them mandated – and the sector leverages private and philanthropic dollars and funding from the City, State, and federal government to create dynamic programs at a discount to the City.

Additionally, we must pay special attention to the workforce who makes this all possible. We must ensure that nonprofit service providers are funded at levels that support fair and equitable wages for the dedicated human service workers who carry out this vital work. The well-trained, talented, and





committed nonprofit workforce should not be forced into poverty due to chronic underfunding of City contracts.

**Recommendation 10: Amending the PPB principles.**

The underfunding of human services contracts is the most pressing issue impacting the sector. The PPB should be the body to address this issue. Charter section 311, sets out principles for the PPB and should be amended to include language requiring that procurements reimburse providers for reasonable costs by adding language to Section 311.d “(iv) rules requiring all agencies to reimburse nonprofit client services providers for at least the reasonable cost of providing the contracted services.”

**Recommendation 11: Addressing underfunded contracts with sample budgets.**

Human services providers compete for contracts that contain scopes of work proposed by government that are typically developed without a market survey of costs or input from providers. This results in contracts that do not cover the actual cost of services and provide inadequate compensation for a highly educated workforce essential to implementing a high-quality program. Chapter 13 of the Charter instructs the City on the procurement process, the City should include a rationalization, through a sample budget, for the rates set forth in the RFP. Chapter 13 of the Charter should include language that “Prior to issuing an invitation for bids, requests for proposals, or other solicitations that set forth proposed rates, the agency shall undertake an analysis of the costs associated with performing the service, including employee costs, and include the analysis as a sample budget in the bid or request for proposal documents.”

**Recommendation 12: Surveying contract vendors to develop RFPs.**

New York City outsources the bulk of human services programs to nonprofit vendors, and many of these providers compete for contracts for programs in which they have previously held contracts at the City level, as well as from other levels of government and private funders. When the City develops a request for proposal for a set of contracts that are expiring or developing a new RFP that is substantially similar to existing contracts, the City should survey current vendors to receive information on rates, deliverables, and outcome measurements. Current contractors hold vital information on the real costs of running programs, what works and what does not in the current program design, and what deliverables are being met and move towards the outcomes the City seeks when designing a program. Providers can also make recommendations on updated program models that better reflect current needs of client population. The City charter should include in Section 312 language requiring City agencies to survey current vendors, or vendors who hold substantially similar contracts, when creating a bid or request for proposal.

In the event the RFP does not reflect market research, the agency should have to defend why crucial services and equitable wages were not fully funded. The rate setting methodology should be transparent to the public especially for per-client or per-service rates and should document the components and calculation of the rate.

**Recommendation 13: Require Human Service contracts to be funded at the True Cost of Living**



In Section 16 of the Charter, the mayor must report on social indicators and equity including “budgetary resources allocated to reduce poverty.” The city’s current under-resourcing of human services contracts is poverty-inducing; not poverty reducing. We respectfully submit that the Charter should require human services contracts to be funded at a true cost of living, and such funding be reported annually. To further this goal, we suggest amending Charter Section 2-04 to require multi-term client services contracts include annual wage escalators that maintain contract wages at a true cost of living.

### **Addressing New York City’s Housing Crisis**

Our shortage of affordable housing has reached a breaking point. With record low vacancies, rising rents and rising costs, plus stagnant wages – we are in a dire moment that needs action to prevent additional New Yorkers from entering homelessness. In April, New York City’s shelter system already housed (on average) nearly 85,000 individuals a night. New York already State saw a 53.1% increase in homelessness between January 2023 and January 2024 — more than four times the national average; New York City accounted for 93% of this increase. With pending federal funding cuts and under investment in the sector, people will be forced to enter a system that is not resourced for this volume.

Increasing the housing stock is not enough – we must prioritize deeply affordable housing that reduce the number of rent burdened tenants and make it easier for clients who transition of shelter to find housing.

### **Recommendations 14–19: ULURP Related Proposals**

#### **Recommendation 14: Disposition of City-owned land for affordable housing that conforms to underlying zoning should not have to go through ULURP.**

We suggest the creation of a simplified public process be established in place of ULURP to ensure government transfers are appropriate but are quick.

#### **Recommendation 15: Consider truncating ULURP as a consequence for districts that are not meeting their production targets in the framework.**

In these instances, ULURP would end at City Planning Commission, preventing the local councilmember from blocking affordable housing after failing to meet district targets.

We also recommend that Fair Housing Framework production targets prioritize affordable housing. This could be done by giving a greater weight to affordable housing in housing production targets.

#### **Recommendation 16: Limiting the application and review of the ULURP Process.**

The ULURP process requires 60-day review by the Community Board and 30-day review by the Borough Board. We support merging the two reviews into one review overseen by the Borough President. This would shorten the ULURP timeline. It would allow for local input but give more of a borough-wide focus. And it could allow the Borough Presidents to create a process that includes more voices the community.

Additionally, we recommend requiring only agency approval for certain actions, including special permits, revocable consents, concessions, franchises, housing and urban renewal plans instead of going to ULURP.



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**Recommendation 17: Streamline Advisory Reviews in ULURP.**

Local input into the City's land use review process prioritizes those with the most time, money, and connections. Many places around the country have adopted better community engagement practices that are more representative and less reactionary. We should combine the separate Community Board and Borough President advisory reviews in ULURP, bringing them together with additional BP oversight, improved engagement techniques, and a borough-wide lens.

**Recommendation 18: Delegating review of small or minor projects with strictly local significance to borough presidents as the final step.**

The current process is so long and expensive that small projects cannot afford to go through it. Few, if any, small rezoning projects go through ULURP. Smaller projects are important ways to add housing in lower-density neighborhoods. A shorter review process for these projects would make it affordable for them to go through the process and where appropriate get approved.

**Recommendation 19: Make the Fair Housing Plan more enforceable by amending the charter to:**

- Encourage and advantage certain ULURP proposals found to be in compliance with reaching Fair Housing Plan targets, by moving them through an expedited process
  - This would be done in a tiered fashion where:
    - 100% affordable developments with deeply affordable units could be expedited in all geographies
    - Mixed-income affordable developments could be expedited only in those geographies deemed both "low-affordability" and not a "high displacement risk area" by the Fair Housing Plan and that did not reach their housing production targets in the most recently completed five year time period
  - Such projects would not receive an automatic Council hearing and vote unless a majority of the Council voted to do so
- Require that the capital budget details how it is advancing and addressing the goals, targets, and obstacles established and identified by the Fair Housing Plan

**Recommendations 20–24: Other Recommendations**

**Recommendation 20: Fast track the approval process for HPD-sponsored affordable housing seeking a limited rezoning through the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA).**

Doing so would facilitate the building of more affordable housing throughout the city. Additionally, the BSA fast-track would reduce steps and shorten the process of developing affordable housing, treating it like the urgent public policy priority that it is. Finally, this fast track could be temporary and apply while New York City meets the standard of "housing emergency" with a vacancy rate below 5% or be implemented under New York City's Fair Housing Framework to help achieve affordable housing growth targets.

**Recommendation 21: Amend the charter to mandate that New York City create a comprehensive plan on a recurring timeline, with the following essential components:**

- Establishment of equity goals, including



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- Ensuring an equitable distribution of development and investment
  - Increasing access to affordable housing
  - Promoting social, economic & racial integration
  - Advancing environmental justice, open and green space
  - Through the coordination of existing plans' goals and mandates (such as the Fair Housing Plan, Long-term sustainability plan)
- Establishment of citywide and Community District level targets across a host of issues, including for
  - Housing
  - School seats & community facilities
  - Open space
  - Infrastructure & Resiliency
  - Through the coordination of existing plans' quantifiable targets (such as the Fair Housing Plan)
- Committing all 59 Community Districts to create Community District level plans to achieve these targets, with the necessary resources to conduct this process with robust, deliberative and inclusive community engagement, including budgetary and technical assistance needs to achieve this
- Requiring land use, annual expense budget, capital budget and policy decisions to detail how they are in accordance with the comprehensive plan so as to achieve its goals and targets

**Recommendation 22: Create a Fast-Track for Fair Housing.**

We need a new approval process for proposals that would advance fair housing in our most transit-rich, climate-resilient, and low-growth neighborhoods, in line with the implementation of Speaker Adams' Fair Housing Framework. In these well-resourced neighborhoods, we must fast-track approvals and remove the ability for the local Council Member to block new homes. Such reforms are common in other states, often known as "builder's remedies," but New York is behind.

**Recommendation 23: Make Public Land Work for Affordable Housing.**

The City is the largest landowner in the five boroughs, but turning underutilized, city-owned land into affordable housing is bureaucratic and slow. We should establish an expedited process to build HPD-financed affordable housing on city-owned land.

**Recommendation 24: Factor Housing Needs into Landmarks Decisions.**

The Landmarks Preservation Commission is limited by the Charter in what factors it can consider in making critical decisions. The impact is especially severe in the City's most well-resourced, low-growth neighborhoods. We must make sure that housing affordability and availability are part of the discussion when LPC creates new historic districts and allows building consolidations in existing districts.



# TESTIMONY TO CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

## MANHATTAN PUBLIC HEARING, JULY 7, 2025

### HOWARD SLATKIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Good afternoon, Chair Buery and Commissioners. My name is Howard Slatkin, and I am Executive Director of Citizens Housing and Planning Council, an 87-year-old policy research organization. I am pleased to submit testimony for CHPC in strong support of the proposed Charter revisions on land use and housing.

In February, at the start of this Charter revision process, I testified about the skewed political incentives embedded in the structure of ULURP, how today's environment differs from what the City faced in 1989, and what we have learned since then. We articulated a set of principles to guide reforms:

- Return to the original ULURP concept of “local voice, citywide responsibility.”
- Build into the process a check against member deference.
- Promote cooperation rather than stoking conflict or rivalry.
- Make minor actions faster and less resource-intensive.
- Accelerate urgent affordable housing investments with procedural relief.

CHPC is heartened that the Commission's recommendations significantly address all of these principles. The proposed Charter revisions reflect a deliberative consideration of the proposals offered by CHPC and numerous other stakeholders, and chart a practical way forward. Together, the creation of a “fast track” for

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affordable housing approvals, an expedited review process for actions of lesser scope, and an appeals process for ULURP decisions will better align our land use processes with the critical priorities of building sufficient housing and promoting equitable housing creation among neighborhoods.

The proposed changes will leave us far better prepared to achieve these goals, yet it will still require commitment and effort from our democratically elected officials. For instance, in the rulemaking for and administration of these reforms, it will be important to ensure that these revised processes remain straightforward and navigable without undue delay or cost.

We are continuing to review the details of the proposed Charter language to ensure that it will accomplish the purposes the Commission has described. We will share specific comments on this language in the near future.

Thank you.

## CHPC additional comments on proposed Charter language

July 10, 2025

### Fast Track eligibility

- **Need for CPC determination of eligibility for 197-e, to prevent misuse or unintended consequences.** Eligibility is supposed to be for local land use actions to produce housing and are subject to MIH. The language here is potentially overinclusive (it is not specific to housing-oriented applications, and could encompass downzonings) and underinclusive (a zoning map change to facilitate housing may affect properties that are not subject to MIH or intended to be developed). **At certification, in determining that a proposal is eligible for 197-e, the CPC should be required to find that the action meets the specified criteria and that its primary purpose is to facilitate additional housing.**
  - To illustrate the problem of overinclusiveness in the proposed criteria:
    - Under established policy, MIH is applied to rezonings that would permit substantially more residential development even if the intended purpose is not residential. This could encompass projects (e.g., Memorial Sloan-Kettering, NY Blood Center, Lenox Hill Hospital) that do not have a housing component and should not be fast-tracked on the basis of insufficient affordable housing production.
    - The downzoning of an existing MIH area would be eligible for 197-e under the criteria specified in the proposed Charter language. In addition, while established policy and legal guidance has been to add MIH only when rezoning promotes new housing development, the proposal leaves the door open to future misuse. The application of MIH to an area without significant upzoning – for example, rezoning an existing R10 district to R10A and extending the district boundary by 10 feet – would effectively reduce, rather than increase housing capacity, but would also be eligible for 197-e as currently drafted.
  - The problem of underinclusiveness:
    - For example, take a portion of a block where the side street is zoned R4 and the avenue is zoned R6/C2. As was typical under 1961 zoning, the district boundary extends 150 feet from the avenue, the last 50 feet of which encompasses R4-style small homes fronting the side street. The proposed map change might map R7A within 100 feet of the avenue, but bring the remaining 50 feet of the current R6 district

into the R4. That should be fine – it's good planning! – and not preclude eligibility for 197-e. The Charter should avoid procedural incentives for inferior planning results wherever possible.

- Note also that the eligibility criteria for low-density zoning map changes already require reasonable interpretation at the time of CPC certification – they must determine that the change would “increase the residential capacity.” This is the correct concept, but in implementing it the CPC must consider not just FAR but also use (single-family, two-family, multifamily), minimum lot size, and other factors. For instance, a rezoning from R4 to R5A entails an increase in FAR and decreases the minimum lot size for detached homes, but limits buildings to single- or two-family detached homes. Guidance for how to make these determinations should be provided in the CPC's rulemaking.
- **Need for an appeal for certification under 197-e.** Paragraph (b)(4) requires as a condition of eligibility for 197-e that “The department of city planning certifies as complete such application no later than two years after such application is filed.” But this leaves open the possibility for administratively slowing applications by refusing to certify them. This problem led to the 1989 Charter revision introducing an appeal mechanism by which BPs or applicants could help get a delayed application certified. There is no specifically identified avenue for appeal to certify under 197-f/197-e the way there is under 197-c. **A similar appeal process needs to be built into 197-e.**
  - The timing requirements for certification of an application (197-f(b)(4)) are also potentially problematic. Applications are commonly refiled and should be allowed to be, within reason. If a new list of 12 CDs comes out on Jan 1 (or near this time) that does not include the CD an application is in, a grace period should be available during which a previously filed project may be refiled without losing eligibility for the 197-e process.
- **Special permits.** The proposed language makes zoning map amendments that increase permitted residential FAR by 30 percent or less eligible for the expedited 197-e process, but does not allow special permits the same expedited process, even though many special permits provide much lesser relief (e.g., floor area bonuses or transfer not exceeding 20 percent). This disparity could create perverse incentives not to utilize special permits, many of which are intended as ways to optimize development. While the Commission may find there to be no categorical way to expedite the full variety of special permits available, it should not abandon the goal of expediting special permits. **The Charter proposal should require DCP to conduct a full review of discretionary actions available under the Zoning**



**Resolution, and no later than January 1, 2027, to propose actions (whether zoning text amendments or additions to the 197-e eligibility list) to bring these actions into consistency with the review procedures for comparable actions under these changes.**

- **Designation of areas of lowest affordable housing production.** The calculation of affordable units specifies for the numerator the “total number of affordable dwelling units for which the department of buildings has issued a permit for construction work in the prior five years.” This is ambiguous as to whether it refers to new affordable units only or existing affordable units on which construction work has been permitted. Presumably it is intended to refer to the former. This should be clarified (e.g., “**new affordable units**”; language that can be further elucidated in the CPC’s rules).
  - Edits to this language: “The director, in consultation with the commissioner of housing preservation and development, shall determine such twelve community districts by ~~measuring~~ dividing the total number of new affordable dwelling units for which the department of buildings has issued a permit for construction work in the prior five years ~~as a percentage of~~ by the total number of housing units located in such community district at the start of each five-year cycle.”
- **Actions consisting of multiple applications.** The proposed language appears to force eligible applications to go through 197-e. This creates a problem when an action includes multiple actions, only some of which are eligible for 197-e. For instance, a zoning map change and special permit would not be able to proceed through review in tandem. For obvious reasons, this would compromise decision making. **The proposed language should be clear (or allow CPC rulemaking to clarify) which actions would proceed under 197-e and which under 197-c/200.**

## **ELURP**

- It is not clear from the language proposed for 197-e(e)(b)(2) whether rezoning from an M (or C8) district to a low-density R district is permitted, though it appears to be. Not clear that this is intended; it is not allowed for rezonings to medium- or high-density districts.

## **Appeals Board**

- **Timing and mechanics of appeals process.**

- The Appeals Board may “resolve by affirmative majority vote” to initiate review of a Council ULURP vote. This must happen within five days of the Council’s vote. Presumably the Appeals Board needs to meet to take this vote. If so, there does not appear to be sufficient time for them to provide notice for doing so. (If not, what is the mechanism by which they would vote?) Need more clarity to understand how this would function within the limited time frame available.
  - Based on the number of meetings required in a short span, it would be preferable to **allow this process to be initiated by individual actions of at least two of the three members of the Board (e.g., a statement of intent to appeal), rather than requiring a vote**, which requires a public meeting. It shouldn’t be harder for the Board to initiate an appeal than for an applicant to do so.
- In addition, the board must file proposed modifications with the CPC for its 15-day review (during which the Board’s 15-day review is tolled), and only after this may the Board vote on the final changes.
  - Presumably the Board would need to vote to file modifications, which requires a public meeting. This makes as many as three meetings of the Board (see bullet above).
- Typo in the numbering of 197-g, paragraph (d), which is labeled paragraph (c).

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[EXTERNAL] Avoiding Disengagement in Elections

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Commissioners,

I write to you today in strong opposition to the proposed changes to Open Primaries here in NYC.

Consider the very real risk of voter disenfranchisement when political parties are weakened or their role is diluted. A system where voters cannot easily identify a candidate representing their party's values leads directly to disengagement. Studies have shown that almost half of all voters whose Party doesn't have a candidate in an election choose to sit out. This isn't a sign of voter apathy; it's a sign that the system isn't providing meaningful choices. A jungle primary, for instance, can inadvertently eliminate choice for voters by forcing them to choose between candidates who may not align with their core party values. A robust party system, where members select their candidates, is vital for ensuring voters feel represented and motivated to participate.

Sincerely,  
Josh Daniel

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Carol - here's another round-up of all of the ballot questions and references to the pages in the Charter Revision Commission's report:

Thanks,

Paul

Question #1: "Fast Tracking Affordable Housing" - Pages 47-62

This would force the 12 Community Board Districts with the lowest number of affordable housing units to be targeted for it and would take away the Councilmember's ability to amend or stop \*any\* proposal that includes affordable housing (some of which may be very bad and inappropriate).

Question #2: "Simplify Review of Modest Housing and Infrastructure Projects" Pages 63-75

This would allow apartment buildings to be built up to 4 stories tall and at a 2.0 FAR (at an R5/.R6 density) in all R1 through R5 lower density districts everywhere; and give a 30% increase in FAR and density for all development in R6 and above everywhere. They are calling this ELURP: Expedited Land Use Review Procedure which, again, would take away the City Council's role in land use and zoning decisions. It would also basically remove the City Council from other land use decisions including disposition of small and irregular sites, resiliency projects, city map changes, etc.

Question #3: "Establish a Land Use Appeals Board with Council, Borough and Citywide Voices"  
Pages 76-83

This would - very directly - take away Council "Member Deference" for local projects and zoning changes. It would actually recreate (in essence) the Board of Estimate, which was dissolved in 1989 as considered unconstitutional under Federal law and the subsequent changes to the City Charter that brought us to our current government set up. It would remove the City Council as the final vote with a Mayoral veto and replace it with an "Appeals Board" that is made up of the Mayor, one Borough President and the Speaker of the City Council.

Question #4: "Modernize the City Map" Pages 84-87

This would centralize the official City Map, which remains divided among each borough or county. This is meant to expedite development by having centralized control over the mapping of the city instead of each Borough President controlling that process.

Question #5: "Even Year Local Elections" Pages 92-99

This is about changing the voting year from an odd year to a Presidential year for Mayor, Citywide and Borough-wide races as a way to encourage more turnout. This allows the local race - Mayor, Comptroller, Public Advocate, Borough President and Council Members - to get "lost" in an election with the President, House of Representatives, State Senate and State Assembly.

Possible Question #6: "Open Primaries" Pages 100-109

This is about creating a non-Party "Jungle Primary" system, where all candidates regardless of party would compete in a single open primary, This would be ON TOP OF the current ranked choice system and would have the top two vote getters go on to the General Election. However, this runs afoul of the State Constitution, which guarantees "Fusion" politics, allowing small parties (WFP, Conservative, independent ballot lines, etc.) to get on the ballot for the General Election.

Richmondtown and Clarke Avenue  
Civic Association, Inc.



Re: Ballot Questions 1-3

BALLOT QUESTION #1: Fast Tracking Affordable Housing

BALLOT QUESTION #2: Simplify Review of Modest Housing and Infrastructure Projects

BALLOT QUESTION #3: Establish a Land Use Appeals Board with Council, Borough, and Citywide Voices

The Charter Commission's proposals for the November, 2025 ballot questions 1 through 3, raise concerns for NYC citizens and our City Council representatives. Ballot questions 1 and 2 call for "fast-tracking" housing projects, which could be disastrous for a community. There must be sufficient time allowed for the public to be notified of proposed projects or developments, and then allowed time to analyze the impact of proposed projects. There must also be consideration for the fact that needed infrastructure, essential services, schools, etc., must be in place before additional housing would be added to a community. New Yorkers already feel a serious strain from the inadequacy of current services and infrastructure.

Ballot question 3 would cause our City Council representatives to lose their ability to make decisions relating to land use and housing. Appointees to a special review board do not have the insight and first-hand knowledge of a community, which our City Council representatives hold.

Sincerely,

Carol Donovan  
President

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shaeril McBrown

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I could help people with affordable housing and lower costs

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## July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Testimony to 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission

Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify again as you conclude the 2025 Charter revision process. In my previous testimony I stated how essential it is our city's main governing document be updated from time-to-time to ensure our government is as responsive to – and representative of – the people of New York City as possible. I am testifying again in support of open primaries to ensure this potential modification is given the attention and public consideration at the ballot box I believe it deserves.

In my previous testimony I mentioned my concern about the Black voting portion of the electorate shrinking relative to the larger electorate (32% to 27% between 2013 and 2021). While that concern hasn't diminished, I'd like to address my concerns about the portions of the electorate who are Black or in communities of color who are unable to participate.

I'm sure you're aware by now over 1,000,000 New Yorkers are unable to vote in primary elections. This is disappointing for many reasons. As testified to previously, because we have closed primaries in New York City, this means closed primaries are continuing to disenfranchise unaffiliated Black voters year over year. On the heels of a significant primary election this past June, I am reminded of this constituency who did not get a chance to support the elected democratic nominee or potentially participate in their local city council election. Of the registered, but unaffiliated voters, approximately 500,00 are people of color. Additionally, 500,000 voters who are unaffiliated are under 50 years old. This is fundamentally unfair and counter to the spirit of the democratic process we hold in high esteem.

As I reflect on the recent mayoral primary, I am impressed with the wave of young voters who turned out across the city to express their desire for a particular type of change. This vote clearly speaks to the desire of communities of color, Black voters, and young people advocating for a different all type of governance and political leadership. It is a travesty many of their friends, neighbors, and families are unable to join them in voting as they don't officially belong to a political party.





I've heard murmurs of open primaries being born of a business community effort to dilute progressive votes. I am not of the business community and I count myself as a progressive, forward-thinking member of the City. Last week, former US Attorney Loretta Lynch released a report which determined open primaries, as in many cities and states across the country, would not have a disenfranchising effect on the Black community or communities of color if it were to be successfully passed via public ballot.

I continue to believe the most effective path towards greater inclusivity and addressing the growing disenfranchisement is to establish non-partisan primaries. America's largest cities - Houston, Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. all hold some version of open primaries. These cities continue to successfully conduct elections where public servants of color and from progressive communities are selected by the public.

As shared before, the Bi-Partisan Policy Center published a study whereby voter participation increased 5% when cities switched to open primaries and Black and Latino turnout increased 3%, shrinking the equity gap with white voters. An increase of these percentages means tens of thousands more Black and brown voters participating in NYC primaries.

Permitting all registered New Yorkers the chance to vote just makes sense. For decades the advocacy and civil rights community worked hard to register our friends and neighbors to give full voice to our needs politically. History continues to prove, when we let more people vote, our elections become more equitable, and our government becomes more representative of its people.

I want to thank the commissioners for what I know is hard, sometimes thankless work. I also want to encourage you to give the public a chance to vote, on their ability to vote, in the future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Frederick A. Davie  
Executive Vice-President  
Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York

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Name: Tyrone L Jackson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I approve of the proposed changes because rent is too expensive here in NYC compared to the rest of the country. I'm born and raised here. This is my home. An affordable rent here would make the cost of living much more easier. In addition, native New Yorker wouldn't move so offen from this expensive city.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Irina Babushkina

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I fully support making city primaries open to all voters, not just registered democrats. Whether jungle primaries or allowing independents to vote in democratic primaries, both would be a huge improvement in a city where primary largely decided general election outcome.

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Name: Rachel Varga

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Will failing and abandoned infrastructures throughout the city, especially in low income neighborhoods, be addressed along side the proposed the "Fast track new affordable housing" ? These structures are a health issues.They feed infestation, structural hazards, and unsanitary conditions. It does no good to continue to build shinny new buildings around the problem.

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[EXTERNAL] No to open primaries; instead, propose RCV in general elections.

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Dear Commissioners:

I write to oppose the proposal for "open primaries," for many reasons but with particular attention to three:

(1) First, Making primaries "open" would amount to nullifying the purpose of legally recognized political parties, which are structures essential to the ability of working people to organize masses of fellow working people at a scale that can compete with the power of concentrated capital in the hands of the wealthy few.

(2) Second, open primaries have not been shown overall to reliably increase voter turnout. Moreover, even in those jurisdictions in which such evidence exists, the increased turnout tends to come at the cost of also reducing the political diversity of the candidates who appear on the general-election ballot.

(3) Third, open primaries tend to augment the already disproportionate power of independent expenditures funded by billionaires and big corporations, thereby further discounting the influence of the actual electorate.

All of these considerations combine to strengthen the power of concentrated wealth and to weaken the power of the actual voters to elect candidates aligned with their respective views. For these reasons, the proposal to open NYC's primaries should be removed from the commission's final set of ballot proposals.

Instead of opening primaries, the Commission should propose instituting ranked-choice voting in general elections; this change would substantially address most of the Commission's concerns as stated in its July 01 report.

Sincerely,

Bright Limm  
Jamaica, Queens

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Dear Charter Revision Commission,

Please find attached BK CB1 Testimony to Charter Review Commission, delivered by District Manager Ms. Johana Pulgarin at the Charter Review Commission Meeting held on July 7, 2025.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dealice Fuller

Chairperson



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Honorable members of the 2025 New York City Charter Revision Commission and the  
NYC Commission to Strengthen Local Democracy:

Please find below testimony given by the District Manager, Ms. Johana Pulgarin, on behalf of  
Brooklyn Community Board 1.

Good evening, Charter Revision Commission, my name is Johana Pulgarin, Brooklyn  
Community Board 1's District Manager, thank you for having me and allowing me to give the  
following testimony on behalf of Brooklyn Community Board 1.

Of all of the voting bodies involved in land use matters, Community Boards are in the  
unique position to have intimate, hands-on involvement and relationships with the land,  
neighborhood, residents, and landowners actually involved in the various applications. Although  
their recommendations are only advisory, those recommendations are vital to an objective and  
meaningful evaluation regarding the effects each application will have on the community and what  
concerns or conditions, if any, should be considered by the city in its ultimate decision on land use



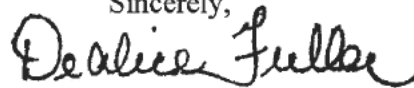
items. Although other voting bodies have hearings at which interested parties are permitted to give testimony, none afford the all-encompassing hands-on, objective, and democratic exchanges among all residents, elected officials, city agencies, and land use applicants that Community Board committee meetings and public hearings provide. To diminish in any way the role or time allotted to Community Boards for meeting with those involved in land use applications would be a terrible disservice to our communities and to well informed urban planning.

In sum, Community Boards play a vital role in informing local land use plans, providing a democratic and direct voice for local communities to provide input in planning their neighborhoods. Eliminating or reducing this role could result in the consolidation of planning power with a handful of people, making the land use process less democratic, less informed and poorly planned, and more susceptible to corruption. This is why the Board of Estimate was eliminated in the first. Shutting out local voices this way would be a huge step backward.

I would also suggest that an area for exploration to help reduce the time and cost for land use applicants would be to leverage AI technology to perform Environmental Reviews and draft Impact Assessments and Statements. This technology is helping with so many areas. Land Use seems like would be an excellent fit for this advancement.

Working for a Better Williamsburg-Greenpoint.

Sincerely,

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Dealice Fuller  
Chairperson

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Name: REYDAVID HERALDO GENOVES

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: i have being traying to bring my situation to the HONORABLE SENATOR PERSUAD OFFICE FOR THE PAST YEAR AND IM STILL WAITING TO HAVE MY SITUATION BROUGHT UP TO THE PROPER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IT IS ABOUT THE ABUSE OF POWER IN LEGAL FIRMS (JOHNSON & JOHNSON) FUNDS AWARDED BY THE SUPREME COURT IN WASHINGTON FOR PEOPLE (my family) affected by a PESTICIDE ROUND UP MONSANTO by Bayer CHEMICALS. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING MY ISSUE TO YOUR HONOR they even send me a termination of contract for my insistence to have my case handle properly it is an corrupted way to treat powerless citizens like me my wife passed for cancer my son was born with birth defects and i was diagnosed with non hodgkin lymphoma side effect of this malignant product my phone number 917-582-2921 my email is :reyy davidgenoves@gmail.com your office has documents of my claims and you are my only way to get this abuse to proper attention as you can see there is corruption all over in the country thank you for your service your honorable LADY

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[EXTERNAL] The Integrity of the Party Label

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Attention Commissioners,

To truly boost voter turnout, political parties must be more than just fundraising committees; they must be vibrant, member-driven organizations. The key is activating the base, and that activation is never more potent than when members feel they have personally selected their candidate. This democratic process creates a powerful sense of investment and responsibility that translates directly into higher participation on election day. Weakening the role of members in favor of consultants or party elites is a sure path to a demoralized base and a less representative democracy.

- Lori Sandler

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Hello Commissioners,

Thank you for allowing me to submit a written testimony after not being allowed to testify virtually due to the in-person testimonies going overtime. Attached is my testimony.

In Community,  
Pharein Griffith



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"A Community Informed Is A Community Prepared "-PG

Good evening, Commissioners,

I'm grateful for the opportunity to speak with you this evening. My name is Pharein Griffith, and I'm a Harlem resident for 30 years and civic leader.

I flatly oppose your consideration of top-two primary elections and moving elections to even years for our local elections in New York City.

Let's be real about what's happening here. You want to put something on the ballot **without meaningful community engagement**, particularly in the Black community, **a community that will be most affected if this passes**. You'll say that you've done an impact study, who did you talk to?

We know how this goes: if you put it on the ballot in November, with confusing language and no education, it will pass, **not because people support it, but because they won't know what it is**.

We've seen this before.

In 2019, Ranked Choice Voting was put on the ballot and passed overwhelmingly. Yet in 2021, many of our people were confused by **ranked choice voting**, not because we opposed the idea of choice, but because there was **no real investment in outreach or civic education** ahead of placing it on the ballot and ahead of implementation. We held forums, we scrambled to explain the system ourselves, because the city didn't do the work. And now, here we are again, with a **major electoral change** being proposed. Once again, the Black community is being left out of the conversation. Having a meeting in Harlem is not the same as engaging Harlem.

Top-two is **not for us**. It's a system that benefits wealthy candidates, dilutes community power, and pushes grassroots candidates off the ballot before we even get to vote in the general election.

Look at California:

- Turnout **dropped to historic lows** under the top-two system and remains at just barely 33%. What improved turnout are you talking about?
- Despite California's diverse electorate, the number of **Black legislators in the state Senate and Assembly remained flat**, and no new major gains were made in statewide executive positions outside of the high-profile win by Karen Bass. Mayor Bass won **with significant resources, national endorsements, and deep name recognition**, which is not the norm for most Black candidates under the top-two system.
- **In California, candidates of color and working-class challengers lost ground**, and the system did **not produce more moderation or engagement**, despite the promises.

Compared to California, New York City has, for the first time in history, a majority-women, majority-minority city council.

And now, you're pushing this proposal using **research funded by Unite America**, a group backed by billionaires like Kent Thiry and Michael Bloomberg, the same people who tried to bring nonpartisan elections to NYC in 2003, and who were rejected by the voters.

You'll argue that the proposal here is an improvement over California, that you've had two different racial impact reports that suggest there will be no adverse impact. What if you're wrong? We don't want to be your lab rats.

If you want to reform the system, start with real engagement. Start by talking to people. Go to churches, housing associations, block clubs, and community boards. **Ask us what kind of democracy we want.**

Top-two is not it.

We didn't ask for this, and we won't be fooled by it.

I urge you to do what's right: **take this off the table** and focus on reforms that include—not exclude—Black voters, poor voters, and everyday New Yorkers.

Thank you.

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Name: Shawn Christopher Rutkowski

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: In short for your proposed charter change of digitizing maps of the city I would contact Googles Headquarters on 8th about integrating all your maps between hxxxs://www[.]nyc[.]gov/nyc-resources/nyc-maps[.]page and deeds tax etc from hxxxs://www[.]nyc[.]gov/site/finance/property/acris[.]page into Google Earth Pro. It could all be overlayed over all existing and past data Google already has. The interactive experience could be made embedded on your website. This would have to be a custom job though. hxxxs://mapsplatform[.]google[.]com/maps-products/ I think its wonderful you are updating and consolidating your maps. It will be more efficient and save money in the long run. I do warn you that that Google is not going to take kindly to your RAISE ACT ie Assembly Bill A6453A. This kind of blatant overreach will push Big tech out of NYC and NYC cant really afford that loss right now. Furthermore if passed it will be shot down in higher court for its vagueness as most importantly its restriction on interstate trade. Aptly known via the constitution as Dormant Commerce Clause.

Dormant Commerce Clause: Interstate Commerce: The bill's scope section states that it applies to frontier models "developed, deployed, or operating in whole or in part in New York state." This could be problematic under the Dormant Commerce Clause, which limits states' ability to pass laws that unduly burden or discriminate against interstate commerce. Since the development and deployment of frontier models are inherently interstate and often global activities, a New York law requiring specific safety protocols and disclosures could impose a significant and potentially conflicting burden on companies operating nationwide. This could be challenged as an attempt to regulate conduct that occurs primarily outside of New York's borders. Thank you for your time. Excelsior!

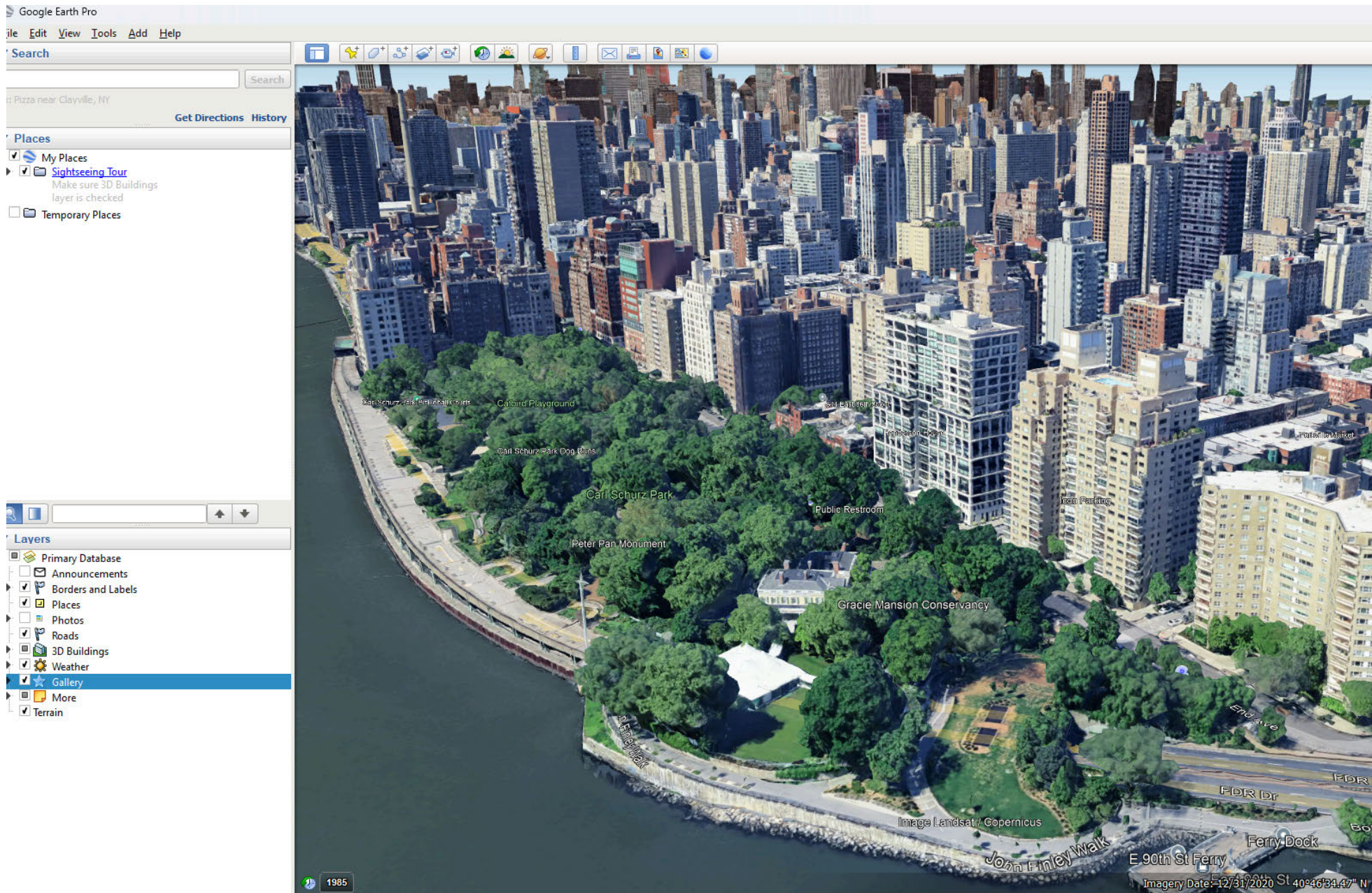
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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Prioritize Proven Methods, Not Jungle Primaries

From: Jonah Redel-Traub <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2025 18:33:21 -0400

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Dear Commissioners,

Don't waste our time or money on jungle primaries. Voters have rejected them repeatedly. These reforms are not just ineffective, they're unwanted. Mayor Bloomberg's attempt in New York in 2003 was overwhelmingly dismissed by voters, 70-30%. Last year, it failed in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This shows a widespread understanding among voters of the value of political parties. This commission needs to listen. If you want increased voter turnout, stick with proven methods like even-year elections.

- Jonah Redel-traub

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Jungle Primaries: Undermining Our Values

From: Michael Kranz <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Dear Commissioners,

The introduction of jungle primaries would tilt the political playing field decisively and permanently in favor of the super-rich. It is a system specifically designed to undermine the collective bargaining power of unions and their ability to advocate for policies that benefit all working people, not just the wealthy. By making elections a contest of financial resources, it ensures that pro-labor candidates face an almost insurmountable barrier. This is not a reform to be considered; it is a threat to be neutralized before it can do irreparable harm to our city.

Best,

Michael Kranz

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] An Attack on Every Working Family

From: Jamilah Elder <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: "CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov"  
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To Whom It May Concern, The arguments in favor of jungle primaries conveniently ignore who truly benefits: the wealthy elite. This system weakens political parties, creating a vacuum that is eagerly filled by dark money and corporate special interests. It is a direct threat to the unions that represent municipal workers and fight to keep public services in public hands. When parties can't nominate candidates, money becomes the sole nominator.

We must reject this cynical attempt to further rig the system in favor of the rich and powerful, who already have more than enough influence. Thanks, Jamilah Elder

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Erica Baum

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Community Boards and Council Members know their neighbors best. It would be a terrible mistake to limit or eliminate their vital role in the ULURP process. Therefore I urge you not to proceed with this Charter Revision. Thank you.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] When Parties Lack Candidates Voter Behavior

From: Roni Zahavi-Brunner <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hey,

When voters step into the booth, they rely heavily on party labels to make informed decisions. The presence of a (D), (R), (C), or (WFP) next to a candidate's name allows them to make strong assumptions about where that candidate stands on vital issues like women's healthcare or immigrant rights. This shorthand is incredibly valuable for navigating complex ballots. However, this system only functions effectively when the party's members themselves get to select the candidates who bear that label. If the candidates are chosen through backroom deals or processes that disenfranchise the members, the party label loses its integrity, misleading voters and undermining the very purpose of party identification.

Thanks,

Roni Zahavi-brunner

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Political Parties and Functioning Democracy

From: Lauren Clavin <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Attention Commissioners,

The capacity of political parties to increase turnout is intrinsically linked to the democratic health of their internal operations. When party members are actively engaged and empowered to select their candidates, a powerful ripple effect occurs. This grassroots involvement fuels enthusiasm, creates dedicated volunteers, and generates a genuine desire to see their chosen candidate succeed. This kind of organic activation is what truly drives voters to the polls. Conversely, if primary systems marginalize the role of party members in candidate selection, it saps the energy from the base, leading to apathy and ultimately, lower participation rates. Member-driven candidate selection is a non-negotiable component for robust voter turnout.

Thanks,

Lauren Clavin

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Voter Confusion: A Real Risk

From: [REDACTED EMAIL]

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hello,

We must give RCV a fair chance. Rushing to replace it with "Jungle Primaries" before it's even had a few cycles to take hold is a recipe for voter cynicism and follows too closely after 2019. Reforms need time to demonstrate their value and for the electorate to become accustomed to them. Patience is key for meaningful change.

Sincerely,

Giavana Margo



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] A Critical Pillar of Our Democracy

From: Kirby Shultz <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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To Whom It May Concern,

Consider the immense value a party label provides to the average voter. In a world of complex policy debates, seeing a (D), (R), or other party affiliation next to a candidate's name is an indispensable shortcut. It offers a reliable snapshot of that candidate's likely stance on everything from tax policy to social issues. To do away with this system would be to place an unreasonable burden on citizens, forcing them to research every individual from scratch. This would inevitably favor candidates with high name recognition or massive campaign funds, undermining the principle of a level playing field.

Thanks,

Kirby Shultz

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Ineffectiveness of Jungle Primaries

From: Barat Ellman <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hello,

I am opposed the charter revision allowing for “jungle primaries.” The idea of jungle primaries is fundamentally flawed because they fail to meet stated goals and are consistently rejected by the electorate. Last year, the proposal was on the ballot in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota, and it was defeated in all six states. This demonstrates a clear consensus among voters, across all political persuasions, that political parties are vital for candidate selection. This commission should listen to the voters and avoid pursuing a proposition that has already been so clearly dismissed. If the aim is to increase voter turnout, the focus should be on proven methods like even-year elections.

Sincerely,

Barat Ellman

Rabbi Barat Ellman, PhD

Adjunct Professor of Theology, Fordham University

Formerly Faculty, Bard Prison Initiative

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Jungle Primaries: A System Rigged for the Rich

From: Janie Blackstein <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Commissioners,

The proposal to institute jungle primaries is a direct threat to a fair and balanced democracy. It is a mechanism that allows financial might to triumph over the collective will of the people, effectively creating an aristocracy of wealth. This is particularly dangerous for municipal unions, which serve as the frontline defense against the erosion of public services that benefit all citizens, not just the rich. We must reject this thinly veiled attempt to silence the voices of working people and hand our city's future over to the highest bidder.

Sincerely,

Jane E Blackstein

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Moving Beyond Ineffective Structural Reforms

From: Danyell Thillet <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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ATTN Commissioners:

I want to challenge my colleagues to produce any credible evidence that shows that jungle primaries increase voter turnout. I have looked for such evidence, and I have not been able to find it. All of the available data points in the opposite direction. If we are going to have a serious debate about this issue, it needs to be based on facts, not on unsubstantiated claims. Let's stick to the evidence and have an honest conversation about what works.

Sincerely,

Danielle Thillet

She/They

Illustrator, Writer & Social Media Manager

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Workers' Rights at Stake: Demand Fair Elections

From: Linda Bermas <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hey,

The arguments for jungle primaries are deceptive. They are a tool for the wealthy to control elections, allowing money to outweigh public opinion. When political parties cannot nominate, it enables rich donors to handpick candidates, eroding accountability to constituents. This directly undermines the power of municipal unions, which are vital in safeguarding public services from privatization. The commission's lack of labor representation indicates a clear bias. The idea that workers have "outsized influence" in the current economic climate is a fiction. Wealth already dominates every sphere. The Democratic primary is a critical space for working people to organize and elect representatives who genuinely champion their interests. This proposal is a direct threat to that democratic space.

Thanks,

Linda Bermas

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Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Surujdai Shanta Gopaul

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: What the City of New York should address is the depressing time HRA/DHS handles  
CityFheps, Section 8 , etc. tenant's packages (2 months plus) before a tenant is approved for  
move-in assistance. Also, the lackadaisical approach theses agencies conduct their work load and  
inspections of rental units.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Myth of Jungle Primary Success

From: Arman Chowdhury, CPA <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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ATTN Commissioners: The public has spoken on jungle primaries, and it's a resounding 'no.' These reforms are not effective and are actively rejected. We saw it last year in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota – it failed in all six states. This shows that voters, regardless of their political alignment, understand the importance of political parties in our democracy. This commission should not waste valuable time and money on an unpopular proposition. If the objective is to increase voter turnout, focus on proven strategies like even-year elections. Best, Arman Chowdhury

Thank You,  
Arman Chowdhury

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Link Between Organization and Turnout

From: Isaiah Gutman <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Attention Commissioners,

Let's have an honest conversation about the real drivers of voter participation. Reforms like jungle primaries have not lived up to their promise. A much more effective strategy is the implementation of even-year primaries. Even more crucial is the role played by organized groups. Community, labor, and political organizations are the backbone of voter mobilization efforts, using proven techniques like personal canvassing. Any attempt to hobble these groups will harm turnout. Our focus should be on creating an environment where these vital organizations can thrive.

Best,

Isaiah Gutman



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No jungle primaries!

From: Devin McManus <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Dear Commissioners,

Jungle primaries do not increase voter participation, we should instead hold city primaries in even years to align with state elections.

Thank you,

Devin McManus

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Proven Failure: Jungle Primaries & Voter Turnout

From: Emma Saltzberg <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hello Commissioners,

I want to let this commission know that jungle primaries are unpopular with voters, and they've rejected them consistently. These reforms don't achieve their stated goals. Last year, the shift to jungle primaries was on the ballot in six states – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota – and it failed in every single one. This is a clear signal that voters, across the political spectrum, understand the value of political parties. Don't waste New Yorkers' time and money on a proposition that's already been rejected in so many other places. If you want to increase voter turnout, stick with what's proven to work: even-year elections. Voting in local elections at the same time we vote in state and federal elections will make it easier for New Yorkers to make their voices heard in our political system.

Sincerely,

Emma Saltzberg  
Brooklyn, NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Thafarie Thomas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: The City should also consider using these vacant spaces to facilitate more storefront businesses. Like affordable housing, these businesses should be affordable as far as the overhead rent or for purchase.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] A History of Rejection: Jungle Primaries

From: Jesse Singh <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Attention Commissioners,

The idea of jungle primaries keeps resurfacing, and honestly, it's frustrating. These reforms aren't just ineffective; they've been routinely rejected by voters, time and time again. We've made it abundantly clear: we don't like jungle primaries. Just look at the evidence from last year. This very proposition was put to a vote in six different states – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. And what happened? It failed in all six. This wasn't a fluke; it was a strong message from voters of all stripes – conservative, liberal, independent. We value our political parties and their ability to vet candidates. This commission needs to listen and avoid bringing forward something voters have already dismissed. Focus on proven methods for turnout, like even-year elections.

Thank you,  
Jesse Singh

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Open Primaries Will Hurt, Not Help, Turnout

From: Lisa Watson <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Dear Commissioners,

The democratic process is not a laboratory for constant experimentation. Open primaries - nicknamed "Jungle Primaries" - would be a radical change that revokes the recent implementation of Ranked-Choice Voting, a system New Yorkers themselves approved. This move would signal that voter decisions are not respected and that our electoral framework is permanently unstable. Such an environment is detrimental to fostering long-term civic engagement. We need to build confidence in the system, and that starts with giving the reforms we've already enacted a genuine chance to succeed.

Thank you for considering my opinion on this important issue.

Lisa Watson



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] This Reform Lacks Public Support

From: Eva Kolodner <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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ATTN Commissioners:

The record on jungle primaries is clear: voters don't want them. This commission should not waste another minute on this rejected concept. The failure of this reform in six states last year, from Arizona to South Dakota, speaks volumes. It shows a cross-partisan consensus that political parties are a necessary part of our democratic process. Pursuing this idea further would be a disservice to the public. I urge you to pivot towards solutions that have demonstrated success, such as aligning local elections with the higher-turnout even-year federal calendar.

- Eva Kolodner, Brooklyn, NY

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Name: Angela Tripi-Weiss

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: It is hard to believe that our present Mayor Adams is attempting to lesson the positive impact City Council has had on our city for so many years in order to grab more control over much needed funding for our schools, the homeless, elderly, important medical options for poor families and much more. City Council has kept funding balanced for all and is truly the voice of ALL NYC people!!! As a born and raised New Yorker I have witnessed the many positive effects City Council has had for ALL the people in my community as well as others, and not just the rich who can curry favor with high level politicians like the mayor by buying his ear. City Council steps in to represent the needs of the many and equalize the playing field for all. I urge you to not break what works for all and leave City Council alone to do the hard work they have done for sooo many years well!!!

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Don't let wealthy New Yorkers mess with our primaries

From: Eliza Byard <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello,

A lifelong NYC voter, I am writing in opposition to any effort to impose open primaries on the city. This is a transparent ploy to thwart the will of dedicated primary voters regarding the nominees of their party.

In addition, this proposal will do nothing to achieve the ostensible purpose (to increase voter turnout). The most recent data from Alaska confirms what we have already learned from California: jungle primaries do not lead to higher voter turnout. In fact, they may even have the opposite effect. This is a critical piece of information that should inform our decisions moving forward.

We cannot afford to implement policies that are based on flawed assumptions. Let's be guided by the data and pursue strategies that have a real chance of success.

Thank you,  
Eliza Byard



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Member-Driven Candidate Selection Explained

From: Janos Marton <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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To Whom It May Concern,

The timing and origins of support for this proposal is enough to cause concern. Anyone can register rather easily as a Democrat or Republican, these parties are hardly exclusionary. Rather, this seems like an effort by special interest groups to increase their influence.

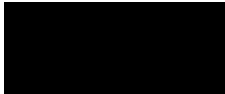
Finally, we just moved to RCV. It would confuse voters and likely hurt participation to make such a large change so soon. I oppose.

Thank you,

Janos Marton

Staten Island

Janos Marton



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Say not to Non-Partisan Elections

From: Meghan Wasserman <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2025 20:43:11 -0400

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Dear Commissioners,

Let's consider the practical reality for voters. Seeing a party affiliation on a ballot—(D), (R), (C), etc.—is an invaluable aid to decision-making. It provides an immediate frame of reference for a candidate's likely positions on dozens of issues. This is not intellectual laziness; it is an efficient coping mechanism in an information-rich world. For this system to work, however, the label must be meaningful. That meaning is forged when party members themselves vet and select their candidates, ensuring the person carrying the banner is a true representative of the party's core values.

Voters deserve to have their voice heard, and changing elections in this manner is not the answer.

Sincerely,

Meghan Wasserman

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] We Will Not Be Silenced

From: Darren Kwong <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: "CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov"  
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Hello,

I do not support the jungle primaries. Our current system gives candidates who support popular ideas that support working class families. Jungle primaries will crowd those ideas out in favor of candidates who only support the wealthy. This electoral change is a backdoor strategy to achieve a political goal: the dismantling of the public good for private profit. We must defend our services by defending our primary system.

Thank you,  
Darren Kwong

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Say NO to Billionaire-Controlled Elections

From: Rachel Sherman <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Commissioners,

The fight against jungle primaries is a fight for the very principle of collective action. It is a defense of the idea that working people, when they stand together, can be a powerful force for progress and a vital check on corporate greed. This proposal seeks to atomize working people, leaving us isolated and powerless against the overwhelming influence of concentrated wealth. It is designed to break our solidarity. We must unite to protect our ability to act collectively and defend our democracy from this plutocratic assault.

Thank you,  
Rachel Sherman

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Primaries should be democratic and allow for parties  
to exist

From: Jenna Tipaldo <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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To Whom This May Concern,

The proposed jungle primaries could be a fundamental threat to the democratic process. Proposing yet another change for voters while many are still adjusting to ranked choice voting should be considered carefully. Making primaries "open" would functionally nullify the State of New York's purpose of recognizing political parties. Furthermore, open primaries tend to augment the already disproportionate political influence of concentrated wealth – which, in elections for NYC officers, usually takes the form of large independent expenditures funded by billionaires and big corporations.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Best,

Jenna Tipaldo

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Real Target: Your Union

From: elspeth carroll <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Commissioners,

We must question the motives of those championing jungle primaries. Consistently, they are billionaires who view strong public-sector unions as a direct obstacle to their financial interests and privatization goals. This is not about increasing voter choice; it's about cementing elite control over our political system. Their advocacy for this system is a clear signal that it would serve their interests, not the interests of the general public. We should be deeply suspicious of any "reform" pushed so aggressively by those who already have too much power and want more.

Best,

Elsbeth Carroll

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Prioritizing Effective Mobilization

From: Aurora <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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ATTN Commissioners:

There is a clear path to getting more voters to the polls, and it does not involve speculative reforms. The data definitively shows that jungle primaries are unsuccessful in increasing turnout. The most reliable and proven strategy for boosting participation is to move to even-year primaries. Moreover, the backbone of successful voter mobilization rests squarely with labor, community, and political organizations. These groups are uniquely adept at direct voter engagement, employing methods like canvassing and personal contact that numerous studies have confirmed are highly effective in increasing turnout. Any attempt to dilute the strength or curtail the autonomy of these organized groups, particularly political parties and unions, will inevitably depress turnout. Such moves appear to be designed to weaken organized influence rather than to genuinely expand the electorate. To truly increase turnout, we need these organized forces to be vibrant and actively engaged within the system.

Thank you,

Aurora Nonas-Barnes y Alvarado

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Fight for Fair Elections Starts Now

From: Lynn Cartwright-Punnett <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Dear Commissioners,

The proponents of jungle primaries are not interested in broad-based democracy; they are interested in consolidating power for the wealthy. This system allows billionaires to effectively buy the seats and politicians they prefer, bypassing traditional party structures that provide accountability. This directly harms labor unions, which are often the strongest advocates for public services and against privatization. The claim that American workers have an "outsized influence" is a convenient fiction. This proposal seeks to diminish what little influence workers have left.

Sincerely,

Lynn Cartwright-punnett



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No open primaries in NY!

From: Camilla Wasserman <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Dear Commissioners,

Open primaries would be bad for NYC. To increase voter turnout, we must reject failed reforms and embrace what works. Jungle primaries have repeatedly failed to deliver higher participation. The smarter, data-backed reform is the implementation of even-year primaries. Equally important is the central role of organized labor, political parties, and community groups. These entities are the masters of direct voter contact, a method proven to be highly successful. Any measure that seeks to undermine these groups is an attack on voter turnout itself. A genuine effort to boost participation must start with supporting these vital organizations.

Best,

Camilla Wasserman

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Opposing Jungle Primaries

From: Stephen DiFiore <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Attention Commissioners,

It's barely been a few years since the 2019 referendum, and we're already discussing dismantling RCV for "Jungle Primaries." This is a disrespectful approach to voter education and civic engagement. It sends a message that previous democratic decisions are easily overridden, undermining trust in the entire process.

The exhaustion rate of ballots this year was also lower than 4 years ago, demonstrating a better understanding on the RCV system. We should continue using a system that voters support and are comfortable using. Let the current system be.

Thank you,  
Stephen DiFiore

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Jungle Primaries: A Bad Idea Resoundingly Rejected

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Commissioners,

I'm here to strongly advise against implementing jungle primaries. The public has repeatedly shown its disdain for these reforms, rejecting them at every opportunity.

The argument that they achieve desired outcomes simply doesn't hold water. Last year, this very concept was put before voters in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota, and it was voted down in all six.

This proves that voters, irrespective of their political leanings, understand the value of political parties in selecting candidates.

This commission should not squander our time and money pushing something voters clearly don't want. If you aim to increase voter participation, adhere to proven methods such as even-year elections.

Sincerely,  
Erica Bersin

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Comments: Please pass all the ballot propositions and let the people of NYC vote in November.  
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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Reject Jungle Primaries: Parties as Value Signifiers  
for Voters

From: Oscar Seneris <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Dear Commissioners,

Political parties are not simply relics of the past; they are dynamic entities absolutely vital to a functioning democracy in the 21st century. They provide the necessary structure for collective action and the articulation of diverse political philosophies. The party label is perhaps the most efficient signifier of values and stances a voter possesses, allowing them to quickly grasp a candidate's alignment on issues from economic growth to social justice. To diminish or eliminate this organized system is to invite an era where money, not ideas or collective will, dominates the political landscape, fundamentally altering the nature of our representative government.

Furthermore, the unique political character of New York City and its current electoral system have given politicians and movements of all ideologies and tendencies the chance to earnestly showcase their beliefs to the city in an attempt to win local office. A powerful and beloved insurgent campaign like that of Zohran Mamdani's would be impossible under a jungle primary system because the weight of Republican voters would crush any potential progressive candidate while the weight of Democratic voters would crush any potential conservative candidate. Jungle primaries are anathema to robust political debate because they stifle the spaces - in this case political parties - within which that debate is fostered. To move for open primaries is to move against democracy, against deliberation, and against the will of the people towards a status-quo do-nothing system that disincentivizes the bold policy positions voters want and New York needs. We cannot allow our political system to be bought by billionaires.

Thank you,

- Oscar Seneris

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Stop the Push for Jungle Primaries

From: Syed W Quadri, CPA <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hello Commissioners,

The case for jungle primaries collapses in the face of public opinion. Voters have consistently rejected this idea, most recently and emphatically in six states last year: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This widespread failure is a clear signal that the public values the role political parties play in vetting candidates. This commission should not be in the business of promoting unpopular and failed policies. I strongly recommend you redirect your efforts toward proven and popular reforms, such as the implementation of even-year elections.

Sincerely,  
Syed Quadri

Best Regards,

Syed W. Quadri, CPA



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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Evidence is Clear: Voters Hate Jungle Primaries

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To woman it may concern:

Jungle primary reforms are clearly not working, and voters are rejecting them. Last year, in six different states—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—these proposals failed. This isn't a partisan issue; it's a clear message from voters of all ideologies that they understand the importance of political parties in selecting candidates. This commission should take heed and not waste taxpayer money on an unpopular and ineffective proposition. Focus on what has been proven to increase voter turnout: even-year elections.

Sincerely,  
Sam Zalutsky



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[EXTERNAL] RCV: Still Very New

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Attention Commissioners,

The message we send by considering "Jungle Primaries" right after RCV, implemented in 2019, is that our electoral system is constantly in flux, making it difficult for voters to grasp. This "too much change too soon" approach undermines public confidence and participation. It creates a sense of instability that actively works against increasing voter engagement. We need stability, allowing the current system to be understood.

Best,

Jeremy Demick

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] A Warning from a Concerned Voter

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Attention Commissioners,

I urge this commission to abandon any and all plans for jungle primaries. This is an unpopular reform that has been consistently defeated at the ballot box. The results from last year, with failures in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota, make it clear that there is no public appetite for this change. Voters understand and value the role of political parties in our electoral system. It is time for this commission to do the same and focus its energies on proven, popular reforms like even-year election cycles.

Sincerely,

Na Thirakomen

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alan Du

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I would like to express my strong support for all proposed charter amendments, and express strong support for a system of open primaries. The sky-high costs of housing, and the subsequently sky-high cost-of-living, are an existential threat to New York's future. I moved to New York 10 years ago for college, and although I am lucky enough to work in the high-paying tech industry, over my time here I have seen the way that rental costs and general cost-of-living have pushed my friends out of the city. Literally all of my friends who do not work in tech or finance have since left the city for greener, more affordable locations. Action to unlock more supply and to help more people move to NYC is desperately needed. I believe that charter amendments 1, 2, and 3 will be crucial for unlocking new housing: \* Proposal 1's amendment to fast track affordable housing will ensure unlock development, especially in areas of the city that have stubbornly refused to build any meaningful amount of affordable housing. The housing crises is big enough and urgent enough that all parts of NYC need to chip in, and I think the proposal for streamlined review for the 12 districts with the least affordable housing will help ensure that we spread the load of this effort. \* Proposal 2's creation of a streamlined ELURP is a

big step forward. NYC cannot be frozen in amber, and small, incremental changes should be embraced and streamlined, not held up in red tape. If anything, I would encourage the commission to include even more categories as part of ELURP (for instance, moving all parking mandate exemptions to the ELURP process regardless of residential zoning size). \* Proposal 3 will ensure that we balance district-level and city-wide needs. I believe the combination of the borough president, the mayor, and the city council member strike a good balance between different perspectives I do not have strong opinions about Proposal 4, but it strikes me as a common-sense, straightforward reform. I also am writing in strong support of Proposal 5 to move city-wide elections to even years. This is long past overdue, and having elections in odd years is both anti-democratic (since we know that many voters will not show up) and wasteful. I would strongly encourage the charter to consider two additional electoral reforms: \* I am strongly in favor of open primaries, especially of the top-two or top-four variety. Because of political polarization, for many offices the party primaries is the only competitive election, and it is crazily anti-democratic to prevent people from having their voices heard. I know many people who are not registered Democrats, which means they have almost no say in important city-wide offices (e.g. Comptroller, Borough President, etc). Open Primaries will boost turnout \*and\* make our elected officials more accountable and representative. I would strongly discount statements from existing political parties and candidates, who often benefit from the current system by enhancing their powers and locking others out. \* If open primaries are too much, then I would strongly encourage the Charter to propose RCV for the general election. The fact that we have RCV for the primaries but not the general is incredibly confusing for voters and undermines the representativeness of the general election. -- Alan Du, 11238, 10 year NYC resident.

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[EXTERNAL] Voter Participation - Open Primaries

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Dear Commissioners:

I write to express my opposition to the proposal for "open primaries." My opposition is based in many reasons, but for the sake of concision I would like to highlight three in particular:

Making primaries "open" would functionally nullify the State of New York's purpose of recognizing political parties. Legally recognized political parties are not only culturally important constructs; they are legal structures that provide essential mechanisms by which working people without wealth can successfully organize masses of other fellow working people at a scale large enough to compete with the power of concentrated capital that lies in the hands of the wealthy few.

Open primaries have not been shown to reliably increase voter turnout. Moreover, even in those specific jurisdictions for which evidence of higher turnout exists, such increased turnout tends to come at the cost of also reducing the political diversity of the candidates who appear on the general-election ballot.

Open primaries tend to augment the already disproportional political influence of concentrated wealth - which, in elections for NYC officers, usually takes the form of large independent expenditures funded by billionaires and big corporations. In so doing, open primaries further diminish the relative power of the donations made, and the organizing & mobilizing activities conducted, by most voters. In short, open primaries weaken the impact of voters' own efforts to elect candidates aligned with their respective views.

For these reasons alone, the proposal to open NYC's primaries should be removed from the commission's final set of ballot proposals.

Instead of open primaries, the Commission should propose ranked-choice voting in general elections; such a change would substantially address most of the Commission's concerns as

stated in its July 01 report.

Sincerely,  
Oswald Araujo

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Collective Action Through Political Parties

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Hello,

For political parties to effectively increase turnout, they must cultivate a deep sense of ownership and investment among their members. This is achieved when Party members are activated because they selected their candidate. The connection between a grassroots-chosen nominee and a motivated electorate is undeniable. When party members feel their voice was instrumental in shaping the ballot, they become enthusiastic advocates, tirelessly working to mobilize voters and secure victory. Conversely, if candidates are imposed or selected without significant member input, the party's ability to energize its base diminishes, leading to lower voter participation.

Regards,

Jim Casale



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Reva Feinstein

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I urge the Commission to adopt reforms to achieve a more efficiently run and  
affordable city. NYC's future depends on it!

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[EXTERNAL] My Comment In Opposition to Open Primaries

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Dear NYC Charter Revision Commission,

I write to express my opposition to the proposal for "open primaries."

Political parties are the essential machinery for turning diverse public opinions into a coherent political force. Without them, our political landscape would be a chaotic free-for-all, where only the wealthiest voices could afford to be heard. Parties provide the structure necessary for organized groups to advocate for their shared interests, ensuring that collective will can effectively challenge individual power and influence. This organizational capacity is not just a feature of our democracy; it is the very foundation of a government that is accessible and responsive to its citizens. This is why Democracies across the world have political parties. Open primaries have not been shown to reliably increase voter turnout. Moreover, even in those specific jurisdictions for which evidence of higher turnout exists, such increased turnout frequently comes at the cost of also reducing the political diversity of the candidates who appear on the general-election ballot.

For these reasons alone, the proposal to open NYC's primaries should be removed from the commission's final set of ballot proposals.

Respectfully submitted.

Nick Gulotta

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Nick Gulotta (he/him)

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Jungle Primaries: A Step Backwards

From: Jim Talbott <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: "CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov"  
<CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

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Dear Commissioners, The motivations behind the push for jungle primaries are clear: billionaires want to crush labor unions. This was the case with Mike Bloomberg's past efforts, and it is the driving force today. These primaries are a mechanism to attack municipal labor unions and other people's organizations that actively resist the privatization of government functions, such as education, and the weakening of essential government agencies.

The commission considering this proposal conspicuously lacks any representation from labor unions or working people. As Josh Greenman accurately argued in Vital City, the true purpose is not to increase turnout, but to limit labor's influence. The assertion

that American workers have an "outsized influence" in politics, considering the past five decades, is baseless. The Democratic Party primary is a crucial space for working people to level the score. This proposal seeks to further tilt the field in favor of the wealthy and well-known. Thank you, Jim Talbott

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Noëlle King

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, I am in favor of Open Primaries and ranked choice voting. I know this will best represent the majority of New Yorkers. Please take this into consideration. Thank you, best wishes, Noëlle King

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Virginia Brown McCarthy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please do not destroy this close knit neighborhood that has already gotten too busy with more congestion of traffic and people. To get to another part of Bayside it can take sometimes 15 minutes even though its just a mile and a half. Please do not damage the integrity of our neighborhood causing more health concerns from the increased pollution. Thank you for reading my pleas.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nick Katsivelos

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a 60 year old native new yorker, I have been denied access to the democratic process for 42 years. No where in the constitution does it require a citizen to join a party be it republican, Democrat, communist or nazi. Closed primaries are clearly voter supression. Many of my fellow citizens have registered as Democrat to access the democratic primaries which effectively determine the final election result. The time has come to restore the democratic process in new york. Failure to allow a vote adopt open primaries would be a disgrace. Hiding behind issues like not having enough time to define the new process is cowardly. If that is a true concern write the option to define a commission and a hard deadline of no more than one year to enact the change. Thanks for your consideration Nick Katsivelos Washington Heights where I was born and raised my children born and raised and students at PS/Is 187. Mother was also born and raise in the heights and attended 187 as well. That means that we have been on the same block since 1941.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dana Friedman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I do not think the ballot measure for open primaries should be considered. There are a lot of factors at play and this feels very rushed. Open primaries are a way for people of a different party affiliation to vote against a candidate, rather than for one that they like. It's a way to game the system. Please keep closed primaries.Thanks

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel Uslander

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm studying all 5 of the proposed changes but one of the proposals deserves immediate approval and implementation: Open Primaries. This one simple change could have a far reaching, overwhelmingly positive outcome for the city. I think any and every election should be run with an open primary system. Everyone campaigns, everyone votes in the primary, top two vote getters run it off in the General. In very short order it will lead to more moderate candidates, regardless of whether they lean left or right, winning elections. Having candidates that need to moderate their message in order to win benefits us all.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lilly Icikson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I think it's time for open primaries in NYC. As a poll worker, I had to turn away several voters who were not registered with a party. Each person turned away was eager to vote, and was disappointed to be excluded from the primary. Several were new to our city and came from cities with open primaries. They were surprised and confused by our rules limiting their ability to participate in a primary election in NYC. Because we have closed primaries, we have many voters who switch their party registration just to participate in a primary. This makes party registration somewhat meaningless, no?

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Topic: General Inquiries

Name: linda nicholas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: no to casino on 38 th and 1st ave NYC! a big NO!!

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Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Joy Campbell Priveterre, Esq.

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Open primaries is one antidote for voter malaise, disengagement and disenfranchisement. Please put the matter before the People. Thank you!

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Keep Money Out of Our Primaries

From: Lindsey Mayer <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2025 08:20:15 -0400

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Hello,

The adoption of jungle primaries would represent a significant setback for democratic fairness. These systems disproportionately favor candidates with name recognition and vast financial resources, allowing them to bypass the rigorous vetting process of political parties. This directly harms municipal labor unions, which play a vital role in advocating for public services and resisting privatization. The fact that not a single member of this commission represents labor interests is a serious concern. The claim that public sector unions have "outsized influence" is a narrative designed to justify weakening them. For decades, the balance of power has favored the wealthy. The Democratic primary offers a crucial opportunity for working people to come together and elect representatives who genuinely serve their interests. This opportunity should not be curtailed.

Thank you,

Lindsey Mayer

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Deidre Hoguet

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Regarding the potential November 2025 ballot measure to allow open primaries in future NYC elections, I am opposed to including this as a ballot measure. Primaries exist for parties to put forth their candidates for the general election. If a voter is not a member of a party, why would they get a say in picking that party's candidate? This seems rife for bad actors to manipulate who is duly put forth by different parties. ALL voters do get a say in the general election. In addition, this potential measure has come about very quickly and seems rushed for a ballot measure to be put to voters this November. Signed A voter (D Hoguet)

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Eve Grassfield

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please hold off on making major election reform without further time for understanding the implications of implementation. This is not a realm to make decisions in haste and key community leaders have not been given ample time to fully understand proposed policies (as cited in the recent The City article). Thank you.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Voter Rejection: The Jungle Primary Story

From: Romke Hoogwaerts <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hey,

I'm here to state firmly: jungle primaries are unpopular with voters, and they have rejected them consistently. These reforms don't achieve their stated goals. Last year, this was on the ballot in six states – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota – and it failed in every single one. This is a clear signal that voters, across the political spectrum, understand the value of political parties. Don't waste our time and money on a proposition that's already been dismissed. If you want to increase voter turnout, stick with what's proven to work: even-year elections.

Sincerely,

Romke Hoogwaerts

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Voter Confusion Is Not Reform

From: Rana Abdelhamid <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Dear Commissioners,

Consider the average voter, who is busy and does not follow the minutiae of election law. The shift to Ranked-Choice Voting was a significant new concept to learn. To now suggest "Jungle Primaries" is to create a level of complexity that will surely discourage participation. This isn't theoretical; constant changes create real barriers for people. Our goal should be to make voting a simple, intuitive civic duty, not a confusing test of a voter's ability to keep up with shifting regulations. This proposal fails that test completely.

Thank you,

Rana Abdelhamid

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michelle D Winfield

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Withdraw the ULURP Proposals for November 2025 ballot

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Testimony of Community Member Michelle D Winfield  
NYC Charter Revision Commission  
July 11, 2025

My name is Michelle D Winfield, District Leader  
in the 74th Assembly District, Part C in Manhattan.

Thank you for setting up procedures for the community  
to participate in this process. I am writing to express  
my opposition to the proposed land use changes under  
consideration for the November 2025 ballot.

As a housing advocate, I have been concerned about the  
affordability of mixed use housing. The residents and  
businesses from the community needs to be able to express  
their concerns of what can and should be in the community.  
Don't throw out the Uniformed Land Use Review Process,  
ULURP that offers the opportunity for the public to  
participate and offer their concerns.

At community boards there is always an opportunity to ask  
questions. The board members include the public when  
discussing the land use projects, reviewing if there  
are resources available to support the project. The CB's  
review areas of concerns and how to mitigate issues.

Example of concerns:

Education, Postal Service, Transportation, Sanitation,  
Hospitals, Supermarkets, Housing, Safety, Helicopter use,  
and Environmental (noise).

It is through the ULURP process, the impact of the project  
on the community is discussed and how to mitigate the issues.  
As an example, in CB Six Manhattan, during the ULURP process  
they collaborated with NYC Council Member and determined the  
need. After input, the final housing project, Camel Place,  
at East 27th Street off First Avenue, NYC included eight  
apartment units for veterans at 40 % Area Median Income and  
accepted Section 8 Vouchers. This was a win-win situation  
hashed out through the ULURP process.

I urge the Commission to withdraw the land use proposals  
because this will only eliminate the opportunity for residents  
and the public to work together, insuring issues can be  
mitigated and the impact of the community's voice.

Thank you.  
Michelle D Winfield





Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Foundational Role of Political Parties

From: Peter Martin <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Dear Commissioners,

The power of party labels to inform voters is immense. When you see a (D), (R), (C), or (WFP) next to a candidate's name, you can make strong assumptions about their likely positions on issues such as climate change or healthcare policy. This is a crucial efficiency in our democratic process. However, this relies on the fundamental principle that the party's members get to select the candidates who represent their values. If this internal democratic process is compromised, the party label becomes less trustworthy, and its ability to guide voters effectively is severely diminished, leading to confusion and potential disengagement.

Best,

Peter Martin

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Party Engagement and Increased Participation - Open  
Primaries

From: Cameron Clarke <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Attention Commissioners,

Political parties are the vehicles of collective action in a democracy. They allow individuals with shared beliefs to pool their resources, amplify their voices, and compete effectively for political power. This organized approach is far more democratic than a system dominated by wealthy individuals or uncoordinated interests. The party label is an essential signifier of values and stances, providing voters with a critical lens through which to view candidates' positions on everything from fiscal policy to civil rights. To limit or eliminate this crucial function is to disempower the very citizens seeking to organize and participate meaningfully in their government.

There are arguments for open primaries, but this method of changing the system, with minimal public notice and scarcely any opportunity for feedback, right after a major change (ranked choice voting) has just been implemented, and is still in the process of being understood by communities, is a reckless and irresponsible step that would only have the effect of confusing citizens, disenfranchising marginalized groups, and inflating the influence of outside groups on parties. I hope the Commission takes the time to more carefully solicit buy-in from the community before rushing to cram this reckless change onto the ballot this year.

Sincerely,  
Cameron Clarke

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No Jungle Primaries!

From: Jack Perdue <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Attention Commissioners,

This commission should be guided by evidence, and the evidence on jungle primaries is clear: they are a failed idea. The public has consistently rejected them. Look at the overwhelming 70-30 vote against it in New York City. Look at the six states—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—that all turned it down last year. This isn't an anomaly; it's a clear pattern. Voters understand the importance of political parties. It is time for this commission to understand it as well and move on to more productive, popular reforms like even-year elections.

Thanks,  
Jack Perdue

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“Closed primaries are a form of political segregation and independent New Yorkers have waited long enough for equal voting rights. We shouldn't have to wait any longer. I particularly want to thank this Commission for focusing on top two nonpartisan primaries. 85% of cities use this model. New York is an outlier. Top two nonpartisan primaries put the voters, not the parties and special interests, in the driver's seat. That's the appeal of top two—it's voter-centric. It empowers voters.

- Dr. Jessie Fields, OP Board Member”



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Name: Creepy Cuomo

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Andrew Cuomo is a pervert. The creepy old sex pest should be banished from New York City after being perp walked up Broadway so people can boo his grandma killing rear end

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Name: #MNQA

Email:

Phone:

Comments: MAKE NASSAU COUNTY QUEENS COUNTY AGAIN. 1899 WAS A MISTAKE. WE NEED  
MORE LAND FOR HOUSING. MAKE NASSAU QUEENS AGAIN. #MNQA  
#MAKENASSAUQUEENSAGAIN

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Paul Schreiber

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Please eliminate the offices of the Borough President. The BP offices provide little value to the citizens of New York City and cost substantial amount of money to run. BP offices provide minimal constituent service. That work is better handled by the city council members and city agencies or investigative bodies (such as DOI). The BP office serve primarily as "parking lots" for elected officials who have termed out of city council and hope to run for another office in the future.

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Open Primaries are as crazy as letting criminals sit on their own jury. NO. you do not invite people with a vested interest in skewing results to participate. this is so obvious that even to have to write it to you is an insult to intelligence.

Marilee Wyman

Zip code: [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Richard Hellenbrecht

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I object to the three land use questions proposed for November. Let's implement City of Yes first, evaluate the impacts, make any corrections needed, BEFORE committing to charter revisions that may have unexpected consequences. Businesses don't make changes without careful consideration of the current environment.

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## **Testimony in Opposition to Proposed NYC Land Use Charter Revisions**

To the Members of the Charter Revision Commission:

My name is Richard Hellenbrecht, a resident and homeowner in Bellerose, Queens, for over fifty years. I am an active participant in civic organizations for neighborhood advocacy and protection. I submit this testimony in strong opposition to the proposed land use Charter revisions, particularly within months of the largest zoning initiative and before the slightest opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness or potential conflicts in City of Yes.

While I recognize the urgency of addressing New York City's housing crisis, I am deeply concerned that these revisions are premature in light of the new and untested overhaul of our city's land use framework via the City of Yes initiative. City of Yes rules have barely been promulgated and were only put into effect mid-June. There has not been an opportunity to demonstrate its effectiveness or identify any unintended consequences of the largest rezoning effort since 1961. Affected city agencies and staff have little experience implementing these changes, which are significantly more than tweaks.

No successful business would introduce such massive changes before previous initiatives have been thoroughly reviewed and adjusted as necessary. The Charter, the City's governing document, should be revised only in extraordinary circumstances, not prematurely when corrections may be needed down the road.

The proposed fast-track mechanisms for "affordable housing and modest projects", while seemingly pragmatic, sidestep meaningful public input and reduce the ability of Community Boards and Borough Presidents to shape outcomes that reflect local needs. The creation of an Appeals Board to override City Council decisions further erodes democratic accountability by replacing elected oversight with a powerful panel that may not represent or adequately consider the interests of affected communities.

Moreover, the revisions appear to incentivize dense development in historically low-density areas without adequate consideration for infrastructure, transit capacity, or environmental impact. This is not planning—it is displacement disguised as progress.

I urge the Commission to delay placing any of these proposals on November's ballot until the City of Yes initiatives have been fully implemented, studied, and publicly reviewed. Charter revisions must be grounded in proven policy, not aspirational slogans. New Yorkers deserve a land use process that balances citywide goals with neighborhood integrity, and that honors—not bypasses—the voices of those who live here.

Respectfully,  
Richard Hellenbrecht  
Bellerose, Queens

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Name: Victoria Vessella

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am a strong proponent of open primaries for unaffiliated voters. As someone who prefers to cast my vote for a specific candidate and who is not blindly loyal to a given political party, an open primary would save the headache of having to affiliate with a given party whenever I want to vote in a primary election. It is more fair and democratic to allow voters affiliated with any party (or with no party) to vote in the primary of their choice. I hope the city will be amenable to this long overdue change that should increase primary participation by removing roadblocks.

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[EXTERNAL] Questioning the Narrative on Jungle Primaries & Saying  
No to Billionaires Hijacking Our Elections

From: Cori Marquis <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hey,

The case of Alaska's recent primary election should give us pause. Despite the implementation of an open primary system, turnout was alarmingly low. This serves as a powerful piece of evidence against the claim that jungle primaries are a cure for low voter participation. We need to be realistic about the limitations of such structural reforms. They are clearly not a panacea. If our goal is to strengthen our democracy by increasing the number of voters, we must be willing to look beyond these types of changes and explore other, more promising avenues.

Additionally, I feel deeply alarmed by the big-monied interests pushing Jungle Primaries. We have taken substantial, commendable strides here in NY to empower voters and small dollar donors. We should NOT move in a direction that is clearly backed by and would benefit billionaire donors and their chosen candidates who deliver for them over regular New Yorkers.

Thanks,  
Cori Marquis



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Questioning New Election Reforms

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Dear Commissioners,

The Charter Commission's warning about the detrimental impact of rapid reform on voter turnout is powerful. They identified that we've had only one RCV election since its 2019 referendum. This single data point is insufficient to warrant another major overhaul. To proceed with "Jungle Primaries" despite this acknowledged risk prioritizes theoretical change over the practical reality of voter behavior. We should be cautious and allow the existing reform to settle.

Thanks,

Winslow Corbett

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Our Elections, Our Rules: Reject Jungle Primaries

From: Sara R. Edwards <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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To Whom It May Concern,

The concept of jungle primaries is a non-starter for voters. These reforms are not only ineffective but are consistently rejected at the ballot box. Consider the evidence from last year: it was on the ballot in six states – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota – and it failed in every single one. This shows that voters, across the political spectrum, appreciate the function of political parties in candidate selection. This commission should not waste valuable resources on an unpopular proposition. If the goal is to increase voter turnout, stick with what is proven to work: even-year elections.

Thanks,

Sara Edwards



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] This Is About Power, Not Progress

From: John Cater <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello Commissioners,

The proponents of jungle primaries are consistently the same wealthy individuals who benefit from a weakened labor force. This was true when Mike Bloomberg first pushed for such reforms, and it remains true now. Their goal is to dismantle labor unions, which serve as a critical barrier to the privatization of government functions, such as education, and the weakening of essential agencies. The current commission addressing this matter includes no representatives from labor unions or working people. As Josh Greenman's writing in *Vital City* elucidated, the actual argument for jungle primaries isn't about increasing turnout; it's about limiting labor's influence. The idea that American workers have an "outsized influence" in politics is contradicted by decades of economic trends. The Democratic primary is one of the few remaining spaces where collective action can challenge the dominance of the wealthy.

Thank you,  
John Cater

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No History of Increasing Turnout

From: Hikma Abdulghani <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Good afternoon,

The argument that we're "not even four years in" to Ranked-Choice Voting, yet already considering throwing it out for "Jungle Primaries," highlights a fundamental problem. This legislative whiplash is precisely what disengages New Yorkers. How can citizens invest time in understanding how to vote when the rules keep changing dramatically? This isn't reform; it's creating perpetual confusion that discourages participation. We need consistency, not continuous upheaval.

If anything, we should be doing Ranked Choice in the general election.

Sincerely,

Hk Abdulghani

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No to Jungle Primaries: Yes to Worker Power

From: Dalton Stephens <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Commissioners,

The proposed jungle primaries are a fundamental threat to the democratic process. They are consistently backed by billionaires whose primary goal is to crush labor unions, which stand in the way of their agenda of privatizing government functions. This was the case with Mike Bloomberg's previous attempts, and it is the same dynamic today. The commission lacks any representation from labor unions or working people, highlighting whose interests are truly being served. Josh Greenman's insights in Vital City revealed the real reason: to limit labor's influence. The idea that American workers have "outsized influence" in politics is a myth perpetuated by those who already hold immense power. The Democratic Party primary is a crucial space for working people to level the playing field. This proposal seeks to further tilt it in favor of the wealthy.

Sincerely,

Dalton Stephens

Dalton Stephens

Assistant Editor



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Don't Privatize Our City: Stop Jungle Primaries

From: Sam Dow <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Commissioners,

The proposed jungle primaries are a direct assault on the collective power of working people. These initiatives, consistently backed by billionaires, are intended to strip political parties of their nominating authority, thereby amplifying the influence of outside money in elections. This makes it considerably easier for the wealthy to install their preferred politicians. This strategy directly targets municipal labor unions, which serve as essential bulwarks against the privatization of vital government functions, such as education, and against policies that gut public agencies. The assertion that unions wield "outsized influence" in politics fundamentally misrepresents the economic and political trends of the last five decades, where the rich have increasingly consolidated power. The Democratic primary offers a crucial space for working people to organize collectively and challenge this pervasive dominance. This proposal is a transparent attempt to erode that power.

Thank you,  
Samantha Dow

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Understanding Why Voters Dislike Jungle Primaries

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Dear Commissioners:

I write to express my opposition to the proposal for "open primaries." My opposition is based in many reasons, but for the sake of concision I would like to highlight three in particular:

Making primaries "open" would functionally nullify the State of New York's purpose of recognizing political parties. Legally recognized political parties are not only culturally important constructs; they are legal structures that provide essential mechanisms by which working people without wealth can successfully organize masses of other fellow working people at a scale large enough to compete with the power of concentrated capital that lies in the hands of the wealthy few.

Open primaries have not been shown to reliably increase voter turnout. Moreover, even in those specific jurisdictions for which evidence of higher turnout exists, such increased turnout tends to come at the cost of also reducing the political diversity of the candidates who appear on the general-election ballot.

Open primaries tend to augment the already disproportionate political influence of concentrated wealth – which, in elections for NYC offices, usually takes the form of large independent expenditures funded by billionaires and big corporations. In so doing, open primaries further diminish the relative power of the donations made, and the organizing & mobilizing activities conducted, by most voters. In short, open primaries weaken the impact of voters' own efforts to elect candidates aligned with their respective views.

For these reasons alone, the proposal to open NYC's primaries should be removed from the commission's final set of ballot proposals.

Instead of proposing open primaries, the Commission should propose ranked-choice voting in general elections; such a change would substantially address most of the Commission's concerns

as stated in its July 01 report.

Sincerely,  
Michele Smith  
Bronx, NY



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Heed the Voice of the Voters

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ATTN Commissioners:

Let me add my voice to the chorus of citizens urging you to abandon jungle primaries. This is a demonstrably unpopular idea. The fact that it was defeated in all six states where it appeared on the ballot last year—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—is telling. Voters value the role parties play. For this commission to continue pursuing it would be to ignore the clear will of the people. Please, let's focus on practical, effective reforms like even-year elections that can genuinely strengthen our democracy and increase participation.

- Chad Miller

Chad Miller

Producer - NYC



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Opposing opening up primaries

From: James <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Commissioners,

If increasing voter turnout is our genuine aim, we must prioritize supporting the very entities that mobilize voters. The evidence is conclusive: jungle primaries simply do not increase participation. A much more effective approach is to transition to even-year primaries, a move consistently correlated with higher voter engagement. Equally vital is recognizing and empowering the role of community organizations, labor unions, and political parties. These groups are not peripheral; they are central to mobilizing the electorate. Their success stems from direct, personal outreach methods like canvassing and targeted member-to-member contact, which countless studies have confirmed are highly effective. Any proposed change that seeks to weaken the organizational capacity or self-determination of these groups—be they unions or political parties—would be a direct impediment to increasing turnout. It is crucial to understand that such measures would more likely serve to marginalize organized influence than to genuinely broaden the voting base. Real turnout gains come from robust, organized participation.

- James Cui

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[EXTERNAL] Ensuring Member Selection of Candidates

From: Christine Bateup <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Dear Commissioners,

For the party label to truly serve as an effective signifier of values and stances, it must be earned and validated through internal party democracy. When party members get to select the candidates who run under their banner, that (D), (R), (C), or (WFP) becomes a reliable indicator of a candidate's position on issues like public education or economic regulation. If this process is opaque or controlled externally, the label loses its meaning, and voters are left without a clear guide. Empowering the party faithful in candidate selection is crucial for maintaining the integrity of the party system and enabling informed voter choice.

Best,

Christine Bateup

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Name: Nathaniel Hochman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the NYC Charter Revision Commission, I write in strong support of the proposed reforms that would modernize and streamline New York City's land use processes to make it easier to build housing. These changes are essential to addressing the severe housing shortage that undermines affordability, equity, and long-term economic competitiveness. New York City is in a housing crisis. Rents have reached historic highs, homelessness is surging, and essential workers are increasingly priced out of the communities they serve. The current land use and environmental review processes—while well-intentioned—are often duplicative, unpredictable, and slow, creating costly delays that discourage the production of new homes, especially affordable and multifamily units. The proposed Charter reforms would create more transparency, consistency, and accountability in the land use process. In particular, aligning environmental review with the public land use review (ULURP), setting clearer timelines, and expanding early engagement can improve both public participation and project delivery. These reforms would not eliminate scrutiny or community input—they would ensure that such input occurs in a timely, focused, and constructive manner. Cities around the country are adapting to the urgency of the

housing crisis by revisiting outdated procedures. New York City cannot afford to fall behind. These changes will not solve the housing crisis alone, but they are a necessary precondition for any serious effort to address it. I urge the Commission to adopt these reforms in full.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Reducing Voter Disenfranchisement Through Parties

From: Elise Steichen <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hello Commissioners,

The debate over political parties often overlooks their crucial function as information providers. For the vast majority of voters, a party affiliation is the quickest, most reliable indicator of a candidate's general platform. When you see a (D) or an (R) on the ballot, you can make reasonably strong assumptions about their stance on a range of issues, from climate change to national defense. This allows voters to make efficient decisions without having to meticulously vet every single candidate's individual policy paper. While parties certainly have their imperfections, this ability to signal broad values is indispensable for enabling widespread, informed participation in elections. Eliminating this would severely hinder voter decision-making.

Thank you,

Elise Steichen

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Unpopularity of Jungle Primaries

From: Meg Dukes <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello,

The idea of jungle primaries has been litigated in the court of public opinion, and it has lost. This commission should not try to revive a failed concept. The six defeats in six states last year—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—are a clear testament to its unpopularity. Voters value the role that parties play in structuring their choices. It is time to move on from this issue. A much more productive use of this commission's time would be to promote proven turnout-boosting measures like even-year elections.

Thank you,  
Meg Dukes

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Please dismiss the idea of cross party "jungle" primaries in NYC

From: Cliff Fuller <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello Commissioners:

Please table the discussion of jungle primaries and focus on more pertinent and pressing issues to New Yorkers. Jungle primaries are a non-solution to a non-problem with democracy and elections in NYC.

The 2025 primary worked exactly as it should work, and the process was free and fair. Jungle primaries are like Reddit upvoting or online polls, where the data can be manipulated or compromised and not actually represent the will of the voters.

And this is precisely why Mayor Adams has suggested it in reaction to the recent NYC Dem mayoral primary results. He is polling historically badly, is running as an independent in the same lane as Andrew Cuomo, and knows that his only chance to compete is to change the rules and move the goalposts.

Voters have repeatedly said no to jungle primaries. These reforms are not effective and are routinely rejected. Mayor Bloomberg's attempt in New York in 2003 was overwhelmingly dismissed by voters, 70-30%. In 2024 it failed in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota.

These regular rejections of the concept show a widespread understanding among voters of the value of political parties, and voting agency. This commission needs to listen, impartially, and not make short-term reactive decisions based on a self-serving and de facto lame duck mayor.

If his aim and the aim of the commission was increased voter turnout in general, then a better and more popular solution is to host even-year elections (aka the same years as POTUS when there is already higher turnout).



In fact, with Eric Adams promising to sign up 1 million voters ahead of the November 2025 mayoral election, even he himself understands that the actual issue here isn't to create jungle primaries, it's for him to find and register more New Yorkers that believe in his mission and policies and previous performance.

Please do not consider bending the laws based to suit Mayor Adams's short-term preferences and transparently clear and brazen self-interests.

Thank you,

Cliff Fuller

Bronx resident and registered voter

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] An Assault on the Public Good

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Hey,

We must be clear about what jungle primaries represent: a handout to the wealthy elite. By allowing unlimited money to flood our elections, this system sidelines the collective voice of working people. It's a direct assault on municipal labor unions, the very organizations that protect our public assets from being sold off to the highest bidder. It is profoundly concerning that the commission pushing this reform has absolutely no labor representation, revealing its true allegiance. This cynical maneuver is about consolidating power for the rich, not enhancing democracy for the people who make this city run.

- M Patterson

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Parties should continue to pick candidates in closed primaries

From: Peter Feld <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Commissioners,

Please do not place any Charter revision proposal on the November ballot that would alter the current system for nominating candidates for City office by our parties.

Regarding so-called open primaries, I want to emphasize that these proposals defeat the ability of parties to choose their own nominees.

Jungle primaries are deeply unpopular with the electorate. The stated goals of such reforms are not being met, and more importantly, voters have consistently and emphatically rejected them. Consider the evidence from just last year: this measure was on the ballot in six different states – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. In every single instance, it was defeated. This isn't about partisan divides; it's about a broad consensus among voters who understand and value the role political parties play in the democratic process. This commission should respect the will of the people and refrain from advancing a proposition that has already proven to be an unpopular waste of time and money. Focus instead on what genuinely works to increase voter turnout: even-year elections.

Best,

Peter Feld

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] the truth about so-called "Electoral Reform"

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Dear Commissioners,

The debate over jungle primaries is a debate about the soul of our city. Will we have a government accountable to its people, or one beholden to billionaires? This proposal is a direct assault on working families and the unions that protect their rights and livelihoods. It is a calculated attempt to neutralize the power of collective action, which finds its most potent political voice in the Democratic primary. We must stand firm against this regressive change, which serves only to concentrate power and wealth in the hands of a select few.

Now is definitely NOT the moment in time to make changes with unforeseen consequences for We the People.

Sincerely,  
Ann Linden

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Let's Prioritize Clarity, Not Complication

From: Beau Alessi <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Commissioners,

The argument for electoral stability cannot be overstated. "Jungle Primaries" would introduce a jarring change to a system that is still reeling from the last one. Ranked-Choice Voting requires time for voters to build comfort and fluency. Pulling the rug out from under them now with a completely different primary structure would be a grave error. It signals that our city's leaders are not serious about long-term, sustainable reform, but are instead chasing fleeting ideas that will ultimately confuse and disenfranchise voters. Let's commit to the system we have.

Sincerely,  
Beau Alessi

Advocacy Associate

The Municipal Art Society of New York

@masnyc

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July 11, 2025

## **MAS Comments on the Charter Revision Commission Interim Report**

The Municipal Art Society of New York (MAS) supports the Charter Revision Commission's efforts to modernize and streamline the City's land use review process and maintain meaningful public participation. We commend the Commission for addressing long-standing structural inefficiencies with the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) and offer the following comments on each proposed ballot question related to land use:

### **Ballot Question #1 – Fast Tracking Affordable Housing**

MAS supports the goal of making it easier and more efficient to develop publicly financed, 100 percent affordable housing. However, we strongly recommend that the proposal be split into two separate questions on the ballot for better clarity. The two mechanisms it introduces — the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) fast-track for Housing Development Fund Companies (HDFCs) and the expedited ULURP process in low-production districts — are substantively different and deserve independent consideration by voters.

We support the first mechanism. A streamlined BSA process for 100 percent affordable HDFC projects, with mandatory public hearings and a fixed timeline, is a welcome reform that could reduce delays for approving deeply affordable housing. The inclusion of community board review and a required BSA hearing strikes an appropriate balance between expediency and transparency. While MAS does not generally support fast-tracking land use applications based on project type alone, the revised proposal sufficiently limits eligibility to a narrow set of public-purpose projects with clear affordability thresholds and ownership structures. Should this proposal pass, the BSA will need sufficient resources and staffing to ensure it can meet the demands of creating a streamlined process.

We have some concerns about the second mechanism. As part of the Thriving Communities Coalition (TCC), MAS supports equitable housing development across the five boroughs that is consistent with the goals of the Fair Housing Framework. While the intent to create more affordable housing in underproducing community districts is laudable, this element of the ballot proposal lacks meaningful enforcement. We understand that market forces may affect a lack of housing being built in districts where land is more expensive than others; however, districts that continue to underperform should be required to conduct an infill study and/or inventory of underutilized or vacant City-owned land and report the findings to the public. Without a mandate to act on those findings, however, we are skeptical this mechanism alone will shift development patterns — especially in low-density districts where private

interest in affordable development remains weak. MAS is not opposed to this provision, but we do not believe it will have a measurable impact without stronger implementation tools.

MAS is also aligned with the following recommendations advanced by the TCC to improve the effectiveness and equity of this proposal:

- **Ensure deeper affordability for fast-tracked BSA projects.** For HDFC projects that move through BSA rather than ULURP, we support the addition of a weighted Area Median Income (AMI) cap or average to ensure that these developments include a meaningful share of deeply affordable units.
- **Refine how Fast Track districts are identified.** For mixed-income affordable housing projects that would use the expedited ULURP process, the geographic criteria should better align with the City's Fair Housing Framework. For the initial round of targets starting in October 2026, the Fast Track should apply to the 18 community districts with the lowest rate of affordable housing production — a threshold consistent with the definition of "limited affordability areas."
- **Introduce stronger accountability in future rounds.** Beginning with the second round of Fair Housing Framework targets and thereafter, Fast Track eligibility should be limited to community districts that:
  - Are classified as "limited affordability areas,"
  - Are *not* classified as "high displacement risk areas," and
  - Have failed to meet their affordable housing production targets in the prior five-year period.

These changes would better align the proposed Charter reforms with the City's broader housing equity goals and ensure that fast-tracking tools are used in a manner that both increases affordability and protects vulnerable communities.

## **Ballot Question #2 – Simplifying Review of Modest Housing and Infrastructure**

MAS supports the proposed Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and the creation of faster pathways for modest rezonings, infrastructure upgrades, and climate resilience projects. We support the decision to combine the community board and borough president review into a single 60-day period. This strikes a better balance between maintaining public input and reducing unnecessary procedural delays.

We strongly support the inclusion of the following categories in the expedited process:

- Modest housing proposals that allow small-scale multifamily housing in low-density residential districts or modest increases in medium- and high-density residential districts. These proposals align with the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity zoning text amendment and help facilitate the construction of "missing middle" housing typologies that are currently difficult to build through standard ULURP.



- Administrative changes to the City Map, which are often procedural in nature and currently subject to unnecessarily lengthy review.
- Resiliency, open space, and climate-related site actions, such as flood buyouts, solar panel installations, or acquisitions of public land for the creation of parks, which are critical to an equitable climate response and should be facilitated rather than delayed.

However, MAS raises concerns regarding the proposal's treatment of City-owned land dispositions. We support the expedited review of dispositions for affordable housing, including transfers to HDFCs, so long as appropriate safeguards are in place to prevent speculative consolidation. This tool should remain focused on enabling publicly-financed housing, not facilitating large-scale private assemblages. We are concerned about the expedited disposition of small parcels of City-owned land. While often treated as surplus, these lots may offer potential for pocket parks, community gardens, or other public-serving uses. MAS recommends limiting this category of expedited disposition to only districts that achieve the City's median open space ratio of 1.5 acres per 1,000 residents, to ensure public land is not prematurely removed from neighborhoods that lack sufficient green space. Alternatively, the City should explore mechanisms to incentivize the creation of open space when transferring land to private developers, for example, by requiring the inclusion of publicly accessible open space improvements as a condition of disposition.

Finally, we caution against granting the City Planning Commission (CPC) and City Council unrestricted authority to add additional categories to this expedited list in the future. Doing so may undermine the transparency and public legitimacy this Charter revision process is designed to uphold. We recommend either codifying a broader list of categories now or reserving such additions for future Charter Revision Commissions with public input.

### **Ballot Question #3 – Establishing a ULURP Appeals Board**

MAS supports this proposal as a fair and balanced reform to ULURP. By replacing the mayor's rarely used veto with a three-member Appeals Board consisting of the mayor, the speaker of the City Council, and the borough president of the affected borough, this amendment preserves checks and balances while curbing the outsized influence of member deference.

Including both borough-wide and citywide elected officials in this process helps ensure that land use decisions reflect a broader range of interests and goals, not just those of a single Council member. Developers and applicants, in turn, gain a more predictable pathway through ULURP, which may reduce the chilling effect that uncertainty and late-stage political interference can have on socially beneficial projects, particularly those that seek to add density in neighborhoods that have historically resisted new housing. The Board's limited authority to either reverse disapprovals or restore CPC-approved applications, but not to

craft new modifications, provides a final safeguard without undermining the Council's legislative role.

#### **Ballot Question #4 – Modernizing the City Map**

This is a long-overdue and common-sense modernization. Replacing more than 8,000 individual paper maps with a unified digital City Map will reduce inefficiencies, lower transactional costs, and improve access to land use data across the five boroughs. MAS encourages the City to go further by integrating other core land use records, like public assets and rent-stabilized units, into a centralized, searchable platform. True modernization requires not just digitization, but integration and accessibility.

#### **Conclusion**

While these reforms introduce new layers of process, they also have the potential to make land use decisions more transparent, equitable, and navigable, particularly for small and nonprofit developers. MAS supports the Commission's direction and urges continued engagement to ensure that future land use reforms balance speed with equity and efficiency with public trust.

We appreciate the Commission's attention to these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keri Butler", with a stylized, flowing script.

Keri Butler  
Interim President, Municipal Art Society of New York

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nechesa Morgan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As someone who votes in primaries, I say DO NOT have open primaries. I, as a Democrat, want only democrats to vote for our candidate for the general election. The Republicans can vote for their candidate. Independents can even create their own party so they can participate in a primary election. I DO NOT want it to be a free for all for candidates in the primary.

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[EXTERNAL] An Unwanted Electoral Experiment

From: Aarif Morbi <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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ATTN Commissioners:

I want to state for the record my opposition to jungle primaries. This is not a reform that enjoys public support. Quite the opposite. Last year, voters in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota all had the chance to approve it, and they all declined. This widespread rejection is a powerful signal that the public values the role of political parties in the electoral process. This commission should take that signal to heart and abandon this proposal. Your energy would be better spent on proven strategies like even-year elections.

- Aarif Morbi

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] A Proven Path to Higher Voter Turnout

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Commissioners,

To genuinely increase voter participation, we must rely on strategies backed by evidence. The data is clear: jungle primaries have failed to boost turnout. A more effective structural reform is the adoption of even-year primaries. Critically, the engine of voter mobilization lies with community organizations, labor unions, and political parties. Their direct voter contact methods, like canvassing, are proven to be highly effective. Any policy that weakens these essential groups will inevitably suppress, not increase, voter engagement. True reform empowers the organizations that successfully bring citizens into the democratic process.

Sincerely,  
Sean Nolan

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] A Bad, Unpopular and Ineffective Idea

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ATTN Commissioners:

As a New York City voter I want to be register my dismay at the prospect of open primaries: jungle primaries are a bad idea that voters have consistently opposed. The system is flawed, and the public knows it. We saw definitive proof of this last year when the initiative failed in six states, from the Mountain West to the Southwest. This widespread rejection is a powerful statement about the perceived value of political parties in the electoral process. This commission should heed the public's voice and abandon this proposal. Your time would be better spent advocating for proven reforms like even-year elections.

Sincerely,  
Jesse Rosen

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Stop Billionaire Backed Jungle Primaries

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ATTN Commissioners: Historical precedent demonstrates that jungle primaries serve as a tool for the wealthy elite, a recurring strategy to disempower working people. Mike Bloomberg previously attempted this, and similar forces are now at play. The true objective, as highlighted by Josh Greenman, is not enhanced voter engagement but a reduction in labor's influence. Public sector unions provide essential checks against the privatization of services and the degradation of crucial government functions. The notion that American workers, after fifty years of declining union density and stagnant wages, exert "outsized influence" in politics is disingenuous. The existing primary system, despite its imperfections, is a vital avenue for working families to express their collective will. To embrace this proposal is to cede electoral power to the highest bidder. - Adam Prince

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Future of Public Education is at Risk

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Hello Commissioners,

The connection between the push for jungle primaries and the broader agenda of privatization is undeniable. These systems are consistently favored by those who wish to sell off public assets for their own private profit. They see strong and vocal labor unions as the main obstacle to their plans, and they are using this so-called "reform" to remove them from the equation. This is not just about changing how we vote; it's about changing who our city works for. We must ensure it continues to work for the public, not private corporations.

Thanks,

Gareth de wied



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christopher Hanusa

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, thank you for your work in this endeavor. I am against a top-two primary for New York. New York has a long history of fusion voting, which allows minor parties to have a say in the electoral process. If top-two primary voting is passed, it is very likely that no candidate from multiple state party appears on the ballot in the general election. That makes it so that people's voices are not heard. A better option would be ranked-choice voting in the general election, so that everyone's preferences can be taken into account. I support moving the mayoral election to even year elections so that more people vote. But whoever is elected to mayor in 2025 should be given a full 4 (or 5) year term. I would advocate for a "no sore loser" law that prohibits a person who had lost a major party primary to run as an independent. Thank you for your consideration.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Vincent Gau

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As someone who lives in the city proper, I've never felt more empowered to vote knowing that in my primary I can make my preferences known, rather than just my brute needs. Ranked choice voting makes me feel like there's a chance that not only "big money" wins.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Voter Turnout: Let's Focus on What Works

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Hello Commissioners,

The continued advocacy for jungle primaries as a tool to increase voter turnout is puzzling, given the wealth of evidence to the contrary. We have a responsibility to pursue policies that are effective, and the data on jungle primaries is unequivocal. They do not result in a significant increase in voter participation. California's experience since 2012 is a case in point. Turnout rates for both primary and general elections have remained remarkably stable compared to the period before the change. This indicates that jungle primaries are not the solution to low voter engagement.

Sincerely,  
Michael Gross

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No Open Primaries

From: Maya Priya Huq <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello,

I do not want open primaries. I want ranked choice voting in general elections.

Thanks for your time.

Maya Priya Huq

Crown Heights, Brooklyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: David Rozan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please do not pursue open primaries. I strongly believe that only registered members of a party should have say as to who their nominee is. Also, this could lead to voters of the other party participating solely to sabotage the process.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rubayat Qadeer

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I do not believe an open primary system is currently the correct choice for elections in New York City at this time and as a NYC resident I strongly disagree with this change and feel like it would make the process more chaotic instead of helpful for democracy. I do agree with holding elections during Election years instead of off cycle to help get as much turnout as possible  
  
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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No Open Primaries

From: Zach Radu <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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I want our primaries to be closed to people who have a stake in the political project that is locked behind a party registration. I don't want people who are completely against my views being able to vote in the primary of my party and being able to influence the results in their favor. It dilutes political diversity and causes candidates to have to appeal to the same electorate in the primaries as well as the general election.

Sincerely,

Zachary Radu

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Email:

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Protect Union Power in Our City

From: Paula Galowitz <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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To Whom It May Concern,

History teaches us that jungle primaries are a tool of the super-rich. Mike Bloomberg's previous attempts to install such a system prove that this is about breaking the power of labor, not empowering voters. These systems are an attack on the community organizations and unions that serve as a bulwark against privatization and corporate greed. The claim that unions have "outsized influence" is a deliberate distraction from the real concentration of power at the top. We must learn from the past and reject this repeated assault on the rights of working people.

Best,

Paula Galowitz

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] This Proposal Ignores the Voter Experience

From: Steven Abt <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Attention Commissioners,

Voters are not political scientists; they are busy citizens who need a clear and straightforward way to participate in democracy. "Jungle Primaries" would create a bewildering new process right after they were asked to learn Ranked-Choice Voting. This is a direct path to lower participation. The constant need to relearn how to vote fosters apathy. Our focus should be on stability and voter support within the current RCV framework, not on introducing yet another disruptive and confusing overhaul that will only serve to discourage people from voting.

Sincerely,  
Steven Abt

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cynthia Richie Terrell

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: We are writing in opposition to the prospective move toward a Top Two primary because it would disadvantage women voters and women candidates.

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July 11, 2025

Dear Members of the New York City Charter Revision Commission,

We are a coalition of organizations that work to improve women's representation in elected office, including in New York City. We write in opposition to your [interim report's suggestion](#) of a “top two” primary system because, when compared to New York City’s current rules, it is against the interests of both women candidates and the voters who gain from women’s leadership. We ask that you instead build on the success of ranked choice voting (RCV) in New York City and extend RCV to general elections.

Ranked choice voting has been used since 2021, both for special elections and for primary elections. The mayoral primaries in 2021 and 2025 drew more voters to the polls than any primaries in the history of New York except in 1989. Common Cause New York and FairVote this year partnered on an [exit poll with SurveyUSA](#) that found that 76% of voters would like to keep or expand RCV in the city's elections. As to voting with RCV, 96% of voters say it was simple to fill out their ballot, with 72% saying it was very simple with at least 94% of voters in each racial group surveyed (Black, White, Hispanic, and Asian) reporting it was simple.

Before the first RCV elections in 2021, women held 13 of 51 city council seats, with only five returning incumbents. After the 2021 elections, women held 31 seats, with most winners being women of color under 40 years old. After the most recent primaries, women looked well-positioned to maintain or perhaps grow that supermajority. Term limits created open seats, public financing increased access to more diverse candidates, and organizations recruited and supported women candidates. But we strongly believe that these women’s electoral success also depended on RCV and oppose any proposal that threatens this progress.

For additional context, RCV delivers more voice, more choice, and more representative outcomes. Women can run without fear of splitting the vote with one another—and without being told to “wait their turn.” Personal attack ads often backfire when voters have multiple choices and when backup preferences can decide elections. RCV instead rewards candidates who get out into their communities and talk to as many voters as they can – where finding out that a voter prefers someone else as a first choice is only the beginning of a conversation, not the end. Women candidates often thrive with such incentives.

In office, the new majority-women council has already achieved [significant policy victories](#), including on women’s issues, such as maternal health, menstrual equity, childcare access, and reproductive rights, as well as gender-neutral issues, such as ensuring salary transparency, language access and cost-of-living adjustments for all New Yorkers.

Going to a “top two” voting system would put these gains at risk. The general election that decides winners will not be held with RCV. Instead, it would involve a long, punishing runoff election where candidates would be rewarded for negative ads that promote their differences, not their common ground. Men with greater access to big donors would gain an advantage, as

Super PACs have their greatest power by pouring money into ads in highly negative, head-to-head runoff elections.

Fortunately, you have alternatives. If you seek to address the problem of unaffiliated voters not being able to vote in primaries, your most direct solution is the most proven: allow unaffiliated voters to participate in the party primary of their choice. If you seek to make more general elections matter, then extend RCV to all elections in the City - a change that makes more sense than ever in a year when we may have several prominent mayoral candidates on the general election ballot. If you seek to end the party nomination system as we know it, then follow Alaska's model by advancing four candidates from the primary, with the use of RCV in November.

Women are winning in New York with RCV in the elections that effectively decide who will win. A Top Two primary system puts their remarkable progress at risk. Please focus on a solution that builds on the use ranked choice voting in New York City. Rest assured that women will thank you for it.

Sincerely,

Erin Vilardi, Executive Director of [Vote Run Lead](#)

Cynthia Richie Terrell, Executive Director of [RepresentWomen](#)

Liuba Grechen Shirley, Executive Director of [Vote Mama Foundation](#)

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alice

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello. There has been a lot of talk about building more housing in NYC. If I were able to move, I would look for a one bedroom apartment in an affordable, clean, quiet, elevator building near public transportation. I would also want a couple of windows that let in sunlight. It's funny how laughable these requirements are. If I told a real estate agent my budget, they would tell me I was dreaming. I would have to spend \$3K to \$4K minimum to find a one bedroom apartment in Brooklyn. And \$3K is well out of my budget. Also, I could easily spend \$3K on an apartment that is NOT clean, quiet, and a reasonable size. There is so much risk in apartment hunting - you never know if the landlord or neighbors will disrupt your peace. I also have another requirement for an apartment - an apartment that is free of second hand cigarette/vape/cannabis smoke. I am told that this is hard to find. And even if you find a non-smoking building, non-smoking rules are rarely enforced. Sometimes you might not even be able to determine where the smoke is coming from and find yourself stuck in a bad situation. So, if you are going to build more housing, at least make it quality housing - soundproof the walls and floors to keep out



noise from a neighbor's music/tv/treadmill/jumping cat/arguing, etc. (I have a sensory disability that makes certain sounds painful to live with.) Install quality windows that keep out the sounds of ambulances, motorbikes, and rooftop mechanical equipment. Make sure apartments have windows that let in some sunlight and look out onto a couple of trees (trees are so important to mental health and provide cool shade in the summer). Make apartments non-smoking. I understand that housing is needed and much of city run affordable housing is not a place to call home. I want quality housing. I still think the city needs to respect sunlight, community gardens, trees, and local architectural styles. I see expensive but ugly apartment buildings go up in my neighborhood. And the apartments units are small too. I see people live next to loud and dusty construction for years, only to lose their sunlight. I am sympathetic to the needs of neighborhoods and that existing tenants and home owners cannot just easily pickup and move to NJ/CT/LI if they don't like the new buildings. So build quality, affordable housing in the places it is most appropriate. Take into account community input. But also take into account new technology for building apartments. I would be a lot happier if the housing market was more fluid and I could try out different neighborhoods. I am basically too scared to move because what I find might be worse than what I have and I can never go back to what I have. We don't just need more housing, we need the market to be more fluid so you don't get stuck in an apartment or neighborhood. So build smart, please. Build with balance and thoughtfulness. And as for the advocacy group Open NY, they mean well but can be really harsh in their criticism of New Yorkers with housing. Everyone deserves a place to call home and being homeless is a big obstacle to a healthy and successful life, but when Open NY says that if "NIMBY's" don't want taller, more dense buildings they should just move to the suburbs, that's ignorant. People that own apartments can't just pick up and leave. (I rent, btw). Good luck finding the balance, locations, and attractive architectural styles to build. I hope we can do it.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: James Hong

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Dear Commissioners, I am writing to urge the New York City Charter Revision Commission not to advance a proposal to change primary elections in New York City. The top issues that New Yorkers are voting on are affordability, cost of living, and housing. This proposal to do away with primaries will tilt the field in the direction of the wealthy and well-known. The influence of money in politics should be limited, not expanded by local laws. Jungle primaries make it easier for billionaires to buy the seats and politicians they want - instead of political parties choosing their candidates, any candidate can just choose their political party and then outside money is able to carry them to victory. If political parties cannot nominate their candidates, it gives people with the money to influence elections more power to frame their preferred candidates. Again, I urge the Commissioners to remove open primaries from the commission's final set of ballot proposals. Moving municipal elections to even-numbered years and implementing ranked choice voting in the general election would boost voter engagement. Thank you.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] NO on Jungle Primaries!

From: michal mendelson <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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ATTN Commissioners:

The continued advocacy for jungle primaries is puzzling in the face of clear public opposition. This is a reform that has been tested and has failed to persuade voters. The six-state sweep of defeats last year—in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—should have been the final word on the matter. It's a clear indication that people from all political persuasions value the traditional primary system. I urge the commission to stop pursuing this unpopular agenda and instead focus on proven methods to engage voters, such as even-year election cycles.

- Michal Mendelson

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Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Michael O'Brien

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Commissioners: I write to express my opposition to the proposal for "open primaries." My opposition is based in many reasons, but for the sake of concision I would like to highlight three in particular: Making primaries "open" would functionally nullify the State of New York's purpose of recognizing political parties. Legally recognized political parties are not only culturally important constructs; they are legal structures that provide essential mechanisms by which working people without wealth can successfully organize masses of other fellow working people at a scale large enough to compete with the power of concentrated capital that lies in the hands of the wealthy few. Open primaries have not been shown to reliably increase voter turnout. Moreover, even in those specific jurisdictions for which evidence of higher turnout exists, such

increased turnout tends to come at the cost of also reducing the political diversity of the candidates who appear on the general-election ballot. Open primaries tend to augment the already disproportionate political influence of concentrated wealth – which, in elections for NYC offices, usually takes the form of large independent expenditures funded by billionaires and big corporations. In so doing, open primaries further diminish the relative power of the donations made, and the organizing & mobilizing activities conducted, by most voters. In short, open primaries weaken the impact of voters' own efforts to elect candidates aligned with their respective views. For these reasons alone, the proposal to open NYC's primaries should be removed from the commission's final set of ballot proposals. Instead of proposing open primaries, the Commission should propose ranked-choice voting in general elections; such a change would substantially address most of the Commission's concerns as stated in its July 01 report. Sincerely,  
Michael O'Brien Harlem

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ava Warren

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Want open primaries.

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Name: Lauren Thompson

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal for "open primaries." I will highlight three of the reasons for my opposition. 1. Making primaries "open" would functionally nullify the State of New York's purpose of recognizing political parties. Legally recognized political parties are not only culturally important constructs; they are also legal structures by which working people without wealth can successfully organize other fellow working people at a scale large enough to compete with the power of concentrated capital that lies in the hands of the wealthy few. 2. Open primaries have not been shown to reliably increase voter turnout. In fact, even in those specific jurisdictions for which evidence of higher turnout exists, such increased turnout tends to come at the cost of reducing the political diversity of the candidates who appear on the general-election ballot. 3. Open primaries tend to increase the already disproportionate political influence of concentrated wealth – which, in elections for NYC offices, usually takes the form of large expenditures by billionaires and big corporations. Open primaries also diminish the relative power of the donations made, and the organizing and mobilizing activities conducted, by most voters. In short, open primaries weaken the impact of voters' own efforts to elect



candidates aligned with their respective views. For these reasons alone, the proposal to open NYC's primaries should be removed from the commission's final set of ballot proposals. This proposal would not empower more democracy in New York City, but instead limit it. Instead of proposing open primaries, the Commission should propose ranked-choice voting in general elections. Such a change would substantially address most of the Commission's concerns listed in its July 01 report. Sincerely, Lauren Thompson

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Name: LEE K CRAWFORD

Email:

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Name: Jeffrey

Email:

Phone: Turrentine

Comments: My name is Jeff Turrentine, and I'm a longtime New Yorker writing to voice strong opposition to the Commission's consideration of replacing our current primary system with a "jungle" or open primary model. It's telling that the first time many of us even heard of this proposal was when the Commission announced it might appear on the ballot this November. No groundswell of community support brought it here. No marchers in the street have called for it. At a time when working families are being priced out of their neighborhoods, when schools and transit systems need investment, and when trust in government is already strained, this is not the reform people are asking for. If anything, the push for jungle primaries feels like a solution in search of a problem—or worse, a fix for a system that isn't broken, just inconvenient to those who already have outsized influence. We've seen this playbook before. Back in 2003, then-Mayor Michael Bloomberg tried to shepherd a nearly identical change through the Charter Revision Commission. He spent millions of his own dollars promoting it. New Yorkers weren't impressed. They voted it down—by a wide margin. Why? Because they understood what was at stake: the ability of organized political communities to keep power accountable. Primary elections—messy,

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Name: Council Member Christopher Marte

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Comments: Please see attached the formal written comment of Council Member Christopher Marte on the CRC Interim Report and ballot proposals therein.

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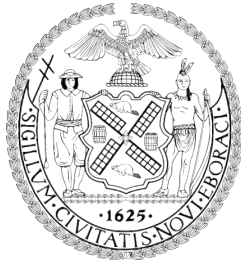
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# Christopher Marte

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65 East Broadway  
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July 11, 2025

**Subject: Written Comment to the Charter Revision Commission**

To the New York City Charter Revision Commission,

Please accept this letter as my formal comment in response to the Interim Report (the Report) released by the Charter Revision Commission (the Commission) on July 1, 2025. The Report lists five ballot proposals to be voted on by the general public as part of the general election this November, as well as a sixth idea that is still under consideration by the Commission. I write to express my opposition to Ballot Questions 1 through 3.

The Report references repeatedly the public participation and stakeholder engagement over the last six months that have influenced these final five proposals. However, Mayor Adams stated the purpose and priority of this Commission at the very outset of its convening: to facilitate housing development citywide, and to reduce the power of local voices in favor of a more centralized rationale for development and land use decisions in the five boroughs. The Mayor has made clear that his favored approach to addressing our city's affordability crisis is to weaken democracy through an unregulated influx of housing development by an unleashed private market.

There is unanimous agreement that housing affordability is the biggest issue facing New Yorkers: the majority of New Yorkers are rent burdened, incomes have stagnated, and rents have skyrocketed even in the neighborhoods that have built thousands of new units in the last decade. Displacement is occurring at historic levels, disrupting the very fabric of our city, and changing who it serves. Only a fraction of new housing construction is income-restricted.

Instead of holding developers accountable to their empty promises of affordable housing, ramping up tenant protections to stop mass evictions, or fully funding the building of new and the renovation of existing affordable housing, this Commission looks to strip away public oversight over the real estate industry completely. The ULURP process, while not perfect, is the one chance our Council, Community Boards, and the general public have to weigh in on how our City dictates development. The vast majority of projects avoid this process already; only those who ask for more than zoning currently allows must follow ULURP. But according to the flawed logic of this Commission, New Yorkers themselves are the greatest obstacle to affordable housing - not the endless greed of the real estate industry. It is ridiculous to blame a democratic

review process, which applies to only a fraction of total development, as a scapegoat for an affordability crisis marked by real estate oligarchy and public sector cowardice.

ULURP was brought into being by a Charter Revision Commission, at a time when the infamous Board of Estimate ruled New York, not New Yorkers. Now, we have a democratically elected Council, who have the power to hold the Mayor accountable on some of the city's most serious issues through legislation, the municipal budget, and land use. 50 years later, this Commission aims to reconcentrate that power, undermining the Council's land use authority and challenging the very principles of our local government.

This Commission proposes to remove a significant number of land use applications from Council jurisdiction, and some from the ULURP process entirely. Additionally, one measure proposes to establish an appeal board of only three elected officials with the power to reverse virtually any land use decision by the Council. Completely undermining any influence of the Council, and by extension eliminating the voice of the New Yorkers who voted for them, this Appeals Board is eerily reminiscent of the Board of Estimate, an ominous nod to an autocratic regime that greenlit the demolition and displacement of entire neighborhoods and communities in the name of "better planning."

At a time when our very democracy is on the line, New York City must not villainize the public as the enemy of public good. Instead, we must recognize how all of us lose when we allow decisions to be made behind closed doors, where corruption and pay-to-play are already well-documented. Good government should always be subject to healthy skepticism; our city, its charter and system of governance must continually evolve and adapt to better serve and represent New Yorkers. But what is being proposed only serves to concentrate power, to take our City back to a time of Tammany Hall type politics, defang our codified measures of accountability and public participation, and allow a select few to steamroll our city in favor of whichever private interests to whom they may be indebted.

Aside from the blatant legal controversy of these proposals, from unequal representation to arbitrary and unjust retribution, this report represents a fundamental divergence from participatory policymaking or even a sound separation of powers. These proposals are fundamentally undemocratic, woefully mirroring the kind of constitutional reengineering unfolding within our country's federal government today.

That people have a say in the future of their communities is fundamental to the execution of local democracy. When their democratically elected representatives are removed from this decision making, the only voices that are left are those of private industry and profit.



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ATTN Commissioners:

This commission needs to listen to the voters and say no to jungle primaries. The idea is a non-starter, as evidenced by its repeated failures at the ballot box. Mayor Bloomberg's attempt in New York was resoundingly defeated, and just last year, six more states—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—followed suit. This pattern reveals a fundamental public trust in the party system to vet and select candidates. It is time to stop wasting resources on this unpopular proposition and instead focus on proven methods like even-year elections to boost turnout.

- Ndlela Nkobi

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joanna Smith

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Commissioners, I am writing to express my concern about the proposed ballot amendment to allow so called "open" primaries in New York City. I ask you to consider why this approach has been named in this way. What is so "open" about allowing billionaires to use their outsized influence to elevate candidates irrespective of political party? No, this is a power grab in disguise, and it will further confuse an electorate still trying to figure out our relatively new ranked choice voting system. You must not allow this misguided idea to progress onto the ballot this year if you don't want to further alienate people you want to be voters. Sincerely, Joanna Oltman Smith

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jennifer Dougherty

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to support the following proposed amendments to be added to the ballot in November: Fast Track Zoning Action and Affordable Housing Fast Track - prices for renters are out of control and families cannot afford to live here (including my own). We need more housing built. Unifying the City Map by 2028 - Seems way past time to do so in order to save time to further fast track building projects Shifting Elections to Even Years - it saves money and increases voter turnout? YES YES YES. Thank you for time.

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[EXTERNAL] Open Primaries are a bad idea, and make grassroots campaigns more difficult.

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Good afternoon,

With the new Ranked Choice system that NYC has JUST started using, it seems like a bad idea to propose yet another overhaul of the system. New Yorkers are only just getting used to Ranked Choice, and many have not even experienced it yet (sadly!). Introducing a new primary system, one that is far less organized and which makes grassroots campaigning nearly impossible due to the cost and scale it would require. It will lead to LESS choice, LESS voter participation, and ultimately a weaker and less functional democracy. It will discourage voting by causing confusion and chaos, particularly among voters who do not engage with every election. We need to foster a culture of voting, and that begins with a consistent and understandable set of rules.

Thank you,

Erin Chan



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THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST! By Susan Nial  
Chair of the Advocacy Committee  
Before the Charter Revision Commission  
Manhattan Public Input Session on Housing and Use  
April 23, 2025**

**Introduction**

My name is Susan Nial. I am here to present the statement of Landmark West! (LW!). LW!, the Upper West Side grassroots' preservation advocacy group, is currently celebrating its 40th anniversary. LW! has spent many years working in the areas of preservation and land use with the goal of protecting our shared heritage as manifested in our landmarked buildings, historic districts and our neighborhoods. While some criticize preservationists by claiming that we want to "dip the city in amber" and that we value buildings more than "progress," the ultimate goal of our advocacy is to protect the quality of life of the people who live in those buildings and neighborhoods and protect our shared history that brings us together. Often those who scoff at preservation either fail to appreciate or simply refuse to acknowledge the importance not only of a shared history to our sense of community but also the terrible loss we all suffer when our landmarks and historic districts are destroyed with the purpose of allowing developers to make more money not just in shared history but also in the very real and calculable loss of affordable housing.<sup>1</sup> As Bonnie McDonald, president and CEO of Landmarks Illinois writes:

"Protecting naturally occurring affordable housing is also critical. As Subsidized rental units represent a small percentage of affordable housing in the U.S. In fact, 80 percent of all affordable rentals in large markets and 75 percent of affordable units nationwide are "naturally occurring affordable housing," or NOAH. These units are often small- or mid-sized rental buildings, over 35 years old, and broadly affordable but remain unsubsidized by any federal program. This type of housing, however, is particularly vulnerable because investors purchase

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.planetizen.com/features/130916-good-new-vital-role-preservation-solving-housing-crisis>

these buildings at low cost, renovate them, and then raise rents — or, in some cases, reconvert or demolish them to create single-family homes.

An estimated 75 percent of the nation's 12 million affordable housing units are considered NOAH, according to Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies. By multiplying 9 million by 2.57, the average household size per U.S. Census Data, that amounts to more than 23 million people living in NOAH.

Developing preservation strategies to maintain these properties and to protect their affordability would go a long way towards protecting existing NOAH assets, (but McKinsey research indicated that overall, cities lack these strategies).” This is the kind of thinking that the Mayor and the Charter Revision Commission should explore rather than incorporating the often internally inconsistent provisions of the entire package of City of Yes (COY), some aspects of which encourage the loss of affordable housing by allowing it to be converted to commercial spaces.

### **The City of Yes does not belong in the City Charter.**

I am here today to talk about the very real threat to our neighborhoods and our stock of affordable housing that is posed by the attempt to set in stone the wrong-headed and anti-democratic elements of the City of Yes, including but not limited to changes in zoning and land-use overhaul, by enshrining it in the Charter of the City of New York. As the language of the proposed Charter Revision is not available, it is not possible for us to deal specifically with any legislative recommendations that the Commission may make regarding land-use, zoning, housing, or other elements of the COY package. Instead, we are responding to the brief given to this Commission by the Mayor. In the available materials relating to the Mayor's guidance to the Commission, there are two distinct and, frankly, contradictory suggestions. One to make the land use process more transparent and the other to enshrine the changes contained in COY in the Charter. COY limits the involvement of the public and even the City Council in important land use decisions by handing over decisions regarding special permits to an appointed body, thus bypassing both the public in the context of public hearings and the City Council, thus

limiting transparency. The stated goal of this change is to increase the number of affordable housing units in the City of New York. To support both the massive changes to our zoning and land-use system of regulations, the Mayor has claimed that these changes must be inserted in the City Charter to increase the number of affordable housing units. To be blunt, neither the adoption of COY by the City Council nor its inclusion in the Charter will do anything to increase the number of affordable housing units and may decrease those units by allowing the conversion of affordable units to commercial spaces and allowing the building of larger and bulkier buildings that are not required to provide any affordable units at all.

### **Affordability is Optional.**

In view of the public goal of “more affordable housing, it is important for the Commission to take notice and consider that affordability is optional under the COY. It appears in only one section of the new law, identified as the Universal Affordability Preference is and in that section, it is **optional**!

The section of the COY relating to the transferability of landmark TRDs allows a broader transfer of TDRs; however, if one takes advantage of the broader transference provided therein of TDRs there is **no requirement** that the increased development opportunities **include any affordable housing**! Currently the transfer of TDRs in this context are City Planning Commission Special Permits that are ULURP actions that require City Council involvement, the COY eliminates the City Council from the process.

Whether one supports COY or not, it is important to recognize that importing the COY regime and its components into the Charter will make it almost impossible to guarantee the kind of flexibility in Zoning and land-use issues that the City needs in order to respond to the changing needs of the City and or to respond to the unique needs and issues of our widely varying neighborhoods because of the cumbersome process by which the Charter can be amended. We urge the Commission not to follow the Mayor’s lead in this regard.

**The Commission should reverse the current trend of curbing the public's involvement, expand effective public involvement initiatives, and re-energize Community Boards.**

In previous years, the Charter was amended in ways that limit and reduce effective public involvement. The Commission should reverse this trend in government of eliminating or limiting the ability of the public to have an opportunity for effective input. It is time to expand effective public involvement initiatives and eliminate superficial "public engagement" programs, which offer nothing more than box-ticking initiatives and feel-good meetings with ambiguous talk of "goals" other than solid proposals. This process is often mere political theater, lots of sound and fury symbolizing nothing.

In that regard, we would ask the Commission to consider the issues of transparency and the importance of effective public involvement in land-use, zoning, and housing issues.

Neighborhoods are unique collections of people who have found a way to engage with each other and support each other in a variety of ways that work for them. As a result, a one-size-fits-all plan does not reflect that uniqueness and will undoubtedly destroy important aspects of the lives of the residents, not the least of which is **dislocation**. The residents of a neighborhood are the best source of important information regarding its needs and the effectiveness of the various networks that have grown up in that neighborhood that serve the needs of the residents. In short, they are the experts. While developers' "experts" and those engaged by the entity arguing for the passage or approval of a project or legislations are given almost unlimited time, local resident experts are limited to 2 to 3 minutes or sometimes don't have an opportunity to testify at the hearings at all. This should be changed.

Shutting these individuals out by limiting public hearings and instead replacing public hearings with nothing more than political theater, in which the City moves through neighborhoods spouting platitudes about goals, both short-term and long-term, that bear little or no resemblance to the actual impacts of the proposals the City wants to push through. This Commission should reinvigorate the public hearing and make it clear that it is the public hearing that must be protected. It should make it clear that **public hearings** in which members of the public are the key witnesses to which the various commissions, agencies and ultimately the City

Council should be listening to rather than the paid experts of the developers and the City staff who have been tasked with making sure the development plans go through.

Public Meetings wherein public testimony is prohibited should not be allowed to eclipse the use of the public hearing. The Commission should require that all Agencies, Commissions, Boards and similar, ("Agencies") publish the exact legislation proposed or the applications made by the City or private individuals at least 30 business days before any public hearing both on their websites and in a separate notification to the public and interested parties including but not limited to LW!

LW! Also requests that the Commission revisit the designation of the opinions and or reports from Community Boards on issues of local interest as "advisory." This designation has led some individuals and groups to refuse to show up to discuss their projects. Sadly, some City Agencies like the Landmarks Preservation Commission tell applicants not to respond to the criticisms or suggestions from the Community Boards and community groups on the basis that they are only advisory. This needs to change.

The Commission should also require that massive changes in Zoning, Land Use and Housing of the citywide like the COY be analyzed as one package and not broken up in its constituent parts. That analysis should pay close attention to and assess the cumulative impact of the entire package of changes on the relevant neighborhoods and the City as a whole. Atomization of projects and proposed legislative packages isn't good for the City, nor any of its residents, it should be forbidden in the Charter.

Thank you for your time and attention. LW! will return to comment on the actual language of the Commission's proposals once they are available. We will see you then.

## **Endnotes**

We give all due credit to George Janes upon whom we have relied for his insightful and careful reading of the entire package of COY changes that range from COYHO, City of Yes for Housing Opportunity; COYEO, City of Yes for Economic Opportunity; and, COYCN, City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality, and impact each and every area of the City. LW! Would be happy to provide those reports to the Commission on request.

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[EXTERNAL] A Call to Reject This Measure

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am deeply concerned about any potential move to implement jungle primaries. This is a reform that has been consistently and emphatically rejected by voters. The results from last year, with defeats in all six states where it was on the ballot, should be a wake-up call. Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota voters have spoken. They believe in the party system. This commission should respect that and drop this proposal. Let's focus on what we know can work, like even-year elections, to improve our democracy.

Best, David Lubetkin



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joshua Harrison

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: I am writing to oppose the adoption of an open primary system in NYC elections. In general, I believe primaries serve a sorting function within a party that stands for a particular set of believes and policies. Open primaries distort that to a general popularity contest. This feels rushed and unnecessary at this point and I question the value of this kind of change just as we are getting the city used to rank choice voting. I urge you to reject this idea. Thank you Josh Harrison

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[EXTERNAL] Getting out the vote?

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Commissioners,

If we want to get people out to vote, let's do what works.

People come out when there's a presidential race too, so even years makes sense.

That does NOT mean we let someone stay longer this year though!

Also, GROUPS get out the vote, when they feel they belong, and have an EXCITING candidate who actually BATTLES for things.

It's time to use the DRAMA to mobilize people. Not the TERROR, but the DRAMA of what history can be, and how WE THE PEOPLE can be a part of it.

Sincerely,

John Rodriguez

John "Bones" Rodriguez



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Name: Brian Holbrook

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Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm writing to oppose the proposal to switch to a so-called "open primary" system. New York City voters have the unrestricted right to choose their political party and to change their party with enough advance notice. We choose to register with particular parties so that we can organize with other people in our City who share basic values and priorities, and so that we can more effectively oppose politicians who don't share those same values and priorities. Open primaries severely hinder our ability to effectively coordinate and organize on the issues we care about, because they deprive us of one of the most effective mechanisms for political organization: a party that can collectively, democratically choose and support candidates for office. An "open primary" means that a party majority, including a large majority, can be defeated in their choice of candidate by a minority faction who earn the support of voters who are not even members of that party, and who may be hostile to that party's basic values and commitments. "Open primaries" also magnify the already much-too-large influence of wealthy political donors on our City's politics. Party primaries provide a mechanism for normal people, and their collective organizations like labor union, to convince and organize fellow voters to

support specific candidates. "Open primaries" create confusing public information environments as voters struggle to determine who is most aligned with their views, creating more opportunities for super PACs funded by the wealthy to flood the zone with misleading political ads. For these reasons, I strongly urge the Commission not to support any proposal for open primaries.

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[EXTERNAL] Please Don't Let Them Sabotage RCV

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Dear Commissioners,

We are not even four years into our experience with Ranked-Choice Voting. It is far too early to declare it a failure or to replace it with a system as disruptive as "Jungle Primaries." Voters need and deserve a consistent electoral framework. This proposal would create the opposite, leading to confusion, frustration, and ultimately, lower turnout. Instead of adding more change, we should be focused on robust voter education for the RCV system we have, ensuring that it is fair, understood, and accessible to every single voter in our city.

Thanks,

Claire Wellin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rachel Brown

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello Commission, I live in Queens and am writing to express my concern and disagreement about two of the proposed housing and land use changes. Fast Tracking Affordable Housing: I understand that the purpose is to create more affordable housing quicker, but the City could do this in many different ways. MIH is not enough. 25% of new developments is ridiculous in this affordable housing crisis we are living through. I would be in favor of a fast track if it applied to 100% affordable housing, with AMIs ranging from 10%-60%. Or the city needs to use local AMIs when deciding whether something is affordable. Why are we still using AMI that includes Westchester and Long Island? That should be changed too. We should not fast track more housing if it's going to be 75% market rate and 25% MIH. We have an AFFORDABLE housing shortage! We need lots of actually affordable housing. How about fully funding NYCHA? How about building more public housing? How about subsidizing 100% affordable housing using local AMIs? Simplify Review of Modest Housing and Infrastructure Projects I do not think we should create an Expedited Land Use Review Procedure. The ULURP process could use more and better community input. Shortening the timeline for communities to learn about and weigh in on

changes would endanger our communities. Moreover, removing City Council's input into the process is also bad. With the pressures developers put on these processes, we need as much time and as many experts to weigh in as possible. Don't shorten the time for Community Boards to weigh in. Don't remove Council from this process. Thank you for your attention. Rachel

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I understand the importance of allowing all people, especially the newest New Yorkers, to participate in our electoral and civic life. Open primaries eliminate barriers to voting and would mean that all New Yorkers, particularly immigrants, would be able to participate in all our elections.

It is key to the very fabric of our city that we make our civic life one that all people can participate in, regardless of political preference or personal history. The people we elect to represent us should represent that shared belief in an open and inclusive city.

Nancy Halpern





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I have been forced throughout my life to enroll in a political party if I want my vote to matter. Neither of the two largest parties reflects my values and beliefs. I am excited to be supporting open primaries. This change will mean that I am no longer forced to make a choice that does not reflect my values.

Being able to vote in an open primary would mean that I could choose and rank the candidates who best reflect my values, regardless of their affiliation with a political party. Moving to this system will not only open primary elections to a larger electorate but also help diversify the kinds of opinions and candidates appearing on the ballot.

Laurie Blitzer



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Political parties have become special interest groups standing between the government and the electorate. It is time that we allowed all New Yorkers to participate in elections. Open primaries mean New Yorkers can participate in primary elections regardless of whether they have registered with a political party.

New Yorkers should be able to participate directly in choosing their leaders. They should not have to choose to be affiliated with a party if they do not want to. We should make it as easy as possible for all New Yorkers to participate in elections, and open primaries do just that.

Wendy Blank



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It is too hard (and confusing) to vote in New York City, and voter turnout does not reflect the city as a whole. Open primaries address this by fixing one of the major impediments to voting and empowering a million New Yorkers to participate in the most competitive and consequential elections. Reducing the number of non-competitive elections will incentivize more people to participate in the democratic process.

Addressing our abysmal voter turnout rates should be a key priority of the Charter Revision Commission. I hope that the city does not miss this opportunity to ensure that we have competitive elections in which all registered voters can participate. This will mean that New York City has a healthier and more robust democracy than ever before.

Elizabeth Gilmartin



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Like many New Yorkers, I have spent much of my life being unable to vote in competitive elections. Too often, the winning candidate is a foregone conclusion by the time of the general election. New Yorkers like me find themselves locked out of the races where the winning candidate is chosen simply because we do not choose to or want to belong to a political party.

By opening this system, many New Yorkers will be newly enfranchised and will vote in far greater numbers. It is my hope that the Commission will not miss this opportunity to allow many New Yorkers of all political stripes to fully participate in our democratic process.

Ann Mandese



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Non-partisan, special elections are nothing new and are a proven way to choose the best candidate from a field representing several different viewpoints. These elections have been one by candidates across the ideal spectrum. It is time that we applied this proven method to all citywide elections.

Special elections have been taking place in New York City for as long as I can remember. They are an effective way to let voters express their preference from a range of candidates and save the City the cost of running multiple different elections.

Kelly Chang



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I am writing to you in favor of open primaries in New York City.

New York City has always been at the forefront of democracy, and it is time that we continue to evolve. Having recently adopted Ranked Choice Voting, it is time that we take the next step and move to a system of open primaries. As a New Yorker, I am proud to be from a place known for innovation, and the time has come for us to take the next step.

This evolution will strengthen our democracy and bring more New Yorkers into the process. By continuing to evolve and adapt, we show the world we are leading the way. New York has been, and should continue to be, the world's most creative and innovative city. There's no reason that shouldn't be true for our elections.

Howard Levy



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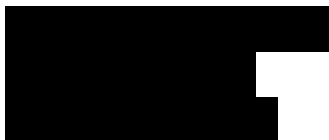
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Ephraim Savitt



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As a high school teacher, I work with new and prospective voters, by which mean teens 14-18 years old. I know that they feel very little of the sentiments that our generation associates with the Republican and Democratic parties, and that they have little chance of joining the Democratic Party in order to vote in primaries like the ones we just had last month. But we do want all these teens to vote, and vote as early and as often as possible, I think. I want the youth of our city to feel like they have skin in the game.

It's clear to me that open primaries would help solve problems in this city. Some people have much greater influence over this city than others, and they sometimes stand in the way of needed reforms because the benefits of keeping the status quo. The zoning laws and housing stock, for example, reflect the desires of the real estate and contracting industries more than they do ordinary citizens. As Mamdani's selection in the recent mayoral primary shows, having the city itself build affordable housing and raising the money through taxes on the rich is a concept that elites like Mario Cuomo sneer at, but which ordinary folks will vote for in droves. So I think increasing the size of the electorate would be a necessary, if not sufficient step, to actually combating, or diluting the interest of those who are not seeking to benefit middle class or poor or very young New Yorkers.

I was an unaffiliated voter myself, and found I had many fewer choices at the polls the first time I participated in elections, in 2022.

Jesse Field





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[EXTERNAL] Support Open Primaries

From: Joshua Solomon <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2025 19:26:59 +0000

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Open Primaries will work better. Why should we have to choose based on party? Enfranchise more people!

Sincerely,

Joshua Solomon

Joshua Solomon



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New York City needs a contempt of Council provision so liars are held accountable. Also, Turkish bribery schemes are super bad so impeachment is necessary too.

Also, Half Steinbrenner is committing crimes against humanity and the government should liberate the yankess from this reign of tyranny. Fire Aaron Boone. Fire Brian Cashman. They should be on Rikers if it is not closing.

NYC should also make a Harambe statue and have George Santos work as its janitor as an act of redemption.

Eric Adams belongs in jail.

NYC has always been at the forefront of democracy, and it is time that we continue to evolve. Having recently adopted Ranked Choice Voting, it is time that we take the next step and move to a system of open primaries. As a New Yorker, I am proud to be from a place known for innovation, and the time has come for us to take the next step.

This evolution will strengthen our democracy and bring more New Yorkers into the process. By continuing to evolve and adapt, we show the world we are leading the way. New York has been, and should continue to be, the world's most creative and innovative city. There's no reason that shouldn't be true for our elections.

Chim McFeeble



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[EXTERNAL] Support Open Primaries

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Political parties have become special interest groups standing between the government and the electorate. It is time that we allowed all New Yorkers to participate in elections. Open primaries mean New Yorkers can participate in primary elections regardless of whether they have registered with a political party.

New Yorkers should be able to participate directly in choosing their leaders. They should not have to choose to be affiliated with a party if they do not want to. We should make it as easy as possible for all New Yorkers to participate in elections, and open primaries do just that.

Carmen Quinones

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Debby Pollack



Subject:

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Please open the primary so citizens can enjoy their democratic freedoms

Bill Ge



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Support Open Primaries

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I have been forced throughout my life to enroll in a political party if I want my vote to matter. Neither of the two largest parties reflects my values and beliefs. I am excited to be supporting open primaries. This change will mean that I am no longer forced to make a choice that does not reflect my values.

Being able to vote in an open primary would mean that I could choose and rank the candidates who best reflect my values, regardless of their affiliation with a political party. Moving to this system will not only open primary elections to a larger electorate but also help diversify the kinds of opinions and candidates appearing on the ballot.

Irene Diamond



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Let's Prioritize Proven Turnout Strategies

From: Sierra Moore <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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ATTN Commissioners:

I am concerned that the debate over jungle primaries is obscuring a more important issue: the overall health of our democracy. While we are arguing about the structure of our primary elections, we are ignoring the much larger problems of voter suppression, gerrymandering, and the influence of money in politics. These are the real threats to our democracy, and they are where we should be focusing our attention. Let's not be distracted by a debate over a failed electoral reform.

Thank you,  
Sierra Moore

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carol H Krinsky

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Open primaries: The primaries could be expanded to include voters who have not registered with any party. But I worry about opening them entirely. Let's imagine that the Republicans on Staten Island gang up against various specific Democrats whom many voters would prefer in this city that is largely Democrat. Or vice versa: Imagine all the Democrats who would vote to crush people they dislike in Republican areas. We should be careful about entirely open primaries. I do not know enough about the rules to be sure that my comment has merit, but please consider how open the primaries should be so as to insure fairness rather than political gain for a few people.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Jungle Primaries are NOT a Solution

From: Cathy Nonas <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Commissioners,

The original purpose of primaries is to allow party members to vote to choose candidates to represent them in the general election. Jungle primaries do the opposite. The candidates with the highest total of votes – regardless of party – advance to the general election. This could mean that not all parties – and not all people – would be represented in the general vote. These initiatives, therefore, would invariably be supported by billionaires who might not share the visions of others. So some of the public might end up not having someone to represent them. The whole idea of legally recognized political parties is to give the people a choice, an opportunity to organize at a scale large enough to compete with the power of concentrated capital. Otherwise it's not a fair system. Jungle primaries are UnAmerican. The commission tasked with this proposal has no representation from labor unions or working people, signaling a clear bias. Please rescind this. Let's keep a fair and democratic system.

Thank you,  
Cathy Nonas

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Open Primaries: No Gains, Only Pains for NYC Turnout

From: Nick <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Dear Commissioners,

I'm here to challenge the narrative that jungle primaries are a tool for increasing voter turnout. The data from states that have adopted them unequivocally proves otherwise. If our objective is truly to enhance democratic participation, we must abandon strategies that have been empirically shown to fail and instead pursue those that yield tangible results. The recent experience in Alaska, which implemented open primaries in 2022, serves as a stark reminder. The 2024 primary election saw alarmingly low turnout, marking it as one of the lowest in half a century. This robust data decisively points to the conclusion that these elections have had little to no impact on encouraging more people to vote. We need to focus on effective voter outreach and engagement, not on structural reforms that consistently fall short.

Best,

Nicholas Corbo

Testimony: NYC Charter Revision Commission,  
Open Primaries, 2025  
July 11, 2025

Re: Opposition to Open Primary Elections

I am Michelle D Winfield, District Leader,  
74th AD, Part C. As a member of the Democratic  
Party, I support the values expressed in the  
Democratic Party of the state of New York rules  
which does not condone discrimination on the  
grounds of race, sex, gender identity, gender  
expression, age, color, creed, national origin,  
religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation,  
disability, or economic status. All public meetings  
are open and welcome people regardless of race.

I am requesting the NYC Charter Revision Commission  
withdraw the Mayor's proposal for Open Primaries in  
NYC elections. In an Open Primary, candidates  
expressing views of hate could vote to knock off  
candidates that believe in equity for all.

The NYC counties have 3.4 million registered voters.  
The Democratic Party has an organized system that has  
been established through registration with the Board  
of Elections. Do not dismantle this system!

Please withdraw the proposal for Open Primary Elections  
on the November 2025 ballot.

Thank you.

Michelle D Winfield



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Name: Michelle D Winfield

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Withdraw NYC Charter Revision Proposal: Open Primary Elections

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Name: Fran Gutleber

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I want to have an open primary

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The War on Workers Continues

From: Lisa Yancey <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

Date: July 11, 2025 at 05:10 PM

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ATTN Commissioners:

The proposed jungle primaries are a direct threat to the democratic process. They are consistently backed by billionaires, who seek to dismantle labor unions because these organizations stand as obstacles to their agenda of privatizing government functions.

This pattern was evident with Mike Bloomberg's previous attempts, and it remains the same dynamic today. The commission lacks any representation from labor unions or working people, highlighting whose interests are truly being served. Josh Greenman's insights

in Vital City revealed the real reason: to limit labor's influence. The idea that American workers have "outsized influence" in politics is a myth perpetuated by those who already hold immense power. The Democratic Party primary is a crucial space for working

people to level the playing field. This proposal seeks to further tilt it in favor of the wealthy.

Best,

Lisa Yancey

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Don't Let Billionaires Buy Our Elections

From: Jeff G <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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The the Charter Comm board members:

Adopting a jungle primary system would be a catastrophic mistake for the future of our city. It inherently favors candidates with personal fortunes or billionaire backers, effectively drowning out the voices of ordinary citizens and community-led campaigns.

This is a direct attack on the labor organizations that advocate for public education and resist the corporate takeover of government services. The notion that working people have "too much power" is a fabrication meant to divide us while the wealthy consolidate their control. We must reject this transparently rigged system that benefits only the elite.

Thank you,  
Jeffrey Gold

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Protect Our Elections from Big Money!

From: Ian G Williams <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hey,

Open primaries are inherently undemocratic, throwing open the choice of parties' candidates to their opponents and, with the current state of campaign finance, to the highest bidder in many cases.

In addition, forcing New Yorkers to navigate yet another wholesale change to their voting system is simply irresponsible. "Jungle Primaries" would effectively cancel out the Ranked-Choice Voting system that citizens are just beginning to understand. This creates

an unstable and unpredictable electoral environment, which is a key factor in voter disengagement. If we are serious about improving our democracy, the first step is to provide a consistent and reliable framework. This proposal does the opposite and should be rejected for the sake of our voters.

Sincerely,

Ian Williams



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Following the Billionaires' Playbook

From: Benjamin Jones <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hey,

Let's be clear: the campaign for jungle primaries is a campaign against organized labor. It's funded by the very billionaires who stand to profit from the privatization of government functions like education and sanitation. This proposal is designed to sideline the voices of workers and make it easier for the rich to control our political destiny. The Democratic primary is a vital arena for challenging that control through collective action. This change would demolish that arena, leaving working people with even less power than they have now.

Thanks,  
Benjamin Jones

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Maintaining Primary Election Integrity

From: joshua boyce <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: "CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov"  
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ATTN Commissioners:

The arguments for jungle primaries are misleading. These systems are designed to disproportionately empower candidates with extensive personal wealth or access to significant external funding, enabling them to bypass traditional party nomination processes.

This directly undermines the capacity of labor unions to advocate for public services and resist privatization. The conspicuous absence of labor representation on the commission proposing these changes is a serious concern, signaling a bias towards financial

interests. The claim that "public sector unions" have "outsized influence" is a narrative frequently employed to justify efforts to weaken collective action. Given the pervasive influence of wealth in politics, the Democratic primary offers one of the few avenues for working people to collectively assert their voice. This proposal aims to diminish that crucial counterbalance.

Best,

Joshua Boyce

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Another New System? New York Voters Deserve a Break

From: MARK SMITH <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Dear Commissioners,

Let's not make the mistake of piling confusion on top of confusion. The shift to RCV was a major undertaking. The proposal for "Jungle Primaries" would create another seismic shift in our election laws before we've even recovered from the last one. This kind of perpetual disruption is the enemy of broad-based civic participation. It makes voting feel like an exclusive club for people who have the time to track every arcane rule change. Let's keep our system stable and focus on bringing more people into the democratic process.

- Mark Smith

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Problem with Jungle Primary Reforms

From: Jeff Sanoff <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hello Commissioners,

Jungle primary reforms are a bad idea and voters have made it clear they don't want them. These reforms are ineffective and routinely rejected. Last year, this was on the ballot in six states – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota – and it failed in every single one. This isn't a partisan issue; it's about voters of all ideologies and partisanship understanding the value in Political Parties and their ability to select their own candidates. This commission should not waste voters time and money putting forward an unpopular proposition. If the commission wants to increase voter turnout, it should simply stick with what is proven to work: even-year elections.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Sanoff

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] A Clear Choice for Increasing Voter Turnout

From: Sarah Berger <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hello,

The cornerstone of a high-turnout democracy is organized, personal engagement. We know from experience that jungle primaries are not the answer to low participation. A proven reform is to align primaries with even-numbered election years. Even more importantly, we must support the vital work of community, labor, and political organizations. Their ability to connect with voters on a personal level is the most effective tool we have. Any attempt to hinder these groups would be a direct blow to voter turnout. Let's champion the organizations that are foundational to a thriving democracy.

Best,

Sarah Berger

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Don't Force Unpopular Reforms: Jungle Primaries

From: Giovanni Hernandez <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Dear Commissioners,

The ongoing discussion about jungle primaries is perplexing given how consistently voters have rejected them. These reforms simply don't work as advertised and, more importantly, they are profoundly unpopular. We don't need to guess; we have recent history. Last year, the proposal was on the ballot in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota, failing in every instance. This isn't a partisan stance; it's a clear message from voters of all political stripes who understand the importance of political parties in our electoral system. This commission would be wise not to pursue an initiative that voters have so clearly dismissed. If the objective is to truly increase voter turnout, then proven methods, like even-year elections, are the way to go.

Kind regards,

Giovanni Hernandez

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Comments: [WFAN-Style Caller Rant: "Banish These Bums" ♦ Delivered in full throttle, NY sports radio fury] Cue the crackling WFAN phone line, midday. Joe from Bayside is on the air with Mike Francesa. --- JOE FROM BAYSIDE (shouting): Let me tell ya somethin'♦,

Mike. I♦m DONE. I am absolutely DONE with this rogue♦s gallery of losers, crooks, and frauds RUINING this city from the dugout to Gracie Mansion to Madison Square freakin'♦ Garden. I got a list, Mike, and every single one of these bums should be BANISHED from

the five boroughs, exiled like Napoleon, and tried at The Hague for crimes against humanity. Lemme run it down: ERIC ADAMS ♦ You call this guy a mayor? He♦s a nightlife influencer in a suit. You got FBI raids, illegal donations from foreign nationals, rats

runnin' wild in the subway, and this guy♦s at Zero Bond poppin' bottles! He calls himself the ♦nightlife mayor?♦ What is this, a Diddy music video? Where♦s the governance, Eric? MIKE FRANCESCA: "He don♦t govern, folks. He don♦t lead. He disappears when it matters.

The city♦s on fire and he♦s somewhere at Nobu. It♦s pathetic." AARON BOONE ♦ Can we STOP pretending this guy♦s a manager? This guy♦s the human version of a shrug emoji. Press conferences sound like hostage videos. ♦We♦re close.♦ ♦We♦re turning the corner.♦

CLOSE TO WHAT? MEDIOCRITY?! You can't bunt, you can't manage a bullpen, and you think Gleyber Torres deserves a statue! FRANCESCA: "He's not a manager. He's a fan with a laminated lineup card. A robot in the dugout. The Yankees are a Ferrari being driven by a blindfolded Uber driver." JIM DOLAN ♦ Don't even get me STARTED. The man banned Charles Oakley from the Garden like he was a terrorist. Plays the kazoo like he's got a demon in him. Surveillance squads track Knicks fans who boo. This guy makes Emperor Palpatine look like Mr. Rogers. FRANCESCA: "The worst owner in sports. Hands down. The Knicks succeed in spite of this guy. He'd trade Jalen Brunson for a new jazz solo." FRED & JEFF WILPON ♦ These two ran the Mets like it was a Ponzi scheme♦which, let's not forget, THEY INVESTED IN. Bernie Madoff stole your money and you turned around and stole our hope. Ike Davis cleanup? Ollie Perez extension? SHAMEFUL. FRANCESCA: "Fred thought he was Theo Epstein. Jeff thought he was Billy Beane. They were both Fredo Corleone." ANDREW CUOMO ♦ Mister ♦I am the state.♦ A bully, a liar, and a creep. Eleven credible sexual harassment accusations, nursing home cover-ups, book deals DURING a pandemic. He turned daily COVID briefings into auditions for The Bachelor. FRANCESCA: "He treated Albany like a frat house. He was the king of gaslighting. Good riddance." WOODY JOHNSON ♦ Jets fans, how do you sleep? This guy ran your franchise like a tax shelter. A billionaire buffoon who left to be ambassador to the U.K., then came back and STILL didn't fire Joe Douglas. He builds hype and sells garbage. FRANCESCA: "The Jets have been rebuilding since the Nixon administration. He should be indicted for emotional terrorism." JOHN MARA ♦ The silent prince of disappointment. Preaches ♦class♦ while hiring Dave Gettleman, sticking with Joe Judge, and turning the Giants into a meme. Let's not forget he backed Roger Goodell through every botched scandal like a lapdog. FRANCESCA: "He turned a proud franchise into a laughingstock. You got MetLife looking like a cemetery on Sundays."

KAZ DAUGHTRY & JOHN CHELL ♦ These NYPD suits are more focused on clout than crime. Daughtry's posting TikToks while crime spikes. Chell treats protests like an ego contest. They lead like it's a WWE storyline. FRANCESCA: "They treat Twitter like it's a precinct. The NYPD deserves better leadership than cosplay cops." TIFFANY RASPBERRY & INGRID LEWIS-MARTIN ♦ Unelected, unequipped, and unqualified. These cronies act like they're running a shadow government outta Gracie Mansion. Brooklyn machine hacks with more power than brains. FRANCESCA: "If I wanted Friends of Eric Adams running the city, I'd vote for his doorman." EDWARD CABAN & JEFFREY MADDREY ♦ Corruption, cover-ups, and cowardice. Maddrey's out here reversing disciplinary decisions for cops who rough up kids. Caban's like a mute in a uniform. Who's in charge here? The scriptwriter from The Wire? FRANCESCA: "Maddrey got more skeletons than a Halloween store. Caban's a puppet on a blue-string." HAL STEINBRENNER ♦ I'd rather have a coat rack run the Yankees. This guy don't care if they win, lose, or get swept by the Royals. Keeps Cashman around like he's family. And by the way, \$300 million for THIS team? Hal, this ain't Tampa! FRANCESCA: "Hal don't bleed pinstripes. He bleeds spreadsheets. He's allergic to accountability." RICH AZZOPARDI ♦ Cuomo's social media hitman. This guy spends more time tweeting at 14-year-old critics than helping New Yorkers. When he's not defending Cuomo, he's lying for him. Real keyboard warrior tough guy. FRANCESCA: "He's a joke. He's the intern who never



left." --- AND NOW, I CALL ON THE NYC CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION ♦ Put a ballot initiative on the NOVEMBER ballot to banish these clowns from New York City permanently. Strip ♦em of their keys, cut their Metrocards, revoke their bagel privileges. Let The

Hague take it from there. I♦m talkin' international criminal court jurisdiction. Try 'em all for: Crimes against sports fans. Crimes against governance. Crimes against sandwiches. Crimes against sanity. Send 'em to Rikers Island. Life sentences. No parole.

No kazoo solos. Let them rot on that island with nothing but reruns of their worst decisions and Mike'd Up episodes on loop. THEY HAVE FAILED THIS CITY. --- FRANCESCA (calmly): He ain♦t wrong. We♦ll be back after this.

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Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a current Manhattan resident, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-4 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that

development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations-  
not just the narrowest political interests. A unified City Map is a step in the right direction, since the current system can impose significant costs and time on infrastructure, housing, and other projects. Proposal 4's Digital City Map would allow processes that today take months or even years to occur nearly instantly. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. I strongly encourage the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6. Open primaries would enfranchise the 1 million+ New Yorkers who are currently locked out of primary elections due to party registration rules. These voters deserve a voice in the elections that matter most in our one-party-dominated city. Open primaries would boost turnout in local elections, increase electoral competition, and encourage candidates to appeal to a broader cross-section of voters. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Sincerely, Kenneth Ge

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[EXTERNAL] Ranked Choice Was a Huge Success - Don't Take it Away  
Now

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Hello -

Ranked choice voting worked well in June. Why mess with it now?

Getting rid of a Democratic (party -specific) primary undermines the beauty of ranked choice voting. NYC has become a RCV inspiration to leaders across the country. Why throw that away?

Thank you for considering my views.

Kathryn Sabbeth

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No to Jungle Primaries

From: carolyn kelly <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Dear City Charter Team,

I am writing to strongly oppose the adoption of "Jungle Primaries."

First, jungle primaries can result in a situation where entire parties and perspectives are not represented in the general election. Imagine a general election between two Republican candidates, and no Democratic candidate. Imagine a general election between two Democratic candidates and no Republican candidates. This would distort the electorate's choices, and would not result in an accurate reflection of voters' preferences.

Second, I do not think that Republicans should get to dictate who the Democratic candidate would be, or vice versa. If you want to have a say in choosing the Democratic candidate, you need to care about the direction of the Democratic Party enough to actually join it. Same goes for choosing the Republican candidate.

Third, adopting a jungle primary would eliminate ranked choice voting. Now that New Yorkers

have had some experience with ranked choice voting, they love it! It allows people to accurately vote on their values and priorities and to have a back up candidate(s) if their first choice is eliminated. Taking away ranked choice voting just as we have gotten used to it is wrong.

If you actually want to boost voter turnout, here are some ideas:

Move city elections to even numbered years, so that they correspond to state and federal elections.

Allow same-day voter registration so that people can update their party registration or join a party for the first time on Election Day. Our current deadlines for switching party registration are ludicrously early, and that often does have the effect of disenfranchising people who might otherwise vote in the primary.

Please drop this terrible idea of instituting jingle primaries and ripping away ranked choice voting.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Kelly

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] A Consensus Against Open Primaries

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Dear Commissioners:

I write to express my opposition to the proposal for "open primaries." My opposition is based in many reasons, but for the sake of concision I would like to highlight three in particular:

Making primaries "open" would functionally nullify the State of New York's purpose of recognizing political parties. Legally recognized political parties are not only culturally important constructs; they are legal structures that provide essential mechanisms by which working people without wealth can successfully organize masses of other fellow working people at a scale large enough to compete with the power of concentrated capital that lies in the hands of the wealthy few.

Open primaries have not been shown to reliably increase voter turnout. Moreover, even in those specific jurisdictions for which evidence of higher turnout exists, such increased turnout tends to come at the cost of also reducing the political diversity of the candidates who appear on the general-election ballot.

Open primaries tend to augment the already disproportionate political influence of concentrated wealth. In so doing, open primaries further diminish the relative power of the donations made, and the organizing & mobilizing activities conducted, by most voters.

In short, open primaries weaken the impact of voters' own efforts to elect candidates aligned with their respective views.

For these reasons alone, the proposal to open NYC's primaries should be removed from the commission's final set of ballot proposals.

Instead of proposing open primaries, the Commission should propose ranked-choice voting in general elections; such a change would substantially address most of the Commission's concerns

as stated in its July 01 report.

Sincerely,

Lisa Aurigemma,  
Brooklyn, NY



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Comments: Closed primaries with ranked choice voting allows every New York City resident to gauge finely whom they want on the general election ballot for their registered party. Allowing members of other parties to affect primary results will lead to spoilers changing the straightforwardness and precision of the current process. Keep primaries closed so the best candidates end up on the November ballot.

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[EXTERNAL] We've Seen This Before. Let's Stop It.

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Dear Commissioners,

The Democratic primary is where communities come together to vet candidates and decide their collective future. The jungle primary system is designed to replace that essential, grassroots democratic process with a high-priced media war funded by the super-rich. It transforms an election into a marketing campaign where the wealthiest candidate wins. This is a direct attack on the democratic rights of working people, who rely on organization and collective action, not massive bank accounts, to make their voices heard. This proposal would effectively silence them.

- Adrian Gonzalez

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Comments: Analyzing Digital Personas: A Presidential Race Forecast I. Executive Summary This report undertakes a comprehensive analysis of the social media profiles and public personas of Jeff Nadu, Rico Bosco, and Mike Francesa, projecting their hypothetical performance in a three-way presidential race. The core finding suggests that while each candidate possesses unique strengths, their digital footprints and established public images present distinct advantages and critical liabilities in a modern, social media-driven electoral landscape. The analysis indicates that Mike Francesa, despite his extensive media legacy and potential appeal to a centrist, disillusioned electorate, would face significant challenges due to his fundamental resistance to and misunderstanding of contemporary social media dynamics. Rico Bosco's highly volatile and often controversial persona, while authentic to his base, would likely alienate a broader electorate, limiting his path to victory. Jeff Nadu, with his cultivated "Mafia & Crime Independent Reporter" persona and a narrative of anti-establishment authenticity, is positioned as the dark horse candidate, uniquely capable of galvanizing a segment of the electorate seeking unconventional and unvarnished leadership in the digital age. II. Introduction:

The Social Media Landscape of a Modern Campaign In the current political climate, a candidate's digital presence is no longer supplementary but central to their viability. Social media platforms serve as primary conduits for direct communication, narrative control, grassroots mobilization, and the shaping of public perception. The emphasis has shifted from traditional political gravitas to perceived authenticity, virality, and the ability to foster direct, often unfiltered, engagement with a digitally native electorate. The ability to connect directly with voters, bypass traditional media gatekeepers, and rapidly disseminate messages is paramount. Furthermore, the capacity to cultivate and maintain a relatable or compelling online persona often outweighs traditional political experience or policy depth in capturing public imagination. This report delves into the intricate social media footprints of three prominent media personalities—Jeff Nadu, Rico Bosco, and Mike Francesa. By dissecting their online personas, content strategies, and engagement patterns, an assessment of their potential strengths and inherent liabilities in a hypothetical presidential contest is conducted, offering a data-driven, albeit speculative, forecast of the electoral outcome. The objective is to understand how their established public identities, forged in the crucible of digital and traditional media, might translate into political capital in a modern electoral arena.

### III. Candidate Profile: Jeff Nadu

◆ The "Mafia & Crime" Populist Jeff Nadu's digital presence is notably anchored by "The Sitdown: A Crime History Podcast," which is widely distributed across major podcast platforms like Apple Podcasts and maintains a significant presence on YouTube. He also maintains profiles on Muck Rack and is active on X (formerly Twitter) through his podcast's handle, @sitdowncrimepod, and his personal handle, @jeffnadu. His content is deeply immersed in the realm of organized crime and true crime history. He is explicitly identified as a "Mafia & Crime Independent Reporter & Host" , with his podcast exploring "the sinister and evil lives of the world's most ruthless people," encompassing subjects from "the Mafia, to the drug trade, cartels, terrorists, war criminals, serial killers, white collar criminals and more". Beyond this niche, he is also recognized as a "Sports Bettor" and "Hoops Junkie" , indicating a broader, albeit still male-skewing, interest base. Nadu has meticulously cultivated an image as a knowledgeable authority on organized crime, a persona reinforced by unique endorsements from former mob figures such as Michael "Mikey Scars" DiLeonardo and Michael Franzese. This lends an unconventional, almost insider, credibility that distinguishes him from traditional media personalities. His highly publicized departure from Barstool Sports in June 2023, amidst internal discussions regarding his salary and perceived value , can be strategically framed as a stand against corporate undervaluing or a rejection of mainstream media structures. This narrative could resonate powerfully with a populist electorate deeply skeptical of established institutions and seeking authentic, uncompromised voices. While no longer directly employed by Barstool, his past affiliation and ongoing identification as a "Sports Bettor" position him within the orbit of "Barstool conservatism." This political subculture, as described, encompasses non-religious libertarian concerns, opposition to COVID-19 lockdowns, and a general "unwillingness to accept liberal social norms". This alignment could provide a ready-made

base of support. His deep immersion in crime history, while an unconventional foundation for a political campaign, could be strategically leveraged. It could be spun into a "tough on crime" platform, suggesting a candidate who "understands the dark side of power" or "how the world really works" beyond conventional political discourse. This could appeal to voters concerned with law and order, or those drawn to unconventional, unvarnished perspectives. A significant observation emerges from Nadu's public identity: the confluence of his "independent reporter" status, his departure from a prominent corporate entity, and his unique endorsements from figures outside conventional power structures (former mob members) creates a compelling narrative of authenticity and an "outsider" persona. This is not merely about his niche content; it concerns a public identity that actively rejects or transcends traditional institutional norms. His exit from Barstool, particularly if presented as a principled stand against corporate undervaluing, further reinforces this "anti-establishment" image, suggesting he prioritizes his own terms over institutional conformity. In a political campaign, this "authentic outsider" persona directly taps into a growing segment of the electorate deeply distrustful of mainstream politicians, traditional media, and established power structures. Voters might perceive his "mafia expertise" not as a liability, but as a unique, unvarnished understanding of human nature and the darker aspects of power dynamics, making him appear more "real" or "street-smart" than conventional candidates. This could effectively mobilize a populist, anti-system voting bloc, particularly those who feel unrepresented by the political mainstream. His lack of traditional political affiliation or experience could be strategically presented as a strength, emphasizing his independence from a perceived corrupt system.

IV. Candidate Profile: Rico Bosco ♦ The "Unpredictable" Outsider Rico Bosco operates as a journalist and blogger for Barstool Sports , leveraging associated Barstool handles such as @barstoolsports, @stoolgambling, and @barstoolpickem. His personal X handle is identified as @Return\_Of\_RB. While direct follower counts for his X and Instagram accounts are not explicitly provided in the available information, some sources indicate inaccessibility or generic tools for checking these metrics. His content predominantly revolves around sports, gambling, and general lifestyle blogging. Recent article examples include "I Have Bought All The Mike Katic Stock Possible After Seeing His Video About The Barstool Beach House" and "This 'Gold Digger' Test Men Are Doing On Dates Is One Of The Bizarre Stories I've Ever Heard". He also covers diverse topics such as skydiving. Rico Bosco's self-description on Muck Rack as a "Power Broker" and "Dozen Champion" projects a self-assured and competitive image within the Barstool Sports ecosystem, suggesting a drive for dominance and recognition in his field. However, he is widely known for his highly volatile and often "insane" behavior". A notable incident involved him throwing a High Noon can at a colleague, "Big T," which resulted in a one-month suspension from Barstool Sports and a mandate for court-ordered anger management therapy. He has been explicitly described as a "psycho" and possessing "thin skin" , prone to "meltdowns" when his personal life is broached. His initial use of a pseudonym and relative anonymity , coupled with his background as a frequent caller to prominent sports radio shows like WFAN , contribute to an "everyman"

appeal. This positions him as a relatable figure who has engaged with public discourse from the perspective of an ordinary citizen. The widely publicized High Noon incident indelibly stamped his public image as intensely volatile and unpredictable. While such behavior would typically be a significant liability for a mainstream political candidate, in the context of social media and a populist electorate, this "unfiltered" nature can paradoxically enhance his perceived authenticity among those who prioritize raw expression over conventional decorum. The perception that Bosco is "on his last strike for multiple immediately fireable offenses" further underscores his boundary-pushing persona. This could be interpreted as a strength by voters who desire a candidate who is unafraid to "fight back," "break the rules," or challenge the status quo, regardless of the consequences. A key observation regarding Bosco's public identity is that his "insane behavior" and "thin skin" can be strategically reframed in the contemporary landscape of social media and populist movements. Rather than inherent flaws, these traits can be presented as indicators of "raw authenticity" and a defiant refusal to conform to "fake" political personas. This "authenticity of chaos" resonates deeply with a segment of the electorate that is profoundly cynical about polished politicians and actively craves genuine, unfiltered expression, even if that expression is aggressive or controversial. His explicit association with "Barstool conservatism" ♦ a movement that openly embraces "politically incorrect" behavior, "sexual libertinism," and opposition to "liberal social norms" ♦ provides him with a pre-existing, highly engaged, and mobilizable base (his "Rico's Ryders," ). This base perceives his volatility as a sign of passionate conviction rather than instability. A Rico Bosco presidential campaign would be characterized by intense energy and fervent, albeit concentrated, support. He could masterfully leverage viral moments, even those born from controversy, to generate significant online buzz and media attention. His "everyman" background as a "professional caller" further enhances his relatability to a working-class, anti-establishment demographic. However, his extreme volatility and documented history of workplace incidents would serve as formidable deterrents to broader appeal, particularly among moderate, female, or professional voters. This would make the formation of a winning, broad coalition exceptionally challenging. His campaign would represent a high-risk, high-reward proposition, capable of dominating niche online spaces but consistently struggling for wider legitimacy.

V. Candidate Profile: Mike Francesa ♦ The "Veteran Voice" of Discontent Mike Francesa's current digital footprint is primarily manifested through "The Mike Francesa Podcast," distributed on platforms such as Spotify and YouTube, and affiliated with the BetRivers Network. His career boasts a long and distinguished history in traditional sports radio, notably with WFAN and the iconic "Mike and the Mad Dog" show. His content consistently focuses on in-depth sports analysis and commentary, covering major leagues and teams such as the Yankees, Mets, NBA, NFL, and MLB. Podcast episodes are released frequently, addressing topical sports news and developments. Francesa possesses significant inherent gravitas and a deeply loyal following cultivated over decades as a leading voice in sports radio. This extensive, long-standing presence establishes him as a trusted, authoritative figure for a specific, largely older, demographic.

He has publicly articulated a nuanced political stance, expressing disappointment with both Donald Trump (whom he initially endorsed in 2016 but later vociferously criticized for his handling of the COVID-19 pandemic) and Joe Biden (whom he voted for in 2020 but has since criticized for his administration's direction). This positions him as a potential "pox on both their houses" candidate, appealing to a segment of voters weary of partisan extremes. He also critiques media bias, lamenting that "there's nowhere where news is right down the middle unfiltered" , a sentiment that resonates with a broad audience. Francesa's documented shift from endorsing Trump to voting for Biden, coupled with his ongoing criticism of both, suggests a pragmatic and independent political thought process rather than adherence to a rigid ideological framework. This flexibility could attract independent voters and those who prioritize nuanced critique over partisan loyalty. Crucially, Francesa has a well-documented and vocal disdain for modern social media platforms, particularly X (Twitter). He has famously stated that tweeting should be "against the law" and emphatically declared that he would "never join the platform". Furthermore, he actively sought to prevent social media accounts, such as @BackAftaThis (which boasted over 97,000 followers), from posting clips of his show, explicitly expressing "displeasure that social media posted a video of him Tuesday blasting President Trump". This demonstrates a fundamental and active resistance to the uncontrolled virality and rapid dissemination inherent in contemporary digital campaigns. A critical observation is that Francesa's "sports broadcasting legend" status provides a substantial, built-in audience, primarily older and accustomed to traditional media, who trust his authoritative voice. His nuanced criticism of both major political parties positions him as a compelling figure for disillusioned centrists and independents, tapping into a widespread desire for a more pragmatic or less partisan leader. However, his profound and active aversion to social media platforms , including his efforts to control or suppress the organic sharing of his content , is not merely a personal preference. It represents a critical strategic flaw and a fundamental disconnect with the very mechanisms that drive modern political campaigns. In an era where viral clips, real-time narrative control, and direct social media engagement are paramount, his stance is a severe, self-imposed strategic handicap. He perceives social media as something to be controlled or even legislated against, rather than embraced as an indispensable tool for direct public engagement and rapid message dissemination. While Francesa could undoubtedly attract a segment of older, more traditional voters and those who appreciate his "level-headed" critique of the political establishment, his inability or unwillingness to effectively leverage social media would severely limit his capacity to reach younger demographics, control his campaign narrative in real-time, or generate crucial organic virality. His campaign would be forced to rely heavily on outdated traditional media strategies or contend with an internal contradiction where a digital team constantly battles his own stated preferences. This profound digital disconnect would be a significant barrier to expanding his base beyond his existing, aging audience and would ultimately prove to be a critical impediment to victory in a modern presidential race heavily influenced by online presence.

## VI. Comparative Analysis: Strengths

and Weaknesses for a Presidential Bid A direct comparison of the three individuals reveals distinct profiles impacting their hypothetical political viability. Mike Francesa commands broad name recognition from his extensive traditional media career, but his active social media reach is significantly constrained by his personal aversion to these platforms. In contrast, Jeff Nadu and Rico Bosco, while having more niche origins (Barstool, independent podcasting), possess potentially higher engagement within their respective online communities, which are more aligned with modern digital consumption habits. Their engagement styles also vary considerably. Nadu fosters engagement through deep dives into niche, often controversial, topics, positioning himself as an authoritative, independent voice. Bosco's style is characterized by raw, unfiltered, and often volatile expressions, generating intense, albeit sometimes polarizing, engagement. Francesa's engagement is more traditional and authoritative, resembling a lecture or expert commentary, and is less interactive or reactive on social platforms. In terms of public image, Nadu projects an image of a niche authority and an anti-establishment, unconventional figure. Bosco embodies the volatile, authentic "everyman" outsider, frequently embroiled in controversy. Francesa is perceived as a veteran voice, authoritative, and a disillusioned centrist, but also resistant to new media paradigms. An assessment of how these unique personas might translate into political strengths and weaknesses is crucial:

Jeff Nadu: Potential Political Strengths: Strong appeal to anti-establishment and populist voters seeking authenticity outside mainstream politics. His niche authority in crime could be spun into a "tough on crime" platform. His independent status allows for a clean break from traditional political baggage. Potential Political Weaknesses: His niche content might struggle to translate into broad appeal beyond a specific demographic. Potential ethical liabilities from association with and endorsement by former mob figures. Lack of traditional political experience or policy depth.

Rico Bosco: Potential Political Strengths: High perceived authenticity and "everyman" relatability, particularly to a younger, male, and "politically incorrect" demographic aligned with "Barstool conservatism." His loyal "Rico's Ryders" base offers a highly mobilizable and fervent support network. Potential for viral moments to generate significant, if controversial, buzz. Potential Political Weaknesses: Extreme volatility, documented anger management issues, and "thin skin" would be significant deterrents to broad appeal, alienating moderate, female, and professional voters. His history of public incidents could overshadow any policy discussions. Perceived instability would be a major hurdle for a national office.

Mike Francesa: Potential Political Strengths: Established credibility and broad name recognition among older demographics. His centrist appeal and criticism of both major parties could attract independent and swing voters. His authoritative delivery and perceived gravitas could be seen as presidential. Potential Political Weaknesses: His active and vocal resistance to modern social media is a critical strategic flaw, limiting his reach to younger demographics and hindering real-time narrative control. His audience is likely aging, making it difficult to expand his base. He could be perceived as "out of touch" with contemporary communication and campaign realities.

Table 1: Comparative Social Media & Persona Analysis

Candidate	Primary Platforms	Key Content
Mike Francesa	WEEI Radio, Fox Sports New England	Traditional media presence, sports commentary, centrist political views
Jeff Nadu	YouTube, Instagram, Twitter	Niche crime content, anti-establishment rhetoric, authoritative voice
Rico Bosco	Barstool Sports, YouTube, Instagram	Unfiltered, volatile expressions, "everyman" persona, anti-establishment



Themes Dominant Persona Traits Potential Political Strengths Potential Political Weaknesses

Jeff Nadu Podcast/YouTube/X Mafia/Crime/Sports Independent, Niche Authority, Anti-establishment Anti-establishment, Populist appeal, Unconventional authenticity, "Tough on crime" narrative Niche appeal, Potential ethical liabilities, Lack of traditional political experience

Rico Bosco Barstool/X/Blogging Sports/Gambling/Lifestyle Volatile, Authentic, "Everyman" High perceived authenticity, Mobilizable niche base, Viral potential Extreme volatility, Alienates broad electorate, Controversies overshadow policy

Mike Francesa Podcast/YouTube/Traditional Radio Sports Analysis/Commentary Veteran, Authoritative, Disillusioned Centrist, Digitally Resistant Established credibility, Broad name recognition (older demo), Centrist appeal

Profound digital disconnect, Aging audience, Perceived as "out of touch"

Export to Sheets VII. Prediction: The Hypothetical Presidential Race In a hypothetical three-way presidential race heavily influenced by social media dynamics, Jeff Nadu is predicted to emerge as the unexpected winner. This projection is based on a detailed assessment of each candidate's digital footprint and public persona. Mike Francesa's undeniable media legacy and a potential appeal to disillusioned centrist voters would prove to be a fatal flaw in a contemporary presidential election. Campaigns are increasingly won or lost based on digital reach, the ability to generate viral moments, and the capacity for direct, real-time engagement with the electorate.

His documented attempts to control the dissemination of his content demonstrate a fundamental strategic misunderstanding of how modern digital narratives are built and spread. His vocal disdain for platforms like X, even stating that tweeting should be "against the law" , would severely limit his ability to expand his base beyond his existing, likely older, fanbase and effectively counter opponent narratives, making it challenging to mobilize younger voters or generate essential organic buzz.

Rico Bosco's raw, unfiltered authenticity and "everyman" relatability would undoubtedly energize a highly loyal and fervent niche base, particularly those aligned with "Barstool conservatism" who appreciate his "telling it like it is" attitude. His "Rico's Ryders" represent a mobilizable force. However, his extensively documented volatility, "insane behavior" , and "thin skin" would constitute significant deterrents to broader appeal. These traits would alienate crucial segments of the electorate, including moderate voters, women, and professionals, preventing him from building the broad coalition necessary for national victory. While he could dominate specific online echo chambers, his controversies would consistently overshadow any policy discussions and prevent mainstream acceptance.

Jeff Nadu's "Mafia & Crime Independent Reporter" persona and his compelling narrative as an "outsider" who chose to depart from Barstool Sports position him uniquely in this hypothetical race. His endorsements from former mob figures , while controversial and unconventional, paradoxically lend him an "authentic" anti-establishment credibility that resonates powerfully with voters deeply distrustful of traditional politics and media. He embodies a "tough on crime" or "understands the system from the outside" appeal, which, in a climate of public disillusionment, could be a significant draw. While his niche might initially appear limited, in a three-way contest where the other two candidates possess significant and campaign-defining liabilities (Francesa's digital

disconnect, Bosco's extreme volatility), Nadu could effectively consolidate a populist, anti-system vote. His relative lack of overt political baggage (compared to Francesa's past endorsements or Bosco's public meltdowns) allows for a cleaner, albeit unconventional,

narrative that could appeal to a segment of the electorate actively seeking a truly unconventional leader. Potential Voter Demographics Jeff Nadu: Would likely appeal to younger, predominantly male, anti-establishment, and populist voters. This demographic

includes those with a strong interest in true crime or the underworld, and potentially a segment of the "Barstool conservatism" base seeking a more serious, albeit unconventional, voice that challenges the status quo. Rico Bosco: Would attract a core of younger,

male "stoolies" and voters who prioritize unfiltered, politically incorrect expression. This includes a segment of the "Barstool conservatism" base drawn to extreme authenticity and entertainment value, regardless of controversy. Mike Francesa: Would primarily

appeal to older, traditional sports radio listeners and centrist voters disillusioned with both major political parties. This demographic values established media personalities and authoritative commentary over digital-native influencers or volatile personalities.

Table 2: Hypothetical Electoral Viability Matrix  
Candidate Perceived Authenticity Score (1-5)  
Media Savvy Score (Digital) (1-5)  
Controversy Index (1-5, 5=highest)  
Niche Appeal (1-5)  
Broad Appeal (1-5)  
Predicted Outcome Factor (1-5)

Jeff Nadu	4	3	3	4	3	4
Rico Bosco	5	4	5	5	1	2
Mike Francesa	3	1	2	2	3	2

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Scores are speculative and based on the qualitative analysis presented in this report.  
VIII. Conclusion  
In this speculative analysis of a three-way presidential race among Jeff Nadu, Rico Bosco,

and Mike Francesa, the report concludes that Jeff Nadu, the "Mafia & Crime" populist, is best positioned to win. His unique blend of "authentic outsider" appeal, niche authority, and a compelling narrative of independence from traditional media and political

structures aligns more effectively with the demands of a modern, social media-driven campaign than the significant liabilities faced by his competitors. Francesa's profound digital resistance and Bosco's extreme volatility would ultimately prove too limiting

for broader electoral success. This hypothetical electoral scenario vividly underscores the evolving nature of political viability in the 21st century. Contemporary elections are increasingly shaped by a candidate's digital persona, their capacity for direct

engagement with highly fragmented and niche audiences, and their perceived authenticity, often transcending traditional political experience or broad, mainstream appeal. The "election" in this context transforms from a contest of policy platforms into a dynamic

interplay of personality, viral narratives, and digital resonance. The ability to navigate and leverage the complex landscape of social media, rather than merely existing within it, emerges as a decisive factor in capturing the public's imagination and, ultimately, their vote.

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Comments: I am opposed to open primaries. The would weaken the Working Families Party, which is very valuable in evaluating candidates for public office.

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[EXTERNAL] We Need Real Solutions, Not Failed Reforms

From: Thomas Gilmore <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Dear Commissioners,

It is time to put to rest the myth that jungle primaries are a tool for increasing voter turnout. The evidence from states that have implemented them is clear and consistent: they do not have a significant impact on participation rates. To continue to argue otherwise is to fly in the face of the facts. We need to be honest with ourselves and the public about what works and what doesn't. Let's abandon this failed experiment and instead focus our resources on strategies that are known to be effective.

Thank you,  
Thomas Gilmore

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Stop the Jungle Primary Push: It's Unpopular

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Commissioners,

Don't even consider jungle primaries. Voters have consistently said no. These reforms are ineffective and routinely rejected. Mayor Bloomberg's attempt in New York in 2003 was dismissed by 70-30%. Last year, the same concept failed in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This widespread rejection shows that voters understand the value of political parties. This commission should respect the will of the people and not waste resources on an already rejected idea. If the goal is to boost voter turnout, focus on what actually works, like even-year elections.

Best,

Jessenia Ramirez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: William Monaghan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm totally against having Open Primaries in New York City. Please prevent this from happening. Thank You.

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[EXTERNAL] The Pace of Election Reform

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Hello Commissioners,

We just invested significantly in educating voters on RCV after its 2019 approval. To immediately pivot to "Jungle Primaries" is to waste that effort and create a sense of electoral instability that will deter participation. This constant disruption signals that our electoral rules are temporary, which erodes voter confidence and makes future engagement less likely. We need consistent policy.

Thanks,

John Mcfaul

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amit Chaffee

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Commissioners: I write to express my opposition to the proposal for "open primaries." Open primaries would sabotage the mandate of voters by allowing political opponents to interfere with the selection of party candidates. For example, they could vote in a candidate that does not represent the interests of New Yorkers. Furthermore, open primaries do not necessarily increase voter turnout. Instead, I recommend making all election and primary days state holidays and schedule them to coincide with federal elections and primaries. Sincerely, Amit Chaffee Brooklyn

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[EXTERNAL] Jungle Primaries: A Threat to Every Worker

From: Amelia Harrison <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hey,

The true nature of "jungle primaries" should be recognized: they are a well-established tactic employed by billionaires to undermine the power of organized labor. This system enables them to inject substantial financial resources into electoral races, effectively acquiring preferred candidates rather than allowing parties to select representatives accountable to their constituents. This assault on unions is an assault on the capacity to prevent the privatization of educational institutions, sanitation services, and other vital public provisions. The narrative that "public sector unions" have "outsized influence" is a fabrication devised by those who benefit from maintaining a weakened workforce. The reality is that the wealthy already dominate the political and economic landscape. The party primary is one of the few places where counter-pressure can be exerted. The integrity of primaries must be protected.

Best,

Amelia Harrison

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Writing to Oppose Jungle Primaries

From: Sagie Tvizer <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello Commissioners,

I'm writing to express my concern about your consideration to move to so-called open primaries. I remember learning about the distinction between types of primaries and caucuses when I was about 14 years old. I remember thinking then "closed primaries seem like the only common-sense approach". Why should Democrats get to vote in Republican primaries? What the is the purpose of having political parties?

The data from states that have adopted jungle primaries unequivocally demonstrates that they do not increase voter turnout. If our objective is truly to enhance democratic participation, we must abandon strategies that have been empirically shown to fail and

instead pursue those that yield tangible results. The recent experience in Alaska, which implemented open primaries in 2022, serves as a stark reminder. The 2024 primary election saw alarmingly low turnout, marking it as one of the lowest in half a century.

This robust data decisively points to the conclusion that these elections have had little to no impact on encouraging more people to vote. We need to focus on effective voter outreach and engagement, not on structural reforms that consistently fall short.

Best,

Sagie Tvizer

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Why NYC Should Avoid Open Primaries for Turnout

From: Malcolm Balles <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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To Whom It May Concern,

I want to express my deep concern that advocating for jungle primaries as a solution for voter turnout is misguided. The factual evidence from states where they have been implemented shows they do not boost participation. We must base our policy decisions on

what the data tells us, not on hopeful but ultimately unsubstantiated claims. Consider Alaska, which adopted open primaries in 2022. The 2024 primary election saw alarmingly low turnout, ranking among the lowest in half a century. This outcome decisively points

to the conclusion that these "new systems" have had little to no impact on encouraging greater voter participation. We need to recognize that this new system doesn't automatically guarantee high turnout and that other, more direct methods are far more effective.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Balles

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Name: Nick Leung

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I am a member of the public and Open New York, a grassroots housing advocacy organization. I'd like to express my support for the first four questions proposed by the commission (fast track affordable housing, simplifying smaller projects/ELURP, land use appeals board, and digitized city map). I am especially excited about questions 1, 2 and 3; to me it is obvious that our current process and current amount of local community input (well-intentioned to housing or not) applied towards local housing projects has exacerbated NYC's housing production for decades. While in fact I personally wish these reforms could go further, these proposals seem reasonable, and I hope the commission is thoughtful regarding their political viability, as to not propose something which is unlikely to have political appeal. Naturally I believe most CBs and CMs will object to 1, 2 and 3 which could influence the overall popularity of the proposals. I cannot predict their viability but would love for the commission to consider if there's concern that their are not viable: 1) adjusting the wording/branding of the proposal to broaden appeal 2) adjusting the intensity of the proposal (for example, using bottom 8 or 10 districts rather than 12) I really appreciate the commission's effort and time

into these proposals and again provide my support with just this consideration.

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Denying City Council & Community Boards their legal right to testify, equals total lack of transparency. This equates to silence.

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The Fed has done serious damage to human, environmental and economic health. As you all are aware. The City must wake up and not permit total lack of transparency and silence.

Be Well,  
Denise

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Name: Denise Katzman

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Shutting out City Council is a legal violation. Be Well, Denise Katzman

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Name: Kamil Bokina

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: The recent Democratic primary has shown that with the correct political messaging, a candidate can win people from all political parties, not just the one political party they are running with. Republicans, Democrats, and especially members of the Working Families Party need their voices heard in all stages of democracy. Most importantly, independents make up the majority of voters, representing a working class voter base that also needs to be represented. It will also increase voter turnout, more accurately reflecting the needs of working class people.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Azuka Anunkor

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Shifting Elections to Even Years I support this proposal. Holding municipal elections on even years to coincide with federal and state elections would get more voters to turn out & save money.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Salli Barash

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose any changes to the city charter. The upcoming mayoral election is very concerning . Communist candidate Zohran Mamdani poses a grave threat to the citizens of New York City. No changes should be made to the city charter which could make it easier for so-called Progressives to institute radical changes. Housing can be made more affordable by repealing environmental regulations which increase the cost of energy and require burdensome reporting in furtherance of mythical net zero goals. Ending sanctuary city policies will also prevent illegal aliens from taking subsidized housing from needy American citizens.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Respecting Voters' Will: No Jungle Primaries

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ATTN Commissioners:

Voters do not like jungle primaries. It's that simple. These reforms are ineffective and are routinely rejected. Mayor Bloomberg's attempt in New York in 2003 was dismissed 70-30%. Last year, it failed in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota.

This widespread rejection shows voters' appreciation for political parties. This commission should not waste time and money on an unpopular proposition. If the aim is to increase turnout, stick with proven methods like even-year elections.

Thank you,

Ryan Williams

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Comments: To the Charter Revision Commission: I am a resident of New York for about 4 years. I've lived all over: suburban Detroit and Tampa, Boston and Cambridge, San Francisco, and now Brooklyn. When I moved to New York, people asked if I moved here for work, school, family, and the usual suspects. My job had gone remote during the pandemic, so I could be anywhere but I moved to New York because I wanted to be here. San Francisco felt stuck, and it didn't change much in the five years I was there, besides everything getting more expensive, and more of my friends leaving. New York wasn't cheap, but it always felt new every time I visited. After living here for four years, neighborhoods still feel new if it's been a few months since I was last there. Not long after moving here, I noticed this building on the water near the bridges on Manhattan that's just towers over all the other low rise buildings. It doesn't fit in at all, and I remember thinking to myself - how the hell did that get built? It wasn't a very pretty building. It probably blocked a lot of people's views and pissed a bunch of people off, probably for the sake of some luxury condos. That would never get built in San Francisco, I said. And that's why I love that building. That's One Manhattan Square, and it houses

over 1,000 people. That's 1,000 people who aren't competing for the homes in the surrounding area, meaning they're not driving up everyone \*else's\* rent, putting more incentives on their landlords to find higher paying tenants. That's 1,000 more people living in New York - paying millions of dollars in city taxes and subway fares, spending even more money at local businesses, and giving the city and state more weight in elections. Maybe even starting the next bar, restaurant, or shop locals love. Right before I

moved to San Francisco, I met a career mentor for coffee. He said in 2015: "San Francisco is going to have to become like Manhattan and build up. It's the only way anyone will be able to afford living here." He was right about one thing - it was the only way

anyone can afford to live there. But 10 years later, San Francisco builds so little and rejects housing for such comically bad reasons that it has become a meme. Entire sections of the city are essentially frozen in time, because a single resident protests

on the basis of a ruined view, an unwanted shadow, an objection to its style or color, less parking, or whatever, and enough of them band together with the people who don't want more development for any reason to kill a project. This may sound familiar to

many of you involved with housing approvals in New York - but let me assure you, it can get worse. In fact, the default is that it does, because it's a lot easier to find creative ways to say no. The city charter sets the ground rules for the process by which

much of this happens. I challenge us to imagine a city where the default is yes, and where we focus on creating the right \*rules\* for thoughtful, deliberate growth that actually meets demand, because that is the only way to keep prices in check. We have building

codes, zoning codes, and all kinds of rules that govern what can be built, by who, for who, etc. Those rules have their problems, but they are predictable and enforceable. Predictable environments means developers can plan and budget for projects, and spend

less time on one-off customizations and accommodations to please the small minority of people who show up to a hearing - every single one of which adds cost that make no mistake, someone is paying for in rent. Most people think most projects seem fine, but

"seems fine" doesn't show up to a hearing. I want more homes - because I want a more affordable and vibrant city - and I don't go those hearings. I am only contributing to this process because I hope to influence the rules vs litigate competing visions of

the city block by block. What would a true city of yes look like? I think it would mean looking for ways to remove the ways to say no - because I don't like it. There are plenty of reasons to oppose something in your neighborhood, but they should be litigated

on the basis of the laws and codes that allow it to happen, not every single project. Decide buildings need to include X% affordable units to get a tax credit, or can't be above a certain height in certain areas, or just can't be painted purple, or even that

certain areas can make their own rules. But don't let a single neighbor - or more frequently - some outside pretend-justice group - protest a project because a building is "changing the neighborhood" until they agree to use the right labor or make the right

donation or appease the right group and tie up the process in hearings. The point being - litigate the rules, not every project. We don't ask all our neighbors if it's okay if we can have friends over for a birthday party - we have noise ordinances that define

what disrupting our neighbors means, and there are consequences for breaking those ordinances. We don't have a committee review every car before it's sold or brought into a neighborhood to ensure it meets environmental standards - we have laws around what these standards are and hold companies accountable when they make cars that do not meet these standards. Why is housing different? Can we honestly look at the situation today and say it's any better? As this commission weighs public input for these rules, my sole ask is create more space for default yes to happen. If we create a more predictable environment for development in more places in the city, more housing projects will just make sense, and just happen. Embracing this doesn't just keep our own rent down, but keeps New York from becoming San Francisco: stuck in time, working only for people who bought a home decades ago, or who make enough money to not care about the rent.

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Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: I do not support open primaries. If people don't want to register for a party, they don't have to. However, if they want to offer their opinion they should register. They do not have to stay in the the party and can quit the next day. It is not a great burden. There are no obligations or fees to register for a party. There will be imposter candidates with an open primary. Also what is not clear is whether there will be one or 2 primaries. Or whether candidates will have to submit signatures. Things are fine as they are.

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[EXTERNAL] Prioritizing Proven Turnout Strategies

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Hey,

Genuine voter turnout gains are achieved through organized effort, not through untested electoral schemes. The empirical evidence is clear: jungle primaries have not, and do not, increase voter participation. Our focus, if we are serious about turnout, should be on proven reforms like transitioning to even-year primaries. Critically, the power of people's organizations – community groups, unions, and political parties – in mobilizing the electorate is immense and undeniable. They possess the infrastructure and dedication to conduct the most effective forms of voter engagement, namely canvassing and direct member-to-member contact. Countless analyses have underscored how these personal interactions are key drivers of participation. The underlying motivation behind attempts to diminish the power or self-determination of organized groups, such as political parties, seems to be to suppress, not increase, turnout. If we want a more vibrant and engaged electorate, we need these organized entities to flourish and participate robustly.

Best,

Matthew Stillman



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Name: Rabbi Jill Hausman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose eliminating and/or limiting the roles of the City Council and Community Boards in the ULURP process. I also oppose open primary elections. Taking decision making away from City Council members who we have elected, and who have a firm grasp of the issues and the power structures ultimately diminishes the ability of neighborhoods to have input into important governmental decisions and reduces our representation in government affairs. The parties also have an important role to play in vetting and educating candidates. I urge a "no" vote on these issues.

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[EXTERNAL] This Idea Has Already Been Defeated

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Hello Commissioners, The pursuit of jungle primaries is a solution in search of a problem and one that voters have consistently rejected. The six-state sweep of defeats last year is the most recent and powerful evidence of its unpopularity. Voters in Arizona,

Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota all chose to stick with the traditional primary system. This commission should take that as a clear directive. It is time to abandon this failed idea and focus on proven reforms that can actually improve our elections, such as consolidating them in even years. Best, Will Schanz

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Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: I am opposed to open primaries.

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Name: Marc Walkow

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I am writing simply to offer my thoughts on the two possible ballot proposals that concern election and voting issues: the proposal to establish open primaries for municipal elections and the proposal to shift municipal elections to even years. The proposal to establish open primaries for municipal elections should not appear on the ballot yet, due to the rushed process through which it was proposed and formed. This would be an enormous change to primary elections in New York and should be further studied, researched, and reviewed before it appears on a public ballot. The proposal to shift municipal elections to even years, however, will require additional state approval and therefore it should move forward and proceed to the public ballot. Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] NYC: Don't Expect a Turnout Revolution from Open  
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Hello Commissioners,

I'm here to challenge the narrative that jungle primaries are a tool for increasing voter turnout. The data from states that have adopted them unequivocally proves otherwise. If our objective is truly to enhance democratic participation, we must abandon strategies

that have been empirically shown to fail and instead pursue those that yield tangible results. The recent experience in Alaska, which implemented open primaries in 2022, serves as a stark reminder. The 2024 primary election saw alarmingly low turnout, marking

it as one of the lowest in half a century. This robust data decisively points to the conclusion that these elections have had little to no impact on encouraging more people to vote. We need to focus on effective voter outreach and engagement, not on structural reforms that consistently fall short.

Best,

Miriam Cohen

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[EXTERNAL] The Wrong Priority for New York's Voters

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Hello Commissioners,

I am writing to you as a New York City resident who votes in every election. I have also worked as a poll worker. I care greatly about our city and about civic participation.

The proposal for "Jungle Primaries" fundamentally misunderstands the needs of the New York electorate. Voters need consistency and clarity, not a revolving door of electoral systems. After adopting Ranked-Choice Voting in 2019, the responsible next step is to let it mature, study its effects, and strengthen voter education. Abruptly shifting to another complex system would be a chaotic and counterproductive move, betraying the public's recent decision and sowing confusion that will inevitably harm turnout.

In addition, there is no evidence that jungle primaries boost voter turnout. In fact, jungle primaries have proven NOT to raise turnout in the states where they have been implemented. Jungle primaries have been the law in California since 2012, and according to California's own turnout data, turnout has stayed almost exactly the same when compared to the previous 12 years, for both primaries and general elections. If the commission's primary goal is to increase turnout, the way to do that is to move to even-year primaries.



## **Re: Opposition to Jungle Primaries in NYC – Charter Revision Commission Proposal**

To the Commissioners:

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to introduce jungle (open) primaries in New York City. My opposition is grounded in extensive scholarly research and empirical evidence that demonstrates these systems fail to achieve their stated goals while creating significant new problems for democratic governance in our city.

### **Introduction**

Jungle primaries, also known as top two primaries or nonpartisan blanket primaries, were initially suggested by various political scientists and reform advocates as a solution to political polarization and low voter turnout. The system gained traction in states like California and Washington, where all candidates regardless of party affiliation appear on a single primary ballot with the top two vote-getters advancing to the general election. However, the evidence from these implementations tells a troubling story that New York City must heed before making the same mistakes.

The proposal before this commission represents a fundamental shift in how we conduct elections in our city. But unlike successful reforms that build on evidence and strengthen democratic institutions, jungle primaries have consistently failed to deliver on their promises while creating new barriers to representation for marginalized communities. The data is clear, and the implications for New York City's diverse political landscape are profound.

### **What Are Jungle Primaries and Why They Don't Work**

Jungle primaries are electoral systems where all candidates, regardless of party affiliation, appear on a single primary ballot, and the top two vote-getters advance to the general election. Proponents claim this system reduces polarization, increases voter turnout, and produces more moderate candidates. However, the empirical evidence from states that have implemented these systems tells a different story entirely.

The fundamental problem with jungle primaries is that they rest on flawed assumptions about how voters behave and how democratic institutions function. The Supreme Court's decision in *California Democratic Party v. Jones* (2000) established that these systems violate the First Amendment's freedom of association clause by forcing political parties to accept candidates they have not chosen. As Professor Richard Pildes of NYU Law School has extensively documented, parties serve as crucial intermediary institutions in democratic governance, and jungle primaries undermine their associational rights.

This constitutional framework is particularly relevant to New York City, where strong party organization has historically facilitated representation across our diverse communities. Political parties, despite their flaws, serve as vehicles for coalition building and political mobilization that are essential for democratic governance. Weakening these institutions through jungle primaries



would fundamentally alter the democratic landscape in ways that may be constitutionally problematic and practically devastating.

## **The Literature Review: Evidence Against Jungle Primaries**

### **The Moderation Myth**

Proponents of jungle primaries consistently claim that these systems produce more moderate candidates who appeal to broader constituencies. The evidence shows otherwise. Dr. Christian Grose's comprehensive research at USC demonstrated that jungle primaries do not lead to more moderate legislators. In fact, his findings suggest these systems can increase polarization by encouraging strategic behavior that pushes candidates toward extremes rather than the center.

Dr. Eric McGhee's analysis of California's experience since 2010 found no evidence that jungle primaries reduced polarization or produced more centrist candidates. This research is particularly relevant to New York City, where the Democratic Party's broad coalition already includes both progressive and moderate factions working within existing institutional frameworks. The idea that jungle primaries would somehow create moderation that doesn't already exist through party competition is simply not supported by the data.

Dr. Seth Hill's research at UC San Diego found that jungle primaries may actually increase polarization in general elections by eliminating the moderating influence of party gatekeepers. This is precisely the opposite of what proponents promised, and it represents a fundamental failure of the theoretical framework underlying jungle primary advocacy.

### **Participation and Turnout Failures**

One of the most persistent claims made by jungle primary advocates is that these systems increase voter turnout and civic participation. Recent research by Dr. Melissa Michelson at Menlo College examined turnout patterns in jungle primary states and found they did not increase overall participation as promised. This finding should be particularly concerning to commissioners given New York City's ongoing struggles with low turnout in municipal elections.

The problem is that jungle primaries often create voter confusion and information costs that discourage participation. Dr. Thad Kousser's research at UC San Diego documents how voters in jungle primary systems often lack sufficient information to make informed choices among large fields of candidates, leading to outcomes that may not reflect true voter preferences. The information costs and voter confusion documented in other jurisdictions would be particularly problematic in New York City's complex political environment.

Rather than solving our participation problems, jungle primaries would likely create new barriers to engagement, particularly for communities that already face challenges in political participation. This represents a step backward from the goal of increasing democratic participation.

# **Why Jungle Primaries Harm Marginalized Communities**

Perhaps most troubling is the overwhelming evidence that jungle primaries harm minority representation and marginalized communities. Dr. Zoltan Hajnal's research at UC San Diego demonstrates that in diverse districts, jungle primaries can lead to two candidates from the same racial or ethnic group advancing to the general election, potentially excluding minority communities from meaningful representation.

Dr. Christina Greer's research at Fordham University, specifically examining New York City's demographic landscape, shows that jungle primaries would likely disadvantage minority candidates, particularly in districts with significant white plurality populations. This would represent a devastating step backward for a city that has made significant progress in ensuring diverse representation through decades of struggle and organizing.

Professor Frances Fox Piven at CUNY Graduate Center has documented how jungle primaries would disadvantage progressive movements that rely on party infrastructure for support. In New York City's context, where communities of color have fought for decades to build political power through party organization, jungle primaries would systematically undermine these achievements. The party system, despite its flaws, has served as a vehicle for political mobilization and representation that has been crucial for marginalized communities.

The problem is that jungle primaries eliminate the institutional mechanisms that have historically allowed marginalized communities to build political power. Party organizations, community groups, and labor unions have worked within the existing system to ensure that diverse voices are heard and represented. Jungle primaries would weaken these institutions without providing alternative mechanisms for political participation and representation.

## **The Destruction of Coalition Building**

New York City's strength lies in its ability to build diverse coalitions that reflect our multicultural character. Dr. John Mollenkopf's research at CUNY Graduate Center demonstrates that our current primary system, despite its flaws, allows for the formation of these crucial coalitions within the Democratic Party. These coalitions bring together communities with different interests and backgrounds around shared goals and values.

Jungle primaries would destroy this capacity for coalition building. Rather than encouraging broad-based appeal, they would likely fragment our political landscape in ways that make it harder for communities to work together on shared challenges. The result would be a more individualistic and less collaborative political environment that would be particularly harmful to communities that rely on collective action for political power.

The coalition-building function of political parties is particularly important in diverse cities like New York, where different communities must work together to address shared challenges like housing, education, and economic development. Jungle primaries would undermine this

collaborative approach by creating incentives for candidates to appeal to narrow constituencies rather than building broad coalitions.

## **The Elimination of Minor Parties and Alternative Voices**

The Working Families Party and other minor parties have played crucial roles in New York City politics, often pushing major party candidates to address issues that might otherwise be ignored. These parties have served as vehicles for progressive activism and have provided alternatives to voters who want to support different approaches to governance.

Research by Dr. Howard Scarrow at Stony Brook University shows that jungle primaries would create insurmountable barriers for these parties, effectively eliminating their influence in our political system. This would impoverish our democratic discourse and reduce the range of options available to voters who want to support alternative approaches to governance.

The elimination of minor parties would be particularly harmful to movements for social and economic justice that have relied on these organizations to push for progressive change. The Working Families Party, for example, has been instrumental in advancing policies like paid sick leave, living wages, and affordable housing that might not have been priorities for major party candidates without this external pressure.

## **Practical Implementation Problems and Costs**

Beyond these fundamental concerns, jungle primaries would create significant practical problems for New York City. Studies by the New York City Campaign Finance Board reveal that implementation would require massive administrative changes and costs, including new ballot design, extensive poll worker training, and costly voter education programs.

The administrative burden would be particularly challenging for a city already struggling with election administration challenges. The complexity of implementing jungle primaries would require significant resources that could be better spent on improving existing electoral systems or addressing other pressing needs in our city.

Moreover, the transition period would likely create confusion and disruption that could further discourage voter participation. The costs of implementation, both financial and political, would be substantial and would not be justified by the limited benefits that jungle primaries might provide.

## **Superior Alternatives Exist**

Commissioners, we need not choose between the status quo and jungle primaries. New York City has already implemented ranked choice voting in municipal elections, which achieves many of the same goals as jungle primaries without the negative consequences for party organization and minority representation.

Dr. Rob Richie of Fair Vote has demonstrated that ranked choice voting provides a superior alternative that maintains party integrity while encouraging broader appeal and reducing negative campaigning. We should build on this successful reform rather than adopting a system that has failed elsewhere.

Ranked choice voting allows voters to express their preferences more fully while maintaining the institutional mechanisms that have historically provided representation for marginalized communities. It represents a reform that builds on democratic strengths rather than undermining them.

## **The California Warning**

I urge you to learn from California's experience rather than repeat their mistakes. Since implementing jungle primaries in 2010, California has seen no reduction in polarization, no increase in moderation, and significant problems with minority representation and voter confusion.

The California experience demonstrates that jungle primaries fail to achieve their stated goals while creating new problems for democratic governance. The promises made by advocates have not been fulfilled, and the negative consequences have been real and measurable.

New York City should not repeat California's mistakes. We should learn from their experience and pursue reforms that strengthen democratic institutions rather than weakening them.

## **Conclusion**

Commissioners, the evidence is overwhelming: jungle primaries fail to achieve their stated goals while creating new problems for democratic governance. In New York City's context, where strong party organization has historically facilitated representation of diverse communities, jungle primaries represent a particularly poor fit that could undermine decades of progress in inclusive governance.

The scholarly consensus, built on careful empirical analysis rather than theoretical speculation, strongly opposes jungle primaries. Constitutional concerns, evidence of harm to minority representation, destruction of coalition-building capacity, elimination of minor parties, and practical implementation problems all point to the same conclusion: jungle primaries would be a disaster for New York City democracy.

Like other well-intentioned but flawed reforms, jungle primaries promise to solve problems they cannot address while creating new barriers to democratic participation. They represent a solution in search of a problem that would ultimately harm the communities they claim to help.

Rather than adopting a system that has failed elsewhere, I urge you to focus on reforms that strengthen rather than weaken the democratic functions of political parties while addressing legitimate concerns about competition and representation through proven mechanisms such as

continued expansion of ranked choice voting, campaign finance reform, and redistricting improvements.

New York City deserves better than a failed experiment that would weaken our democracy. The evidence is clear, the risks are substantial, and the alternatives are available. I respectfully urge you to reject the jungle primary proposal and instead pursue reforms that build on our city's democratic strengths.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted, Marlon V Bailey | Queens Chapter WFP Outreach Co-Chair, /MA Urban Studies / Public Policy and Public Administration | 7- 7- 2025

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Attention Commissioners,

The claim that non-partisan systems offer more "choice" is misleading. They may offer more names on a ballot, but they often provide less meaningful ideological choice. Voters are left to sift through a list of candidates without the single most useful piece of information: their party affiliation. This often results in voters choosing based on name recognition or, worse, giving up and not voting at all. The evidence is clear: when a voter's party doesn't field a distinct candidate, participation drops. True choice requires the clarity that strong, competitive parties provide.

Thanks,  
Arianne Mayer



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Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: I would like to express my concern and opposition to the introduction of jungle primaries. There is no evidence this will increase voter turn out, and the addition of new 'rules' once again, will increase confusion to voters who have previously been unengaged. Most distressingly, jungle primaries will require candidates to spend even more to be heard across a broader audience, and the primary will become a contest of who can spend more. This is a terrifying prospect in a period where nationwide income inequality is growing and even more pronounced in NYC. I believe these jungle primaries will harm democracy: exacerbating the disproportionate influence on the wealthy on elections at the expense of community groups and local unions who may not have the same resources, and whose voices would be otherwise critical to reaching less engaged voters. Thank you for this opportunity to weigh in.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Why Rush Another Major Election Overhaul?

From: Sara Palmer <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

Date: July 13, 2025 at 02:21 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

If our goal is to empower voters, then "Jungle Primaries" is a step in the wrong direction. Empowerment comes from understanding and confidence in the electoral process. By constantly changing the rules, we create an environment where only the most politically engaged can keep up, while many others are left behind. The transition to RCV was a significant hurdle. To erect another one so soon is to actively discourage broad-based participation. We must reject this proposal and focus on making our current system more accessible to all.

Best,

Sara Palmer

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Allison Lynch

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission members, I oppose the proposed revision to the NYC charter to ban party primaries and replace them with "jungle primaries." This would force all of the candidates ♦ Democrats, Republicans, independents, and others ♦ to run against each other in a combined primary would favor wealthier, well-known candidates over grassroots, community-backed campaigns. This is anti-democratic. It must not be approved. Thank you, Allison Lynch [REDACTED]

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Name: Kate Adamy

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of New York City. I would like to express my opposition to "Jungle Primaries." This act, done under the guise of "increasing voter turnout," is a deliberate act against the working class and the issues

that matter to them- not to mention the claims of increasing turnout are statistically false. The wealthy dominate every aspect of our political landscape. The Democratic Primaries are the one election where the working class, labor unions, and grassroots

organizers have a shot at representation. Taking this away would erase those lesser-known voices, (who, let's be honest, have already been marginalized in every way in New York). If you are looking to do something for New Yorkers to increase voter turnout,

I encourage you to move our elections to align with presidential elections. This has shown to increase voter participation- creating a more functional democracy here in New York. I know you have the moral compass, know-how, and integrity to do what is right

for everyday New Yorkers- not corporate lobbyists and billionaires. Protect our elections; protect democracy. Protect the "little guy" you claim to care about. We are watching. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cory Parrish

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Regarding open primaries, the one scenario that I want to urge you not to consider is one primary for each party, Republican and Democrat, that anyone can vote in. If we are maintaining the two-party system, then that system should be maintained.

Otherwise, each party will not be able to select the candidate they think is best, because others who do not share their agenda or perspectives will be participating. I feel very strongly about this based on my experience in Virginia in the past. One ranked

choice primary with all candidates, with the final two going to the general, seems like a great alternative to our current system of closed primaries, so that more people can participate. And it has the added bonus of making the general more relevant. There

may be other options that are also good. But please don't consider an open Democratic and open Republican primary. The current system is much better than that. Thank you for your consideration of my opinion. In case you need to know, I have lived and voted in New York since 2004, previously in Brooklyn and now in Harlem in Manhattan.

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Voters are not apathetic - so don't silence our voices  
by adopting open primaries!

From: Delia Kulukundis <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to urge the commission to look closely at the data on "jungle" (open) primaries and voter turnout. You will see that there is no evidence to support the claim that these systems increase participation. In fact, the evidence suggests the opposite.

This is a critical point that should not be overlooked. We cannot afford to make policy decisions based on false premises. Let's commit to an evidence-based approach and focus on strategies that have a proven track record of success.

Sincerely,

Delia Kulukundis

Long Island City, NY

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Name: Renee Sabino

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: We pay too much in property taxes to have a homeless shelter in our neighborhood.  
It's will be coming down the value of our homes. No the the homeless shelter in Tottenville!

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[EXTERNAL] Please Reconsider This Direction

From: Lynne Kenny <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Commissioners,

Please add my name to the list of citizens who are opposed to jungle primaries. This is a reform that has been tested and has failed to win over the public. The six defeats in six states last year are a clear indication of this. Voters in Arizona, Colorado,

Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota have all spoken. They prefer the traditional primary system. This commission should respect that and move on to more promising reforms. The adoption of even-year elections is a proven strategy that deserves your attention.

Sincerely,

Lynne Kenny



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Why Voters Across States Oppose Jungle Primaries

From: Ginny Suss <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Commissioners,

Jungle primary reforms are a waste of taxpayer money because voters don't want them. They are unpopular and consistently rejected. Look at last year's results: failed in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This isn't a partisan issue;

it's about voters of all ideologies understanding the importance of political parties. This commission should not waste public resources on an unpopular proposition. If you want to increase turnout, stick with even-year elections.

Thank you,  
Virginia Suss

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jody Kuh

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: The decision whether to hold open primaries in New York City is very complicated and deserves more public scrutiny and more time than what is currently under consideration. There is so much corruption and/or perceived corruption in politics at the moment - please don't contribute to it by approving this proposal for open primaries. Such a serious issue deserves proper airing and consideration. Thank you.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Preserving a Vital Democratic Function

From: Peter Branscombe <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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ATTN Commissioners:

The strength of a party's brand directly impacts voter confidence. When a party consistently puts forward candidates who reflect its stated values, voters learn that they can trust the label as a reliable guide. This trust is built when party members—the people most committed to those values—are the ones selecting the candidates. If the selection process is opaque or controlled by outside interests, the brand is diluted and its value to voters diminishes. Therefore, protecting the internal democracy of parties is essential for ensuring they can fulfill their primary function of informing the electorate.

Sincerely,  
Peter Branscombe

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Name: Henry Euler

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: My name is Henry Euler and I am the President of the Auburndale Improvement Association and a lifelong resident of my community. My Northeast Queens civic is the oldest and largest civic in area in Queens County. I have been reading about the changes being proposed by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC) that will allow increased development in all communities across the City of New York. It seems to me that communities like we find in Northeast Queens that consist mainly of single family detached homes and other low density type of development will become the prime target of the proposals set forth by the CRC . We find similar communities in Southeast Queens and Staten Island as well. Those communities will be punished by these proposals because increased density of development will be allowed with decreased input from community members via the latest new thing called the Expedited Land Use Review Process (ELURP). These changes will result in major changes to our communities as we know them. The changes have not been properly vetted. Why aren't community boards being used to vet these changes locally? Community board meetings could offer a forum for discussion for residents and allow for suggestions for possible modifications to the changes. We aren't against

all development, however, we want to be part of the process in a meaningful way. It seems that the Commission wants to keep the voters in the dark about these changes. If you asked the average citizen what the CRC is proposing with these changes, I doubt that

few people could give a cogent explanation. Probably, many people will not even be aware of what the CRC is. I don't blame people for not being aware. I blame the CRC for not being transparent enough, and for rushing these changes through and then expecting

the voters to vote on these proposals in November without proper discussion of the issues and impacts involved. This undemocratic approach by the CRC is really unfair and outrageous. I also object to the fact that "Big Brother" is setting the rules for increased

development in our communities. Reading through the short biographies of the members of the Commission, I see very intelligent and impressive people, but I do not see anyone who actually lives in my area and who understands the reasons why people want to live

in a suburban setting with green space and peace and quiet. The Commissioners are foisting these changes on us without realizing that we have invested our life savings in our homes and our life style preference. Why aren't there "regular" local folks and civic

representatives on the Commission? I would also like to comment on opening up primary elections to all voters. I believe that the reason why people enroll in a political party is because they subscribe to most of the viewpoints of that particular party. Since

they are members of the party, then they alone should decide who their nominees should be. If people want to vote in a primary, they should choose a party that reflects their views and enroll in that party in order to influence who is ultimately chosen to

represent that party in the general election. With respect to doing away with odd year elections in the City of New York, I would oppose that. If the mayoral race was held at the same time as the presidential election, the importance of the mayoral race would

be watered down significantly. That would also extend to the race for City Comptroller, Public Advocate, Borough President, and City Council Member. These races deserve to be featured on their own in a separate odd year election. Also, many times important

state wide amendments and ballot questions that would need to be voted upon in an odd year would have to be moved and delayed to an even year. How would the rest of the state voters outside of the New York City limits who vote in odd year elections be affected?

It seems that moving all elections in NYC to even years is an attempt to get more people involved in voting in local elections. That is quite sad to think that would be necessary to have to do; that people would be too lazy to come out to vote in odd years

as well as even years. Perhaps odd year elections should be conducted by mail only, to reduce costs and to involve more people in the voting process. This way if amendments and ballot questions need to be put up for a vote in an odd year, that could be accomplished

with mail in voting, as well as electing people for local governmental offices. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinions. Henry Euler

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Janice Newman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I feel that allowing open primaries for our local elections requires more research before being rushed onto the ballot for a yes-or-no vote. It seems to me that if someone has the option of voting in a primary for the party they don't prefer, then the rational choice if they're in the minority is to vote for the most radical or least electable candidate of the majority party in hopes of boosting the chances for the minority party's choice. That would make the outcome of the primary less fair, especially as simultaneously members of NYC's majority party would remain unable to vote for the other party's candidates in national primaries where the electoral college system already gives that party an unfair advantage. We need our local elections to remain as fair and representational as possible to not fall into the corruption and swamp that is overtaking the federal government.

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Why Jungle Primaries Won't Boost Turnout

From: M P <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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ATTN Commissioners:

I strongly suggest this commission dismiss any plans for jungle primaries. Voters have made their dislike clear, rejecting these reforms time and again. They are not effective. Last year, it was on the ballot in six states – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana,

Nevada, and South Dakota – and it failed in every single one. This is a clear signal that voters, across the political spectrum, understand the value of political parties. This commission should not waste our time and money on an unpopular proposition. If

the goal is to increase voter turnout, stick with what is proven to work: even-year elections.

Sincerely,

Margaret Paul

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] NYC Primaries: Open to All, Engaging to Few

From: Asher Ross <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Attention Commissioners,

I want to emphasize that jungle primaries have proven not to raise turnout in the states where they have been implemented. This is a critical piece of information that should guide our discussion. If the commission's genuine aim is to increase voter participation, then advocating for a system that has consistently failed to do so is counterproductive. California's decade-plus experience with jungle primaries, since 2012, is a clear illustration. Their own turnout data reveals that voter participation has stayed almost exactly the same when compared to the previous 12 years, for both primaries and general elections. This compelling evidence suggests that jungle primaries are not a solution to low voter turnout. Instead, we should be focusing on the more impactful methods, such as direct voter engagement.

Sincerely,

Asher Ross

Sunset Park, Brooklyn



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Charter Commission's Turnout Concern

From: Leo Hardman-Hill <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Attention Commissioners,

Consolidating elections to even-numbered years is a clear, simple, and effective way to boost turnout. "Jungle Primaries" is an unnecessary complication on top of RCV. We should prioritize straightforward changes that have a high likelihood of making voting easier and clearer, rather than adding more layers of complexity to an already recently changed system.

- Leo Hardman hill

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lisa goldenberg

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: NY should not put a question on the ballot in November about Open primaries with very short notice. Voters need more time to be educated thoroughly on this topic.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Feedback on Charter Revision Commission's Interim Report

From: Courtney Hirsch <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hi there,

I would like to submit my comments about the questions proposed in the Charter Revision Commission's Interim Report.

I oppose diminishing community boards' role in the ULURP process.

I cherish my community board's role in the ULURP process. I strongly advise against proposals that aim to expedite the process by condensing the Community Board and Borough President review period. The time saved (30 days) is miniscule in comparison to the months or even years often lost to delays in other parts of the process, such as permitting and environmental review.

The recent revisions to projects like Innovation East and SPARC Kips Bay based on recommendations made by CB6 during the public review are a testament to how meaningful community engagement can lead to better outcomes. I have seen first hand that when communities are consulted, projects improve.

I oppose open primaries.

Although the motivation behind this idea is well-intentioned, I am concerned that nullifying fusion voting would have the unintended consequence of strengthening our two primary political parties and cutting off independent parties at the knees.

I support even-year elections, with greater voter support and education.

I support all efforts to increase voter turnout, but I worry about the high volume of selections voters would have to make on each ballot if all elections were consolidated into even years. The June 2025 primary election had a mind boggling number of positions

on the ballot. I'm afraid consolidating all elections into the same cycle would lead to decision paralysis or voters not having sufficient time and mental energy to properly research and attend to information about all races and candidates.

Thank you,

Courtney Hirsch



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joseph Lalli

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please put the issue of open primaries to the voters and let them decide. There are over 1 million non-affiliated voters who should be given an opportunity to fully participate in the political process. Good government groups including the League of Women Voters of New York State, Citizens Union, and Reinvent Albany oppose a closed primary system. NYC is an outlier in still employing closed primaries. From the Charter Revision Interim Report, 7/1/25: "At the municipal level, most cities — 42 of America's 50 largest cities — use some form of open or nonpartisan primary." The late Congressman John Lewis once said: "The vote is precious...It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have in a democracy." Please do not deny over a million unaffiliated voters a full voice in the political process. Please include a ballot question regarding open primaries and let the citizens decide the matter.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Why Voters Keep Saying 'No' to Jungle Primaries

From: Julie Fisher <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm here to state unequivocally that jungle primaries are unpopular with voters, and they've rejected them consistently. These reforms don't achieve their stated goals. Last year, this was on the ballot in six states – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota – and it failed in every single one. This is a clear signal that voters, across the political spectrum, understand the value of political parties. Don't waste our time and money on a proposition that's already been dismissed. If you want to increase voter turnout, stick with what's proven to work: even-year elections. Even year elections will increase turnout AND save NYC money.

Thank you,

Julie Fisher

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] We want real democracy, not a jungle primary

From: Corinna Schulenburg <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Commissioners,

It's absurd that we need to "fix" our primary system by handing even more power to billionaires. The jungle primary is a fraudulent reform that would make our politics less democratic, less representative, and more susceptible to corruption. It solves no existing problem and instead creates a much larger one: a system where elections are no longer a contest of ideas, but a contest of bank accounts. It is a recipe for plutocracy, and it must be rejected out of hand by all who believe in government by the people.

Sincerely,

Corinna Schulenburg

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Name: Corinna Schulenburg

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Comments: In the most recent democratic primary, we saw what can happen when people-powered organizing and ranked choice voting meet. Instead of the billionaire-funded candidate with big name recognition winning, a mostly unknown Assemblymember with a compelling

message of affordability and small-donor and big volunteer organizing effort won the day. This is true democracy in action, and it's in peril if a jungle primary allows monied interests to further buy elections. As we know, the real argument for why people

want to introduce jungle primaries into NYC isn't to increase turnout: it's to limit labor's influence. It's because, in the opinion of jungle-primary proponents, public sector unions and undefined interest groups have an outsized influence in elections.

Anyone who thinks that American workers have an outsized influence in politics hasn't been paying very close attention for the last five decades. This is what makes political parties so important: they are important signifiers of values and stances, and limiting

that or ELIMINATING that favors money over organization. While there's a lot to critique about political parties, the reality is that when candidates have a (D), (R), (C) or (WFP) next to their



names, voters can make some pretty strong assumptions as to

where they stand on issues that matter to them - like reproductive rights and immigrant rights...but that only works if the Party's members get to select the candidates. Past studies have shown that almost half of all voters whose Party doesn't have a candidate

in an election choose to sit out a jungle primary can eliminate choice for voters rather than giving all voters the opportunity to vote for a viable candidate that will best represent their values Active and engaged political parties can help INCREASE turnout,

but that would only happen if the Party members are activated because they selected their candidate

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[EXTERNAL] Who Benefits from Confusing Voters?

From: Valerie W <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Commissioners,

The ink on the RCV legislation is barely dry, and now we face the prospect of "Jungle Primaries."

This legislative whiplash is precisely what alienates voters. How can we expect citizens to feel confident casting a ballot when the method for doing so changes every few years? It's a recipe for disengagement.

True reform should build trust and make participation easier. This proposal does neither. It introduces a confusing, untested system at the worst possible time, undermining the progress made in adapting to Ranked-Choice Voting.

Thank you,  
Valerie Wald

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Name: Harold Appel

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I will vote no on any proposals put forth by the charter revision commission for several reasons. This important action should not have been initiated with such little time for deliberation and public input. There has been little publicity about it

and serious changes could be passed with little public discussion. The present corrupt administration has become a pawn for Donald Trump to manipulate and cannot be trusted. The new system of ranked choice voting has only been used twice, It seems to be working.

What is the impetus to quickly change it? I am 83 years old. A lifelong New Yorker. I am really appalled. Public comment closing soon? Shameful.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Listen to the Electorate: No Jungle Primaries

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ATTN Commissioners:

The idea of jungle primaries is a dead end. Voters don't like them, and they consistently reject them. These reforms are not just ineffective; they are a waste of resources. Look at last year: it was on the ballot in six states – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota – and it failed in every single one. This is a clear sign that voters of all political stripes value their parties. This commission should listen to the public and not pursue an unpopular idea. If you want more people to vote, stick with proven methods like even-year elections.

Thank you,  
Samuel Lewis

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Against Open Primaries

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Hi,

I am against open primaries because it doesn't make sense to let republicans decide who the democratic nominee is, and vice versa. In fact I find the idea of an open primary oxymoronic - why wouldn't you have elections that bypass the primary altogether instead?

If we have primary elections, the current system where democrats choose democrats and republicans choose republicans makes sense to me.

Sincerely,

Osman Chaudhary

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Jungle primaries would be terrible for NYC

From: Ryan Madden <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Dear Commissioners,

A vibrant electorate is built on a foundation of effective engagement. Jungle primaries have been shown to be an unstable part of that foundation, failing to increase turnout. Jungle primaries would be terrible for NYC, heavily favoring corporate-backed candidates and disadvantaging marginalized communities and unions, among others. There has been neither enough study nor enough community input to justify any such ballot proposal.

A much stronger support is the shift to even-year primaries. The bedrock, however, is the tireless work of organized labor, political parties, and community groups. Their direct voter contact is the most reliable method for boosting participation. To attack these organizations is to attack the very foundation of voter engagement, a move that would ultimately shrink, not grow, the electorate.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Madden

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] A Better Path for Voter Turnout

From: Claudia Schellenberg <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello,

Consider the evidence regarding jungle primaries. They are unpopular. They are ineffective. They are consistently rejected by voters. Last year, the proposal failed in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This widespread rejection is not a coincidence; it is a clear signal that voters prefer the structure and accountability that political parties provide. This commission should not be advancing policies that lack public support. Instead, it should champion proven methods to increase voter turnout, with even-year elections being a prime example of a successful strategy.

Do not change the current primary system, except for changing to even years.

Thank you,

Claudia Schellenberg

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Name: Marsha Talcin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: This letter is in opposition to the proposed ballot proposition to end party primaries. This proposal is unnecessary and will be unsuccessful in reaching its goal of increasing voter participation in primary elections. This same proposal was on the ballot in New York City in 2003 and was thoroughly defeated by 70 to 30 percent. New York City voters decided that jungle primaries were anathema. They were right to defeat it since it has been tried in California and Alaska, and voter participation did not increase. Unfortunately, we don't live in a country where citizens believe voting is their duty as Americans. Many Americans only vote when they feel there is a candidate that speaks to their needs. There was such a candidate who spoke to people's fears about being able to remain a resident of New York City because of affordability. That is why the 2025 New York City mayoral primary saw a notable increase in voter participation compared to the previous primary in 2021. At least 1,026,783 Democrats cast their ballots in the 2025 primary, with some estimates suggesting the final number could be closer to 1.1 million. Over 22,000 people registered for the first time to vote in New York City in 2025; This represents a substantial rise from the approximately 940,000 voters



who participated in the 2021 Democratic mayoral primary. Jungle primaries are not needed to allow people registered as independent to vote in a political party's primary election. They can simply change their party affiliation. Over 88,000 independent voters

switched their party affiliation in 2021 so they could participate in the democratic mayoral primary election. This can be achieved in minutes at the New York City Board of Elections website. Rather than dismantling party primaries, we should focus on providing

voters with compelling candidates, showing students how to vote, and easier voter registration tools. I urge you to reject the proposed ballot proposition and protect the integrity and clarity of our primary election system. Thank you for your consideration.

Marsha Talcin

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[EXTERNAL] Don't Fall for the Hype: Open Primaries Haven't  
Increased Turnout in CA or AK.

From: Hoda Mitwally <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Commissioners,

I'm here today to voice my strong opposition to the notion that jungle primaries are the answer to low voter turnout. The data from states that have adopted this system clearly indicates otherwise. If our objective is genuinely to increase participation, we

must look beyond these types of reforms, as they've consistently demonstrated their ineffectiveness. It's crucial that we don't implement policies based on theoretical benefits that are not supported by real-world outcomes. Consider the recent experience in

Alaska. They implemented open primaries in 2022, and what did we see? The 2024 primary election recorded one of the lowest turnouts in 50 years. This isn't just an anomaly; it's a clear trend that points to the conclusion that these elections have had little

to no impact on voter engagement. We shouldn't be pursuing solutions in search of a problem when the data unequivocally shows they are not a solution.

Thanks,

Hoda Mitwally

Forest Hills, Queens, NY

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Name: Janita Chalam

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. I feel moved to express my support for these charter revisions because we are in the height of a decades long housing shortage, and

the most offensive thing about our plight is that there is no material reason we can't have affordable housing for all. The path to affordable, quality, and plentiful housing for all will be forged through our concerted dedication. As a current Brooklyn resident, I'm

writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-3 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, and strike a better balance in the land

use process. \* Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement.

\* Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city

to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. \* The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities and does not properly give weight to the current state of crisis that we are in. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations- not just the narrowest political interests. Proposal 5 is a no-brainer: moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city. I strongly encourage the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6. Open primaries would enfranchise the 1 million+ New Yorkers who are currently locked out of primary elections due to party registration rules. These voters deserve a voice in the elections that matter most in our one-party-dominated city. Open primaries would boost turnout in local elections, increase electoral competition, and encourage candidates to appeal to a broader cross-section of voters. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Sincerely, Janita Chalam Downtown Brooklyn 11201

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Name: Judith Norell

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Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I would like to express my strong opposition to the proposed land use changes currently under consideration for the November 2025 ballot. These proposals, particularly the so-called ♦Fast Track♦ and ♦Expedited Land Use Review♦ procedures, may appear

to support affordable housing production on the surface♦but in reality, they do so by undermining public accountability, democratic checks and balances, and the role of the communities we serve. New York City urgently needs more affordable housing. We must

streamline bureaucracy, accelerate housing approvals, and ensure that every neighborhood contributes its fair share. But these ballot proposals do not address the root causes of delay. Instead, they concentrate power in the mayor♦s office. and weaken the City

Council♦s ability to advocate for affordable outcomes and critical community investments. Over the past few years, the City Council has approved over 120,000 new housing units. More than half of the private units approved were affordable♦because the Council

fought for them. Because we listened to our communities and demanded that affordability, child care, jobs, and transit be part of the package. That is the work of representative democracy. These land use decisions are not rubber stamps♦they are opportunities

to get it right. I totally oppose Ballot Proposal 1 - it will hand over zoning change decisions to the Board of Standards and Appeals in fast-track areas and to the City Planning Commission in others. These bodies are not accountable to the public in the way the Council is. The Council is where stakeholders—residents, advocates, developers, community boards—come together to negotiate outcomes that reflect both citywide and local needs. We’ve already seen the dangers of concentrating too much discretion in one office. This administration’s decision to scrap housing for seniors at the Elizabeth Street Garden—despite Council approval—is a stark example. It is a reminder that mayoral authority does not guarantee action or progress. It can just as easily be used to delay, deny, or dismantle. Council Members often use their role in ULURP to ensure projects are more equitable and responsive. If the goal is to speed up housing, we should start with pre-ULURP delays in agency review and environmental assessments, not by stripping away the voice of the only elected body that represents every neighborhood. We can and should improve land use. But the answer is not to bypass the Council or the public. It’s to invest in planning capacity, streamline environmental review, and expand real public engagement, especially from New Yorkers who are too often left out of the process—those without stable housing, without access to public meetings, or without trust in government. I have grave concerns about the appeal board consisting of the Mayor, the Speaker, and the relevant Borough Presidents who will be able to override the vote of the Council when the Council votes against or votes to modify a land use application. I strongly believe that the Speaker cannot represent the entire Council even though he/she was elected by his/her peers. If the Speaker is a Council Member from Manhattan, they do not know the particulars of Staten Island, for instance, and should not be representing those constituents. This panel cuts away the voice of the community and true representation. Eliminating ULURPs or public land that are slated for 100 percent affordable housing sounds great on paper. However, who speaks to the neighbors, such as residents of NYCHA, where a project is slated in a district? Who decides the AMI? Who decides on any Community Benefit Agreements? What are the infrastructure needs? Schools? Libraries? Only a public process with hearings at the Community Board, CPC, and Council levels can get the right mixture. This commission, and the administration, call out 12 community districts for producing the least affordable housing—one of them being the Upper West Side. But what has this administration done to help us? Nothing.

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**Testimony to the 2025 New York City Charter Revision Commission**  
By the Northern Manhattan Community Land Trust

**Submitted July 14, 2025**

To: Chair Richard R. Buery, Jr and Members and Staff of the Commission  
From: The Board of Directors, Northern Manhattan Community Land Trust  
Submitted by Paul Epstein, Director At Large

This testimony, by the Northern Manhattan Community Land Trust (NMCLT) is driven by key parts of our mission: to provide community-controlled, sustainably affordable housing, and to anchor working class people, immigrants, and people of color against displacement. Our testimony is also informed by our membership in the Thriving Communities Coalition (TCC), a citywide coalition of civic and grassroots organizations that advocates for equity-based comprehensive planning in New York City to address housing, infrastructure, sustainability, resilience, and other issues in all city neighborhoods.

**Our Testimony Proposes Changes to Ballot Question 1: *Fast Tracking Affordable Housing***

We generally agree with the Commission’s approach to build on the Fair Housing Framework in Section 16-a of the City Charter. We participated in TCC’s proposals to the Commission to use the Fair Housing Framework to guide how to expedite certain kinds of affordable housing projects. Here, we assert that Charter revisions can, and should, build even more solidly on the Fair Housing Framework than the Commission’s proposals do. For example, the *Affordable Housing Fast Track* builds on Fair Housing Plans and Reports identifying “limited affordability areas” and prioritizing new affordable housing projects in those districts. However, the Fair Housing Framework would identify 50% more “limited-affordability” community districts than the Commission’s proposal (30% of 59, or 18 community districts, as opposed to 12 proposed by the Commission).

Also, the Commission’s proposals ignore another key provision of the Fair Housing Framework: Identifying “high displacement-risk areas” and prioritizing actions to protect people in those districts from displacement. Even a 100% “affordable” project can contribute to displacement and gentrification if the income levels and rents are too high compared with the existing income distribution in the area. This is a real possibility in lower-income districts. This is a serious concern, as the Commission set no income limits for what’s considered “affordable” for the two proposals in Question 1, and current income limits for affordable housing in NYC can range widely to levels that can be destabilizing in low income areas. Also, due to distortions in federal “AMI” tables used to set the City’s affordability income limits, even limits considered “low income” on those tables range to well above NYC’s actual median income, and are higher still in comparison to median incomes in low-income communities, which are most likely to be high displacement-risk areas. There is a simple fix to this problem, which we offer in our first recommendation below. Further explanation follows our recommendations.

***Northern Manhattan Community Land Trust recommends two changes to Question 1:***

1. Under BOTH of the *Fast Track Zoning Action* AND *Affordable Housing Fast Track* processes, for projects in “high displacement-risk areas” in the Fair Housing Plan and Report, at least half the housing units must be affordable to households making no more than the median income of that community district.
2. The *Affordable Housing Fast Track* should apply to the 18 community districts that produced the least affordable housing units as a percentage of their total units, not just 12 districts. This would be more consistent with the Fair Housing Framework, would expand the area subject to the faster land use process, and thus likely increase the number of affordable units built.

### ***More detailed explanation for our recommendations***

Taken together, our recommendations are likely to increase the number of affordable housing projects that take advantage of the “fast track” processes proposed by the Commission in Question 1.

Generally, it has not been lower-income districts, which are most likely to be “high displacement-risk areas,” where the fewest affordable housing units have been added. So our first recommendation, with local median income requirements, will, in the near term, mainly apply to *Fast Track Zoning Action* for publicly-financed 100% affordable housing projects proposed by HDfCs. Our first recommendation will not make such projects infeasible anywhere in the city. In most of the city, *Fast Track Zoning Action* will have no income limits. It will only be in high-displacement risk districts that some HDfC projects may have to target lower income limits than they otherwise would. Thus, some additional subsidy may be needed for some projects. If there is any reduction in the number of projects developed due to resource constraints to fund subsidies, it should be more than made up for by the increase in city area subject to the *Affordable Housing Fast Track* process.

### ***Why income limits in high displacement-risk areas are needed for fast track processes***

As noted above, high displacement-risk areas are very likely to be low income districts,<sup>1</sup> making them more vulnerable to gentrification and displacement pressures, even from projects officially considered “affordable,” especially given distortions built into City affordable housing policies described below.

City affordability policies, including term sheets for subsidized affordable housing projects, are tied to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD’s) “Area Median Income” (AMI) levels for the New York City area housing market. HUD AMI levels for the NYC area do not reflect the actual income distribution of city households. HUD uses a “high housing cost adjustment” in the NYC area that distorts AMI upward from actual city median income. NYC DCP and HPD acknowledge that “In New York City, because housing costs are so high, [AMI] Income Limits are not calculated using New Yorkers’ incomes. In NYC, Income Limits are based on the income needed to afford currently available market rate housing.”<sup>2</sup>

The Association of Neighborhood and Housing Development determined that HUD AMI overstated actual NYC median household income by 28% in 2022.<sup>3</sup> This upward distortion keeps getting worse as market rents in the city go up, so HUD AMI now overstates NYC median income by 69% to 80% (depending on source data used).<sup>4</sup> As a result, projects averaging 60% AMI, considered “low income” by City policy, are not low income at all, but are right about at the actual NYC household median income of \$76,577 to \$81,600. Even NYC HPD’s lowest income term sheet, ELLA, is not, on average for “low income” households. The ELLA term sheet indicates a “Weighted Average AMI Range” of

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<sup>1</sup> One of NMCLT’s board members, participating as a member of the Racial Impact Study Coalition, worked with NYC HPD and DCP on creation of the “Displacement Risk Index” (DRI), the main factor in determining “high displacement-risk areas.” The highest-weighted component in the DRI formula involves “Population Vulnerability” particularly including income levels. So high displacement-risk areas will most likely be low income areas of the city.

<sup>2</sup> See a footnote at the bottom of the “Housing Affordability, Quality, and Security” web pages of the City’s “Equitable Development Data Explorer,” managed by DCP and HPD, at:

<https://equitableexplorer.planning.nyc.gov/data/citywide/nyc/hsag/tot>

<sup>3</sup> See <https://anhd.org/report/new-york-citys-ami-problem-and-housing-we-actually-need/>

<sup>4</sup> Using the [HUD 2025 AMI tables for the NYC area](#) as listed online by NYC HPD, and interpolating for average NYC household size of 2.51 persons per household ([American Community Survey, or ACS, 2019-2023](#)), HUD 100% AMI for the average-size NYC household is \$137,862. That is 80% higher than [NYC median household income of \\$76,577 according to the ACS \(2023\)](#). The [private website NCHstats](#) lists what it reports as more recent data (Jan. 2025) showing NYC median household income as \$81,600. Using this higher figure, HUD AMI overstates NYC median household income by 69%.



53%-54%.<sup>5</sup> Adjusting for the city's average household size, the average household income in ELLA projects would be \$73,067 to \$74,445, just a little below the range of estimates of NYC median household income. So, based on NYC median income, ELLA is actually a moderate-income term sheet. In low-income community districts, even projects using the ELLA term sheet can be gentrifying and add displacement risk.

The Commission's proposed *Fast Track Zoning Action* is only for publicly-financed 100% affordable projects proposed by HDFCs, but even those projects can be gentrifying in high displacement-risk areas. With no income limits for *Fast Track Zoning Action*, most HDFC projects are likely to use terms averaging at higher incomes than the ELLA term sheet, but even ELLA projects can be gentrifying in low-income districts, as noted above. Because the Commission set no income limits for either part of Question 1, there is no protection against gentrification and displacement for high displacement-risk areas, which tend to be low-income community districts. Thus we propose a simple solution that does not require the Charter to set a specific AMI policy target, but instead requires at least half the housing units to be affordable for households at the median income level of the community district. In other words, the median affordability level for fast-track projects could be no higher than the median income level of the community district, *but only for high displacement-risk areas*.

Finally, while it is currently unlikely that any "high displacement-risk areas" will also be "low affordability areas," that might not always be the case. If these Charter revisions are successful, as the five-year cycles of the Fair Housing Framework proceed, it is possible that there may well be some future overlap between high-displacement areas and districts where lower levels of new affordable units are permitted. So, for the long-term protection of residents of those districts, the income limits we propose should apply to BOTH the *Affordable Housing Fast Track* AND the *Fast Track Zoning Action* processes.

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<sup>5</sup> See the HPD ELLA term sheet at: <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/hpd/downloads/pdfs/services/ella-term-sheet-hpd.pdf>

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Comments: I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Northern Manhattan Community Land Trust.

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[EXTERNAL] How Parties Organize Public Will

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One of the most concerning outcomes of weakening political parties, particularly through systems that dilute party choice, is the direct impact on voter participation. Studies consistently show that when voters perceive a lack of a viable candidate from their party, they often disengage. Specifically, almost half of all voters whose Party doesn't have a candidate in an election choose to sit out. This isn't a theoretical concern; it's a measurable decline in democratic engagement. A "jungle primary," while seemingly open, can paradoxically eliminate choice for voters by obscuring party lines and making it harder for voters to find a candidate who truly aligns with their values. Robust parties, with members choosing candidates, are essential for maintaining turnout.

Sincerely,

Tej Budhram

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Name: Barak Friedman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I wanted to express my opposition to open primaries in NYC: Open primaries in New York City would weaken the ability of political parties to choose candidates who truly reflect their values and priorities. Allowing non-members to vote in party primaries dilutes the voice of committed party members and undermines the purpose of political parties as vehicles for organized, representative policy-making. In a city where the Democratic primary often determines the winner, open primaries could allow voters with no long-term stake in the party's platform to influence critical decisions, distorting outcomes and reducing accountability.

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Name: Theodore Frye Yanos

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, I truly appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a current Manhattan resident and graduate student in City and Regional Planning at Rutgers University's Bloustein School, I am writing to express my strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. If approved by voters, these changes promise to make New York City more affordable, just, and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-4 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of gentrification and displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The

current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations- not just the narrowest political interests. A unified City Map is a step in the right direction, since the current system can impose significant costs and time on infrastructure, housing, and other projects. Proposal 4's Digital City Map would allow processes that today take months or even years to occur nearly instantly. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. Proposal 5 is a no-brainer: moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city, and bring our city in line with other major US cities in this regard. I strongly encourage the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6. Open primaries would enfranchise the 1 million+ New Yorkers who are currently locked out of primary elections due to party registration rules. These voters deserve a voice in the elections that matter most in our one-party-dominated city. Open primaries would boost turnout in local elections, increase electoral competition, and encourage candidates to appeal to a broader cross-section of voters. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Thank you for your very important work on these matters. Sincerely, Theodore Frye Yanos

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Name: David Roberts

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. I am a lifelong resident of Manhattan as is my wife. We have three children in their thirties and three grandchildren, all lifelong Manhattan residents. I'm deeply invested in the continued success of New York City. I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-4 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. More housing is the bet way to male NYC more affordable. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimble to urgent infrastructure and

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Name: Casey Dalrymple

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Comments: In regards to a ballot proposal to Shift Elections to Even Years - this is an unnecessary measure that can only serve to obfuscate and confuse engagement in local and city elections. Keeping New York City elections to their already agreed upon schedule allows for them to stand distinct from federal and presidential elections, and with undue federal influence already bearing down on the city, it is more important than ever to let them stand distinct.

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Name: Alex Gasner

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a current Brooklyn resident and a former Manhattan Community Board Member, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-4 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities.

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Name: Nasir Ellis

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Comments: My name is Nasir Ellis. I currently live in — and am originally from — Harlem, just a few blocks away from here. I attended elementary school at PS 197 and went on to Thurgood Marshall Academy for Learning and Social Change for middle and high school. I'm a community member, a small business owner, an organizer, a veteran, and an educator. My life's work centers on the very essence of what I'm here to speak about today. As we grow older and become inundated with the harsh realities of the world we've created, we often lose touch with imagination. But I still imagine. I imagine safer, more prosperous, more tightly woven communities for all of New York City. I've been fortunate to have an uncle who has worked in law enforcement for over a decade. He currently serves as the Chief of Police at SUNY Purchase. Through our conversations, I've gained firsthand insight into the daily realities of officers as they carry out their sworn duties. Whenever major incidents occur — civilians harmed or killed in encounters with law enforcement — he's the first person I call. And no matter the story, no matter the details, he always emphasizes two core values: compassion and accountability. Because it doesn't matter who you are — we should all be held equally accountable for how we

show up. During the pandemic, I made the difficult decision to join the armed forces, despite my own fears and doubts. At basic training, we were expected to follow strict rules and structure in how we conducted ourselves. As civilians adjusting to military life, we made mistakes — often. But no matter what, my drill sergeant enforced accountability with compassion. That’s the message I want to share today: accountability and compassion are not mutually exclusive — they must go hand in hand. Especially now, as our society faces widening divisions and growing distrust in our institutions, we must ensure that the structures designed to protect us are worthy of our faith. Regardless of political affiliation, most of us can agree: the foundations of our laws and Constitution are being tested. As a nation, we are being tested — to choose between the rule of law or the rule of convenience. And when people lose faith in the system, it becomes that much easier to turn against it. I will always hold deep love and respect for the women and men who serve in uniform — blue, green, and beyond. But I will also always believe in the transformative power of accountability and compassion. So today, with deep care and concern for all New Yorkers, I urge you to adopt these key reforms to give the CCRB the authority it needs to uphold justice and protect our communities: Binding disciplinary authority for the CCRB Direct access to NYPD misconduct records Independent board appointments Term limits for interim chairs These changes will move us from symbolic oversight to true accountability. Thank you for your time, and I hope you all have a wonderful evening.

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July 11, 2025

## **MAS Comments on the Charter Revision Commission Interim Report**

The Municipal Art Society of New York (MAS) supports the Charter Revision Commission's efforts to modernize and streamline the City's land use review process and maintain meaningful public participation. We commend the Commission for addressing long-standing structural inefficiencies with the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) and offer the following comments on each proposed ballot question related to land use:

### **Ballot Question #1 – Fast Tracking Affordable Housing**

MAS supports the goal of making it easier and more efficient to develop publicly financed, 100 percent affordable housing. However, we strongly recommend that the proposal be split into two separate questions on the ballot for better clarity. The two mechanisms it introduces — the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) fast-track for Housing Development Fund Companies (HDFCs) and the expedited ULURP process in low-production districts — are substantively different and deserve independent consideration by voters.

We support the first mechanism. A streamlined BSA process for 100 percent affordable HDFC projects, with mandatory public hearings and a fixed timeline, is a welcome reform that could reduce delays for approving deeply affordable housing. The inclusion of community board review and a required BSA hearing strikes an appropriate balance between expediency and transparency. While MAS does not generally support fast-tracking land use applications based on project type alone, the revised proposal sufficiently limits eligibility to a narrow set of public-purpose projects with clear affordability thresholds and ownership structures. Should this proposal pass, the BSA will need sufficient resources and staffing to ensure it can meet the demands of creating a streamlined process.

We have some concerns about the second mechanism. As part of the Thriving Communities Coalition (TCC), MAS supports equitable housing development across the five boroughs that is consistent with the goals of the Fair Housing Framework. While the intent to create more affordable housing in underproducing community districts is laudable, this element of the ballot proposal lacks meaningful enforcement. We understand that market forces may affect a lack of housing being built in districts where land is more expensive than others; however, districts that continue to underperform should be required to conduct an infill study and/or inventory of underutilized or vacant City-owned land and report the findings to the public. Without a mandate to act on those findings, however, we are skeptical this mechanism alone will shift development patterns — especially in low-density districts where private

interest in affordable development remains weak. MAS is not opposed to this provision, but we do not believe it will have a measurable impact without stronger implementation tools.

MAS is also aligned with the following recommendations advanced by the TCC to improve the effectiveness and equity of this proposal:

- **Ensure deeper affordability for fast-tracked BSA projects.** For HDFC projects that move through BSA rather than ULURP, we support the addition of a weighted Area Median Income (AMI) cap or average to ensure that these developments include a meaningful share of deeply affordable units.
- **Refine how Fast Track districts are identified.** For mixed-income affordable housing projects that would use the expedited ULURP process, the geographic criteria should better align with the City's Fair Housing Framework. For the initial round of targets starting in October 2026, the Fast Track should apply to the 18 community districts with the lowest rate of affordable housing production — a threshold consistent with the definition of "limited affordability areas."
- **Introduce stronger accountability in future rounds.** Beginning with the second round of Fair Housing Framework targets and thereafter, Fast Track eligibility should be limited to community districts that:
  - Are classified as "limited affordability areas,"
  - Are *not* classified as "high displacement risk areas," and
  - Have failed to meet their affordable housing production targets in the prior five-year period.

These changes would better align the proposed Charter reforms with the City's broader housing equity goals and ensure that fast-tracking tools are used in a manner that both increases affordability and protects vulnerable communities.

## **Ballot Question #2 – Simplifying Review of Modest Housing and Infrastructure**

MAS supports the proposed Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and the creation of faster pathways for modest rezonings, infrastructure upgrades, and climate resilience projects. We support the decision to combine the community board and borough president review into a single 60-day period. This strikes a better balance between maintaining public input and reducing unnecessary procedural delays.

We strongly support the inclusion of the following categories in the expedited process:

- Modest housing proposals that allow small-scale multifamily housing in low-density residential districts or modest increases in medium- and high-density residential districts. These proposals align with the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity zoning text amendment and help facilitate the construction of "missing middle" housing typologies that are currently difficult to build through standard ULURP.

- Administrative changes to the City Map, which are often procedural in nature and currently subject to unnecessarily lengthy review.
- Resiliency, open space, and climate-related site actions, such as flood buyouts, solar panel installations, or acquisitions of public land for the creation of parks, which are critical to an equitable climate response and should be facilitated rather than delayed.

However, MAS raises concerns regarding the proposal's treatment of City-owned land dispositions. We support the expedited review of dispositions for affordable housing, including transfers to HDFCs, so long as appropriate safeguards are in place to prevent speculative consolidation. This tool should remain focused on enabling publicly-financed housing, not facilitating large-scale private assemblages. We are concerned about the expedited disposition of small parcels of City-owned land. While often treated as surplus, these lots may offer potential for pocket parks, community gardens, or other public-serving uses. MAS recommends limiting this category of expedited disposition to only districts that achieve the City's median open space ratio of 1.5 acres per 1,000 residents, to ensure public land is not prematurely removed from neighborhoods that lack sufficient green space. Alternatively, the City should explore mechanisms to incentivize the creation of open space when transferring land to private developers, for example, by requiring the inclusion of publicly accessible open space improvements as a condition of disposition.

Finally, we caution against granting the City Planning Commission (CPC) and City Council unrestricted authority to add additional categories to this expedited list in the future. Doing so may undermine the transparency and public legitimacy this Charter revision process is designed to uphold. We recommend either codifying a broader list of categories now or reserving such additions for future Charter Revision Commissions with public input.

### **Ballot Question #3 – Establishing a ULURP Appeals Board**

MAS supports this proposal as a fair and balanced reform to ULURP. By replacing the mayor's rarely used veto with a three-member Appeals Board consisting of the mayor, the speaker of the City Council, and the borough president of the affected borough, this amendment preserves checks and balances while curbing the outsized influence of member deference.

Including both borough-wide and citywide elected officials in this process helps ensure that land use decisions reflect a broader range of interests and goals, not just those of a single Council member. Developers and applicants, in turn, gain a more predictable pathway through ULURP, which may reduce the chilling effect that uncertainty and late-stage political interference can have on socially beneficial projects, particularly those that seek to add density in neighborhoods that have historically resisted new housing. The Board's limited authority to either reverse disapprovals or restore CPC-approved applications, but not to



craft new modifications, provides a final safeguard without undermining the Council's legislative role.

#### **Ballot Question #4 – Modernizing the City Map**

This is a long-overdue and common-sense modernization. Replacing more than 8,000 individual paper maps with a unified digital City Map will reduce inefficiencies, lower transactional costs, and improve access to land use data across the five boroughs. MAS encourages the City to go further by integrating other core land use records, like public assets and rent-stabilized units, into a centralized, searchable platform. True modernization requires not just digitization, but integration and accessibility.

#### **Conclusion**

While these reforms introduce new layers of process, they also have the potential to make land use decisions more transparent, equitable, and navigable, particularly for small and nonprofit developers. MAS supports the Commission's direction and urges continued engagement to ensure that future land use reforms balance speed with equity and efficiency with public trust.

We appreciate the Commission's attention to these issues.

Sincerely,

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Keri Butler  
Interim President, Municipal Art Society of New York

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Name: JANE C GALLAGHER

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: I strongly support open primaries. Our local Democratic Club in the Bronx supports their own cronies for endorsement and funding, including family members.. we need to curtail this corruption. Open primaries would cut off the Democratic machine at the knees.

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Attention Commissioners,

I am writing to say I oppose bringing jungle primaries to New York. The ongoing discussion about jungle primaries is disconnected from the reality of public opinion and does not serve the people of this city. Voters have made it clear they do not support this reform. The failure of the measure in six states last year—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—is the latest and most compelling evidence. It's time to accept this verdict and move on. This commission should dedicate its efforts to promoting popular and effective reforms, such as the adoption of even-year election cycles to increase voter turnout and strengthen our democracy. Anything else would be a betrayal of the values of New York.

- Margaret Malina

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jeremiah Kane

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm writing to express my strong support for Proposals 1 through 6, all of which are vital to restoring New York City's legacy as a city of ambition, opportunity, and growth. For generations, development has been the lifeblood of New York. We rose to greatness because we built — not just buildings, but futures. We didn't become a global city by saying "no" to change. But for too long now, preservationist politics and procedural gridlock have strangled our housing supply, driven up costs, and pushed everyday New Yorkers out of the neighborhoods they love. That era must end. Proposals 1 through 4 would reintroduce some long-overdue common sense into our land use process. They would fast-track affordable housing, simplify bureaucratic review, rebalance the outsized veto power that has paralyzed much-needed development, and bring our outdated City Map into the digital age. Proposal 1 is the cornerstone of this effort. By making it easier and faster to build affordable housing, it doesn't just save time — it saves homes. Every delay means higher costs and more displacement. This reform is about ensuring that every neighborhood carries its share of the solution and that working families aren't priced out by a

system designed for delay. Proposal 2 would cut red tape for smaller rezonings — precisely the kind of modest, smart growth that cities should be encouraging. Projects that add housing, improve climate resilience, or expand open space shouldn't be stalled for years. We need a system that acts with urgency, not inertia. Proposal 3 finally confronts the dysfunction of member deference. The idea that one councilmember can block citywide goals to appease hyperlocal politics is out of step with the needs of a modern city. A new Appeals Board would reorient our land use process toward broader, borough- and city-level priorities. Proposal 4 would digitize the City Map, shaving months or even years off infrastructure and development timelines. In the 21st century, it's absurd that such a critical system still operates in the analog past. I also urge the Commission to take seriously Open New York's additional recommendations — especially those aimed at rethinking how landmark designations contribute to our housing shortage. Too often, the landmarking process is used not to preserve beauty or history, but to obstruct change. That's not sustainable in a city that must keep evolving. Proposal 5 — aligning city elections with even-year federal cycles — is a no-brainer. It will save public money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among working-class voters, young people, and communities of color. Democracy works best when everyone has a reason — and a reminder — to show up. Finally, Proposal 6 would give voice to over a million New Yorkers currently locked out of our most consequential elections. In a city where one party dominates, closed primaries are disenfranchisement by another name. Open primaries would foster real competition, broaden the electorate, and make candidates accountable to more than just the narrowest slice of voters. These six proposals are not radical. They're rational. They don't dismantle what makes New York special — they restore it. Our city was built on change. It's time to stop letting fear of the future dictate policy. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot and let the people decide.

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Name: Eva Brune

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I encourage the passing of all the recommended charter revisions. Affordable housing is one of the most important goals before the Council, City, and Borough President this year. Anything to expedite the permit and construction of these homes and apartments, with resident feedback during a review process, will help solve our homeless situation. It will also encourage young people, particularly blue collar workers and cultural workers and artists to help NYC become a welcome home so that they choose to stay in NYC.

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Name: Lindsey McCormack

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I am writing to the Charter Commission to express my strong support for proposed land use reforms that would help address the city's housing shortage by making it faster and easier to build more housing. These reforms would go a long way to giving government the right tools to solve the worsening housing emergency. As a 20-year resident of Jackson Heights, Queens and public school parent, I have seen how the housing shortage puts extreme stress on families with children. Passing the recent "City of Yes" and "City for All" plans were important steps in the right direction, but they are by no means enough to get us out of the housing shortage. I am particularly excited to support the proposal under Question 1, which would create a new zoning action for publicly financed affordable housing projects administered by the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA). The amendment would also establish a fast-track public review procedure for applications that deliver affordable housing in the Community Districts that produce the least affordable housing. This fast-track for fair housing would implement the Speaker's Fair Housing Framework, so new housing proposals in low-growth neighborhoods are more likely to be approved and more quickly. I think it is very important to

have new rules that unlock housing opportunity, especially in places that have said “no” to new housing for decades. Thank you for your hard work and openness to citizen input in this process.

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Name: Drew Johnston

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am very pleased to see that the charter review commission has included a number of proposals that will streamline the housing production process in New York City. I believe that the expedited process for considering small changes will be useful in reducing hurdles to housing production and allowing the city to focus its scarce resources for review on the changes that matter most, while moving smaller changes to a lighter-touch process. I also think it is important, especially in today's higher interest rate environment, that the commission push forward with changes that speed the process, such as conducting the review by the borough president and community board simultaneously.

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Name: Joan Kaplan

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: I think changing city election years to even years, in keeping with Federal dates would likely increase voter turnout and I am in support of this proposal. I am also in support of open primaries. I believe these would better reflect the voices of citezens than the current closed system. I also think rank choice voting has proved to be a failure, needlessly complicating the process withou better reflected the feelings of voters. Thank you for your attention. Joan Kaplan

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Let's not waste public resources on a policy that has already been shown to be rejected for many reasons. If the goal is to engage more voters, the evidence supports a better approach, move elections to even-numbered years, which is proven to boost turnout and automatic voter registration.

Sincerely,  
Sabah Munawar

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Comments: To the Commission, Proposals to implement jungle primaries have repeatedly failed at the ballot box, and for good reason. They're both unpopular and ineffective. Just last year, voters in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota overwhelmingly rejected similar measures. The message is clear: voters across the political spectrum still see the value in party primaries as a means of candidate selection. Let's not waste public resources on a policy that has already been shown to be rejected for many reasons. If the goal is to engage more voters, the evidence supports a better approach, move elections to even-numbered years, which is proven to boost turnout and automatic voter registration. Sincerely, Sabah Munawar

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Comments: Please see attached written testimony.

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I urge the Mayor's Charter Revision Commission to rescind the following proposed amendments to the New York City Charter concerning the role of the City Council and Community Boards in the ULURP process:

**Ballot Question 1**, which establishes the Affordable Housing Fast Track applications for residential projects that are required to deliver affordable housing under MIH in the 12 community districts that produce the lowest amount of affordable housing. The Fast Track removes the City Council vote from the ULURP process for these projects and also conducts the Community Board and Borough President review processes concurrently rather than sequentially.

This amendment eliminates the opportunity for council members to negotiate community benefits on behalf of their constituents for MIH projects subject to the Affordable Housing Fast Track. While we do need to maximize affordable housing across the city and especially in the targeted areas, MIH stipulates the bare minimum in terms of affordability. This amendment would take away an opportunity for Councilmembers to negotiate for deeper levels of affordability, additional affordable units, and other community investments.

Additionally, the facilitation of both the Community Board and Borough President review processes concurrently takes away a vital opportunity for community residents to inform the Borough President's review, ultimately minimizing their influence on project development.

**Ballot Question 2**, which establishes the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) for land use proposals for "modest housing and infrastructure projects," including rezonings for residential areas that either result in heights of no more than 45 feet and 2 FAR in low density residential neighborhoods or result in no more than a 30% increase in density on any particular project in R6-R12 zones. As proposed, ELURP would remove the City Council vote from the process and conduct the Community Board and Borough President review processes concurrently.

Similar to the previous amendment, this amendment eliminates the opportunity for council members to negotiate for community benefits on behalf of their constituents. Upzonings, even modest ones, increase land values and create opportunities for developers to generate large profits. In District 26, we have seen the consequences of uninhibited development without concrete commitments to community needs, resulting in a lack of sufficient sewer and plumbing infrastructure, a school seats shortage, and an overall lack of affordable housing. In rezoning processes, council members play an essential role in representing community needs and securing community benefits to accompany planned development. This amendment



would eliminate that opportunity to hold both the City and developers accountable to ensure future development also benefits the residents who already live in the community.

Again, the proposed facilitation of the Community Board and Borough President review processes concurrently takes away a vital opportunity for community residents to inform the Borough President's review, ultimately minimizing their influence on project development.

**Ballot Question 3**, which establishes a ULURP Appeals Board including the Mayor, relevant Borough President, and the Speaker of the City Council, which can override City Council decisions on land use proposals.

The creation of the ULURP Appeals Board not only adds another step to the public review process, requiring additional negotiations to ensure a project passes, but it also essentially increases the power of the Mayor's Office. Allowing the Appeals Board to override the City Council vote eliminates a critical check on the Mayor's power and could result in a development landscape that is entirely dependent on the Mayor's agenda, regardless of what is beneficial for the communities impacted by proposed developments. I once again underline the essential role of the City Council to represent the needs of our constituents in land use decision making. Creating the Appeals Board to reverse City Council decisions can create an equity issue in the event that the Board votes against community interests in favor of the city- and borough-wide agendas of the Mayor, Speaker, and Borough President. This proposed amendment will create an imbalance of power between the Mayor and the City Council and reduce the representation of community residents in land use decision making.

If passed, these amendments will reduce the potential of the City Council to secure investments for their districts, minimize the voices of community residents in land use matters, and create additional complexity in the land use review process. I strongly recommend against their inclusion in the final set of ballot questions.

Sincerely,

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Council Member Julie Won  
26th District  
New York City Council

Dear Charter Revision Commission,

I write to express my strong support for each of the Proposals set forth in the Commission's Interim Report dated July 1, 2025, and in particular for Proposals 1, 2 and 3. Although I am a member of Manhattan Community Board 5, I write this letter solely in my personal capacity.

I have lived in New York City since 2010, when I moved here as a graduate student at NYU. Over the past 15 years, I have watched countless friends and acquaintances leave the City, in spite of their desire to stay, because of their inability to afford housing that met their needs and aspirations. Of those who have stayed, almost everyone I know has been forced into painful compromises and concessions: a bedroom short here, a longer commute there, a faulty HVAC there still – the list goes on and on. And, of course, I will never meet the friends and loved ones who would have been our neighbors, coworkers, teammates, and passers-by on the street who thought about making a life here only to realize they couldn't afford it.

At the root of all of this, and indeed so much of the dysfunction that our city succeeds only in spite of (yet which has become so ingrained as to feel rote and essential), is the growing chasm between the number of housing units in the City and the demand to live in those units. As the Commission is well aware, the housing crisis of today is the product of nearly a half-century of underbuilding. If we are serious about dealing with this crisis, if we believe as many do that housing is a human right, then we simply need more housing. Absent structural changes to unlock that new housing, nothing of consequence will be ever achieved. We cannot subsidize or redistribute housing that does not exist.

The Commission's land-use-related Proposals will not solve the housing crisis on their own. As the Commission notes, many factors not amenable to Charter interventions contribute to this crisis in important ways. Yet Proposals 1 through 3 collectively represent a very strong step in the right direction. These Proposals would make it that much easier for new housing to be built, while retaining an important role for community boards, borough presidents, professional staffers, and the City Council. Indeed, the Proposals would bring the process for making land use changes in the City into much closer alignment with the intentions of the original framers of ULURP, and help to ensure that borough- and City-wide perspectives are appropriately weighted in what has become a regional housing shortage.

In short, I strongly support the Commission's Proposals, and in particular Proposals 1, 2 and 3. I thank the Committee for its important work.

Sincerely,

Robert Michael Tuchman

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The High Cost of Jungle Primaries

From: Ranjit Arpels-Josiah <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Dear City Charter commission:

I am very concerned about the efforts by the city charter commission to change NYC primary rules in the midst of a very important election cycle. The Primary should fairly represent all the parties involved and should not give or allow a particular class of peoples/ New Yorkers to influence its outcome. Thus the drive by the billionaire class to change the rules of the primary is particularly grievous.

The narrative that public sector unions are a "special interest" with "outsized influence" is a cynical ploy used by those who hold the real power. These unions represent hundreds of thousands of workers and are a critical force for social and economic equality in our city. The jungle primary proposal is a strategic attempt to neutralize this positive force. It aims to weaken the only organized opposition to the agenda of the billionaire class, which seeks lower wages, fewer benefits, and the privatization of all public goods for their own profit.

This effort to change these rules should be publically and widely announced and debated before any change is seriously considered.

Thank you,

Ranjit Arpels-josiah (long term New York City resident and voter)

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Name: Alice Rydel

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am in support of putting Open Primaries on the ballot this fall so the voters can decide. I am part of the million-plus independent voters in NYC who are locked out of the primary system. In NYC 49% of independents are under the age of 50. 53% of NYC independents are from communities of color. NYC is way behind the rest of the country. 85% of the cities in the United States use some form of open primaries. Sadly, I think some of the career politicians/politicos who are so vehemently against open primaries are more concerned about keeping their jobs and/or some little niche of control than they are in actually listening to and representing all the voters. No American should be forced to join a political party to be able to vote. Thank you.

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Name: Sandra Paramithis

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Our taxes will rise and we won't be able to live in our beautiful community. Our  
property values will decrease tremendously.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] California's Decade-Long Experiment: A Lesson Learned

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Commissioners, We need to have an honest conversation about the effectiveness of jungle primaries. The claim that they increase voter turnout is simply not supported by the available data.

To continue to advocate for this system on that basis is to ignore the facts. If we are serious about increasing democratic participation, we must be willing to abandon failed strategies. Let's look at the evidence from states that have adopted these systems

and acknowledge that they have not delivered on their promise. It is time to focus on what truly motivates citizens to vote. Thank you, David Neustadt

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[EXTERNAL] We are not for sale

From: Bernette Carway <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Attention Commissioners,

The move toward jungle primaries is a deeply troubling development for our city. It's a system designed to empower wealthy donors, allowing them to finance their chosen candidates into office while circumventing the party system. This poses an existential threat to public sector unions and their ability to advocate for the essential services we all rely on. The claim that labor holds "outsized influence" is a tired narrative used to justify these power grabs by the super-rich. The Democratic primary is a vital tool for working families; we cannot allow a system favored by billionaires to dismantle it.

Thanks,  
Bernette Carway

Bernette Carway





Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Focus on What Works

From: Zora Agathocleous <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hey,

History teaches us that increasing voter turnout is about effective mobilization, not simply changing rules. The record clearly indicates that jungle primaries have failed to deliver higher participation; they are a demonstrated misstep. The path of proven success lies in moving to even-year primaries. Beyond structural adjustments, the most impactful work of increasing turnout is done by people's organizations, including community groups, unions, and political parties. They are the experts in direct voter contact, employing methods like canvassing and personalized outreach that countless studies confirm are highly successful. Any attempt to diminish the strength or curtail the self-determination of these organized entities, especially political parties and labor unions, will inevitably depress turnout. Such initiatives appear to be an agenda to disempower advocacy groups rather than a sincere effort to expand the electorate. We must ensure these organized forces remain vibrant and actively engaged to truly increase turnout.

Sincerely,

Zora Agathocleous

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Name: Thomas Whidden

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Open primaries must be allowed for a true democracy to thrive. NYC elections should remain in odd years to allow for the attention they deserve, and to not overwhelm voters with an entire city, state, and federal ballot all at once. Closed primaries exclude individuals who want to support candidates hoping to shift the priorities of a party away from those currently in power. I would not be registered with my party if it was not for the closed primary because they perpetually do not represent the interests of my community. Many left and right leaning people are rightfully disgusted with their choice for candidates, and a primary is often the best and only chance to bring actual change. Continuing with closed primaries favors only the party elites and is explicitly anti-democratic. How else will we encourage swing voters and registered independents to participate if we continue to deny their right to vote? Closed primaries must end, and to act as the champion of democracy that NYC ought to be, we must allow open primaries. City-level elections deserve special attention and a distinct period of time that is separate from national and state elections. Our city government often has a more direct impact on the lives of our residents than the state or federal government. Voter apathy and exhaustion are real issues,

but they will only be exacerbated by overwhelming the ballot with too many candidates and proposals to research all at once. Democracy should be practiced often, and every opportunity to vote helps flex the muscle of participation. The continued promotion of early voting has made this process even easier, and as more New Yorkers choose to vote early and communicate the benefits, the more participation will grow. City elections deserve special focus from all participants, and NYC should not realign our election periods to diminish the full attention that they both require and deserve. Yes to open primaries. No to shifting elections to even years. Thank you!

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Name: Carrie McLaren

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: New Yorkers just experienced an historic primary in which a genuinely grassroots candidate — someone not funded by billionaires — managed to win out over the well-known machine candidate. Whatever one thinks of Mamdani, this is what a truly democratic system looks like. Candidates collaborated to promote policies that New Yorkers cared about — and citizens came out to vote in historic numbers. Why is Mayor Adam's Charter Revision Commission — which was intended to address the housing crisis — using its power to mess with our elections? The proposal to institute jungle primaries is a blatantly anti-democratic effort to suppress the power of progressive voters. New York City has long been marked by machine politics; this effort would take us backward in time to a system that further favors big donors and corporations. Sincerely, Carrie McLaren

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] NYC Deserves Real Solutions, Not Empty Open Primary Promises.

From: Christine McMonagle <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello Commissioners,

If the commission is serious about boosting turnout, they must consider supporting candidates that people are excited about, rather than investing in a system that has repeatedly failed to deliver on this promise. California's experience with jungle primaries, in place since 2012, offers a compelling case. Their own turnout data reveals that voter participation has stayed almost exactly the same when compared to the preceding 12 years, for both primaries and general elections. This consistent stagnation completely undermines the argument that jungle primaries are a solution to low voter turnout. We need to acknowledge this reality and pursue alternative, more effective strategies. I do not support jungle primaries!

Thank you,  
Christine Mcmonagle

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Activating Party Members for Higher Turnout

From: Alex Gallitano <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hey,

Anyone who suggests we can simply do away with political parties fundamentally misunderstands their structural importance to democracy. They are the primary aggregators of public opinion and the most effective means by which diverse groups can organize to exert political influence. Without them, the field is left open for individuals with the deepest pockets to dominate, not those with the broadest support. The party designations (D), (R), (C), or (WFP) are essential shortcuts for voters, providing immediate insight into a candidate's alignment on complex issues like economic inequality or foreign policy. This is about ensuring that our political system remains accessible and understandable to the average citizen, not just a privileged few.

Thank you,  
Alex Gallitano

Alex Gallitano // Director of Photography  
(He/Him/His)



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mary Faber

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello Commissioners, Please, no jungle primaries! Only billionaires want them as their best means for removing labor union and worker opposition to their agenda of privatizing public services and weakening the government. A biased commission--with no labor union or worker representation--shouldn't be tasked with removing the limited power that labor and workers have struggled to earn. Avoid the billionaire road. Oppose Jungle primaries. - Mary Faber

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[EXTERNAL] The Overwhelming Case Against Jungle Primaries

From: Alex Beauchamp <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello,

I write to urge you to reject any attempt to change New York City's primary system to a so-called jungle primary system.

The debate over jungle primaries should be settled by now. Voters have made their opposition clear. The overwhelming rejection of the idea in New York City was an early sign, and the defeats in six states last year—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—confirm it. This is a reform that lacks a constituency. This commission should not be in the business of pushing unpopular ideas. Instead, it should focus on what has been proven to work, such as aligning local elections with even-year federal elections to maximize turnout.

Thanks,  
Alexander Beauchamp



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Name: Benjamin Gallai

Email:

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Comments: I am writing to express my objection to the possibility of switching to open primaries in New York City. As a registered Democrat, my fellow registered Democrats and I should be the only ones who determine who represents us as the Democratic nominee in any given election. Similarly, I would not dare feel entitled to have a say in who registered Republicans select as their Republican nominee. Any registered Independents unhappy that they do not have a primary election to vote in is welcome to simply register with an actual political party.

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Name: Martin Bergstrom

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a current Brooklyn and regular community board attendee, I fully support Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. Extended review processes and many friction points make housing and urban development subject to capture by narrow interest groups that do not represent the entire neighborhood or city. People with the time and resources to devote to fighting development end up over represented in this process while renters like me end up paying higher rents as housing development falls far below demand. The ability to impose a time and litigation tax on all new development ends up increasing rents while also ensuring that any new development that does happen comes only from the largest developers with the resources and capital to push through the review process. Simplified, straightforward reviews for affordable housing and smaller developments (or really any developments) will make housing development in our city more nimble, affordable, and accessible. I strongly support Proposals 1-3 for doing this,

as well as proposal 4 for simplifying the city map. Similarly, opening up the city's partisan primaries will ensure a wider breadth of voices are heard in New York City politics. I did not vote in this primary, because I am not a Democrat and am not willing to say otherwise simply for the ability to vote in what should be an open primary. I care deeply about my neighborhood and New York City as a whole and I think it's wrong to have to attach a label to my political beliefs to vote on the candidate likely to govern our beautiful city. All the best, Martin Bergstrom

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[EXTERNAL] RCV Isn't Even Four Years Old - Let It Mature

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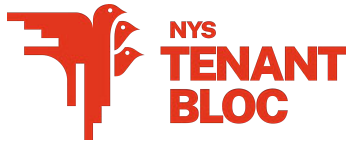
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Dear Commissioners,

The case for consolidating elections to even-numbered years is strong because it is simple and effective. The case for "Jungle Primaries" is weak because it is complex and comes at a time of great electoral flux. Piling this new system on top of the recent RCV change is a move that seems designed to confuse voters. We must prioritize clarity. Let's pursue reforms that have a proven track record of making voting easier and more accessible, not ideas that add more layers of difficulty to an already challenging process.

Thank you,

Meira Patterson



July 14, 2025

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE NYC CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION  
RE: OPPOSITION TO A “JUNGLE PRIMARY” SYSTEM**

Charter Revision Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. My name is Cea Weaver, and I represent thousands of organized tenants from across the state and the five boroughs through the NYS Tenant Bloc, the sister organization of Housing Justice For All. I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections.

70% of New Yorkers rent, and we are the backbone of this city – the cooks, nurses, teachers, and bus drivers who keep New York running. But for too long, tenants have been shut out of civic life. Tenants have been outspent by corporate interests, outvoted by landlords, and out-manuvered by insider politics and backroom deals.

Our work to tilt the scales of power from the landlord lobby to New York City’s tenant majority requires grassroots organizing, and attracts the vociferous opposition of wealthy landlords. In jungle primaries, the ultimate winners tend to be those who benefit from large-scale advertising campaigns by candidates and Super PACs alike. **Jungle primaries tilt the playing field back toward the entrenched landlords which our grassroots organizing seeks to challenge.**

Over the last several years, tenants have shown up to flex our power as the majority of this city through engaging in the political process and civic life. We embraced ranked choice voting, making our first-ever ranked choice endorsements and encouraging voters to use all five spots on their ballot. We brought first-time voters out in off-year primaries. We spoke with voters in their homes and their neighborhoods, supercharging tenant turnout.

So many tenant voters across the city are disengaged and disillusioned with politics. Voters are inspired by movement candidates and interested in making their voices heard at the ballot box. **We shouldn’t disenfranchise voters by making our local elections any more confusing.** We just educated folks on ranked choice voting — and further complicating the differences between City, State, and special elections would have the effect of confusing voters and ultimately diluting the power of tenants and grassroots organizations like ours.

**For these reasons, I urge you to reject any attempt to implement a jungle primary system in New York City. It is a step backward for grassroots power — and for democracy.**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cea Weaver  
Director, The NYS Tenant Bloc

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Comments: TESTIMONY BEFORE THE NYC CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION RE: OPPOSITION TO A "JUNGLE PRIMARY" SYSTEM Charter Revision Commissioners: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. My name is Cea Weaver, and I represent thousands of organized tenants from across the state and the five boroughs through the NYS Tenant Bloc, the sister organization of Housing Justice For All. I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. 70% of New Yorkers rent, and we are the backbone of this city - the cooks, nurses, teachers, and bus drivers who keep New York running. But for too long, tenants have been shut out of civic life. Tenants have been outspent by corporate interests, outvoted by landlords, and out-manuvered by insider politics and backroom deals. Our work to tilt the scales of power from the landlord lobby to New York City's tenant majority requires grassroots organizing, and attracts the vociferous opposition of wealthy landlords. In jungle primaries, the ultimate winners tend to be those who benefit from large-scale advertising campaigns by candidates and Super PACs alike. Jungle primaries tilt the playing field back toward the entrenched landlords which our grassroots organizing seeks to challenge. Over

the last several years, tenants have shown up to flex our power as the majority of this city through engaging in the political process and civic life. We embraced ranked choice voting, making our first-ever ranked choice endorsements and encouraging voters to use all five spots on their ballot. We brought first-time voters out in off-year primaries. We spoke with voters in their homes and their neighborhoods, supercharging tenant turnout. So many tenant voters across the city are disengaged and disillusioned with politics. Voters are inspired by movement candidates and interested in making their voices heard at the ballot box. We shouldn't disenfranchise voters by making our local elections any more confusing. We just educated folks on ranked choice voting—and further complicating the differences between City, State, and special elections would have the effect of confusing voters and ultimately diluting the power of tenants and grassroots organizations like ours. For these reasons, I urge you to reject any attempt to implement a jungle primary system in New York City. It is a step backward for grassroots power—and for democracy. Thank you. Sincerely, Cea Weaver Director, The NYS Tenant Bloc

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[EXTERNAL] No Jungle Primaries in NY

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The consistent backing of jungle primaries by billionaires is all the evidence we need to understand their true function. They are a tool for breaking the power of municipal unions and paving the way for a corporate takeover of government. The wealthy see strong unions as a barrier to profits from privatized schools, transit, and healthcare. We must defend the primary system as a space for genuine democratic participation, where the collective voice of working people can challenge the dominance of corporate cash and protect our essential public services. I strongly oppose the jungle primary and urge you to oppose this as well.

- Cindy Martinez



**Third, this system would discourage long-term community organizing.** One of the most powerful aspects of our current system is that it gives communities clear political targets: party primaries where their votes and their organizing can make a real difference. That’s how working-class tenants have elected champions. It’s how immigrant neighborhoods have shifted city policy. Jungle primaries scramble those lines, make electoral pathways murky, and take power away from communities that have only recently begun to claim it.

Let's be clear: this proposal is not about empowering voters. It's about disempowering the people who have learned how to organize within the existing system to demand more for their neighborhoods.

If we want a more inclusive democracy, the answer is not to blow up the tools that marginalized communities have just started to master. The answer is to make those tools more accessible—to invest in civic education, expand voter access, and build systems that reward organizing, not money.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject any attempt to implement a jungle primary system in New York City. It is a step backward for grassroots power—and for democracy.

Thank you.

Nick Galipeau  
Secretary-Treasurer  
OPEIU Local 153

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Name: Nick Galipeau

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Comments: See attached.

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Name: Roland Nimis

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As an attorney who represents New Yorkers facing eviction, I see firsthand every day how our city's severe housing shortage harms tenants and destabilizes communities. I am writing in strong support of the Charter Revision Commission's interim proposals, particularly Question 1, which would fast-track publicly financed affordable housing and create a more equitable process for siting new homes. For too long, certain parts of the city have said "no" to new housing, leaving working-class and low-income New Yorkers with fewer and fewer options. The result is a historic housing emergency that our current laws and processes are ill-equipped to address. The Commission's proposed reforms would give our city critical new tools to meet this moment. The recent "City of Yes" and "City for All" plans were important steps forward, but they are not enough on their own. The Charter governs the processes that determine where and how much housing gets built. Updating it to reflect today's realities is essential. Question 1's proposed fast-track process for affordable housing is especially exciting. By prioritizing publicly financed affordable projects and ensuring faster reviews in districts that have produced the least housing, this amendment would operationalize the Speaker's Fair Housing Framework and help break

down long-standing barriers to housing opportunity. These changes will not only make it faster and easier to build housing but will also begin to undo patterns of exclusion that have contributed to our current crisis. I urge the Commission to continue moving these reforms forward and give voters the chance to approve them this November.

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Name: Scott Budow

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Review Commission, I write to express my support for proposals 1, 2, 3, and 5. I also write to express my support for open primaries. Proposals 1, 2, and 3 will permit more housing to come to market more quickly. In a city with a vacancy rate of 1.4%, it should come as no surprise that we have a severe housing affordability crisis. We have not produced enough new housing for years, which helps explain why incomes have not kept pace with rent increases. Oftentimes, one of the primary reasons that we are unable to quickly bring new housing to market is that we have outdated zoning rules that needlessly limit and delay new housing. These proposals will help address those issues, mitigating the dire housing affordability crisis. As a renter myself, I know that the strongest response to an unreasonable rent increase is to say, "I'll move." Right now, that option is not viable for too many renters because of the severe lack of alternatives. As a result, I support these proposals, which will better level the playing field between tenants and landlords by allowing for more options. I also support moving municipal elections to even-numbered years to increase voter turnout and open primaries. Both measures will increase the number of voters who participate in elections, which is sorely needed in a

democracy with consistently low voter turnout. Further, open primaries will help reduce partisanship and better reflect the diverse views of a district and the city more generally. Right now, in too many elections, winning the primary is tantamount to winning the general election. And, it's no secret that candidates from both major parties often take more extreme positions to do so, reflecting the priorities of the small slice of voters who reliably participate in primaries. Further, in too many cases, there is literally no competition for city council seats. Open primaries will lead to greater electoral competition while simultaenously forcing candidates to consider how best to reflect the diverse range of views of a general electorate, rather than the narrower range of views of a primary electorate. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your public service. Sincerely, Scott Budow

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Name: Sam Heyne

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Good evening, Commissioners, Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Samantha Heyne. I am a Brooklyn resident, community member, and labor union organizer. I am here to express my very strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. The public has not been adequately informed or engaged, and should have been for a change of this magnitude. It should come only after a robust, charter revision process—one that includes multilingual education campaigns, community listening sessions, expert testimony from across the political spectrum, and an extended deliberation period. What we have instead is a rushed proposal, with little explanation, little data, and little outreach—especially to voters in the communities most likely to be harmed. We've seen how rushed reforms, however well-intentioned, can backfire when voters don't understand what's at stake. Imposing a fundamental redesign of our elections without clear public demand or broad-based consent is not just misguided—it is undemocratic. This process undermines faith in the democratic system itself, one that I have believed in my entire life! It sends the message that our election rules can be rewritten from the top down, without the kind

of transparency and accountability that is the bedrock of our democracy. That is a dangerous precedent—especially in a moment when trust in democratic institutions is already so fragile. We There are ways to improve democracy in this city. But these start with listening to the people, listening to many people by garnering input across the board—not bypassing us. For that reason, I strongly urge the Commission to reject any effort to advance a jungle primary system, and to commit instead to a public process rooted in transparency, equity, and community voice. Thank you. Sam Heyne

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[EXTERNAL] No Mandate for Jungle Primaries: Voters Decide

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To Whom It May Concern,

Voters have a consistent message on jungle primaries: we don't want them. These reforms fail to achieve their stated goals and are routinely rejected. Mayor Bloomberg's attempt in New York in 2003 was dismissed 70-30%. Last year, it failed in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This widespread rejection shows that voters understand the value of political parties. This commission should not waste time and money on an unpopular proposition. If the aim is to increase turnout, stick with proven methods like even-year elections.

Best,

Saul Ferholt-kahn

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Name: Claire Wellin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: NO open primaries! We are just a few years into our rank choice system, and it's so important for voter education and participation for us to have consistency and clarity. Open primaries defeat the whole purpose of having primaries.

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Name: Alexandra Stewart

Email:

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Comments: I believe we should move municipal elections to even-numbered years. Higher participation in our democracy is a good thing, and right now it's very difficult to get high voter turnout during odd-year municipal elections. It would also save a lot of money. Let's do it!

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Dear Commissioners,

The push for jungle primaries is a misguided effort that ignores the clear will of the people. Voters have shown time and again that they do not support this kind of reform. Last year, the measure was defeated in six different states, including Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This consistent rejection demonstrates that citizens value the candidate-vetting process that political parties provide. I urge the commission to stop investing resources in this unpopular idea and instead work on proven strategies like even-year elections to enhance voter participation.

Sincerely,

Magdiel Matos



**Written Testimony Submitted to the New York City Charter Revision Commission  
Re: Opposition to the Implementation of a “Jungle Primary” System**

Dear Commissioners,

Churches United for Fair Housing (CUFFH) is a grassroots organization that builds power to win housing, land, education, and racial justice for Black, brown, immigrant, and working-class communities in Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx. As a faith-based organization grounded in the belief that every person deserves dignity, equity, and a say in the decisions that shape their lives, we are writing to express deep concern about the proposal to adopt a “jungle primary” or top-two primary system in New York City.

This proposed system would place all candidates, regardless of party affiliation, into a single primary. Only the top two vote-getters would move on to the general election. While it may appear to promote fairness, it has been shown in other jurisdictions to weaken community representation, depress voter participation, and ultimately reduce access to the democratic process for the very communities CUFFH serves.

In states like California and Washington, this system has led to multiple candidates from the same community or political alignment splitting the vote and failing to advance, even when those communities make up the majority of the electorate. This dynamic has shut out candidates of choice for communities of color and reduced the accountability of those who do reach the general election.

The communities we work with—Black, brown, immigrant, and working-class New Yorkers—have long organized within the current system to build political voice and power. While not perfect, our closed primary system allows for collective action and shared decision-making within political parties. A top-two system would fracture that process and give greater advantage to well-funded candidates who can stand out in crowded fields, rather than those rooted in community.

We are also concerned about the impact on voter turnout and engagement. Many voters, particularly those juggling work, caregiving, and language access barriers, rely on party affiliation as a meaningful cue in making informed choices. Removing that from the ballot risks increasing confusion and lowering participation in communities already facing systemic disenfranchisement.

New York City voters recently approved ranked-choice voting as a pathway to more representative elections. Rather than disrupt this reform, we urge the Commission to focus on continued investment in civic education, outreach, and access, so that all New Yorkers can participate fully and meaningfully. CUFFH believes that building power starts with protecting it. Our faith calls us to fight for systems that uplift human dignity and strengthen the bonds of community. We urge the Charter Revision Commission to reject the proposed shift to a top-two or jungle primary system. Instead, we ask that you continue supporting reforms that expand access, deepen engagement, and center the needs of those historically left out of the political process.

*For further information, contact Whitney Hu, Director of Civic Engagement and Research, [whu@cuffh.org](mailto:whu@cuffh.org).*

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Name: Whitney Hu

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Comments: See attached.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Bill Cryer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, I am writing to express strong support for all of the proposals the commission has put forward. Proposals 1 through 4 will help to address the housing shortage. The city is facing its worst housing shortage in 50 years. We must make it easier to build housing that New Yorkers so desperately need. I am particularly excited about Proposal 3, which creates a ULURP Appeals Board. This will help counteract the practice of member deference, which has allowed some council members to prevent much needed housing in their districts. Housing is a regional need, and we should not allow some districts to opt out of building. To that end, Proposal 5, which will move elections to even years and increase voter participation, will help make council members more accountable to their entire district. Currently, small, motivated groups of voters can have an outsized impact on local elections, which encourages council members to defer to their views. I also support Open New York's proposals, especially their 4th proposal which brings the housing shortage into landmark decisions. Landmarking has often been used as a tool to prevent housing development, so it is critical that the impact on housing supply is taken into account.

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Thank you for your consideration. The commission has done a wonderful job putting together proposals that will make New York City a better place, and I hope to see all five proposals on my ballot this November. Sincerely, Bill Cryer

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kevin Fagan

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: I am writing to express my strong enthusiastic support for the 5 proposed ballot questions from the preliminary report as well as the proposal for open primaries. In a housing crisis, we need to do whatever we possibly can to streamline the approval of new housing, which questions 1-4 seem intent on doing. Question 5 will increase the participation in local elections significantly due to higher voter participation on presidential / midterm election years. While it might have the most controversy, the open primaries concept is very appealing to me and will definitely increase voter participation, especially from independent voters who currently don't have a say during our closed primary process. Thank you, Kevin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Victor Pontis

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a current Brooklyn resident and a former Manhattan Community Board Member, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-4 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities.

Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations- not just the narrowest political interests. A unified City Map is a step in the right direction, since the current system can impose significant costs and time on infrastructure, housing, and other projects. Proposal 4's Digital City Map would allow processes that today take months or even years to occur nearly instantly. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. Proposal 5 is a no-brainer: moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city. I strongly encourage the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6. Open primaries would enfranchise the 1 million+ New Yorkers who are currently locked out of primary elections due to party registration rules. These voters deserve a voice in the elections that matter most in our one-party-dominated city. Open primaries would boost turnout in local elections, increase electoral competition, and encourage candidates to appeal to a broader cross-section of voters. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Sincerely, Victor Pontis  
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[EXTERNAL] A Clear Message: Voters Reject Jungle Primaries

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ATTN Commissioners:

I am formally requesting that this commission cease its work on jungle primary proposals. This is a flawed system that lacks the support of the public. The coordinated rejection across six states last year—from Arizona to South Dakota—demonstrates this clearly. Voters have sent a message that they value the function of political parties in the nominating process. It is incumbent upon this commission to listen to that message. Please, pivot your focus to strategies with a proven track record of success, such as aligning more elections with the even-year federal calendar.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Weiss

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Name: Eden Seiferheld

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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DEBORAH J. GLICK  
Assemblymember 66<sup>TH</sup> District  
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July 14, 2025

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my deep misgivings regarding the empaneling of the New York City Charter Commission by Mayor Adams in December 2024, and urge the Commission to delay proposing any changes to the City Charter until after the 2025 mayoral election, and none if this Mayor is not re-elected.

I do not believe that a charter commission whose members are selected solely by the mayor should be empaneled during an election year. This is especially true in the case of Mayor Adams, who has been embroiled in numerous scandals and who by every polling metric has lost the confidence of the electorate. I am especially troubled by reporting that indicates that Mayor Adams may have empaneled the current charter commission largely to circumvent any efforts by Speaker Adam's charter commission to limit executive power, as he seemingly did in 2024. I appreciate that the Commission is an independent entity and that many of its members are working in good faith. However, the City Charter should not be changed in an effort to prevent the City Council from creating increased accountability and oversight for a mayor's office that has been mired by serious allegations of corruption.

I am also deeply concerned that the Commission is focusing its efforts on changes to the charter that would significantly alter rules for housing development and the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) before we have been able to assess the impacts of the sweeping changes recently passed as part of City of Yes. City of Yes will remake so much of how real estate development occurs in New York City - how can the Charter Commission reasonably assess what changes need to be made to the City Charter before these changes have been widely implemented? Similarly to City of Yes, I am also angered that the Commission employs the logic that if the City just makes it easier to build somehow affordable housing will magically appear. The proposal being put forth by the Commission that seeks to reduce community input in the 12 districts identified to have permitted the least affordable housing is especially egregious. The lack of affordable housing in these districts is not an indictment of the communities that live there, but of the developer class, which has chosen time and again to only build luxury units that community boards and elected officials have adamantly stated they do not want. The little affordable housing that has been built in these districts is because of advocacy from the community and their representatives, not despite it. To blame the neighborhoods that have been victimized by luxury real estate development and further enable developers will only further disenfranchise the long-term residents who have made New York City what it is.

The Commission is also considering changes to our election process, including moving municipal elections to even years and instituting open primaries. Again, I am concerned that the Commission is moving to dramatically alter our elections so quickly after the recent introduction of ranked choice voting, another significant change to which the voters are still adjusting. To institute these changes without any particular commitment to public education could lead to a massive amount of confusion for voters and result in them disengaging from primaries and elections altogether.

In general, much of what the Commission is considering would consolidate executive power, reduce public oversight, and limit the powers of other elected officials. This represents an enormous overreach by an administration that may not even exist in a few months, and appears designed to garner the Mayor further support with real estate developers rather than solve the problems facing our city. Historically, city charter commissions have understood the weight of changing the City Charter, undertaking extensive public engagement processes that include presentations to community boards and in each borough as well as staff with whom the public can communicate. While I appreciate the public engagement that has taken place, it falls well short of this standard. In fact, the release of the Commission's final report on July 1st only strengthens the argument that this Commission's proposals are not in the public's best interest. Releasing a 135-page report during one of the busiest travel weeks of the year and giving stakeholders two weeks to prepare a response indicates to the public that rather than caring about transparency and community input, the Commission wishes for its proposals to sneak by unnoticed.

That this Charter Commission's work has been so opaque and abbreviated seems to confirm that it has been designed to push through a host of dramatic actions onto the ballot this November, further empowering the Mayor and preventing the City Council from putting forth their own proposals. I strongly urge the Commission to recognize its responsibility to the public and refuse to put forth any changes to the Charter this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Deborah J. Glick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deborah" being more prominent than the last name "Glick".

Deborah J. Glick  
Assemblymember

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Name: Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick

Email: [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexander Schwarz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing in strong support of the Charter Review Commission's proposals. We need to fast track affordable housing, simplify the approvals process for smaller-scale development, update outdated zoning processes and create a new appeals board, digitize the City Map, and move city elections to even-numbered years. Thank you.

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[EXTERNAL] The Fight for Our City's Future

From: Ariane Arpels-Josiah <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hello Commissioners,

We have seen this play before, and we know how it ends. Wealthy interests, echoing the efforts of Mike Bloomberg, are once again pushing for jungle primaries to dilute the power of working people. This is a thinly veiled attempt to dismantle unions and open the door to the widespread privatization of public assets. The lack of a labor voice on the review commission speaks volumes about whose interests are being prioritized. This is a tired, cynical strategy to rewrite the rules in favor of the elite, and it must be defeated.

Thank you,  
Ariane Arpels-Josiah

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: John Schochet

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I am writing in support of all five recommended proposals. NYC's housing is too expensive, and the only way to sustainably bring down the price of housing is to build more housing. As a parent raising children in the city I am deeply concerned about long-term affordability issues here even though I am a homeowner who isn't personally affected by rent increases. While the four housing-related proposals are hardly a panacea for all of NYC's housing issues, each one of them will help, and they should be on the ballot. I also support the even-year election proposals because our municipal elections should include more voters rather than fewer voters. We would further benefit from the open primary reform, but I agree with the commission's view that this would better be considered in a year when we are not electing a mayor. Thank you for your consideration. -John Schochet Upper West Side

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Rejecting Failed Reforms, Embracing Proven Ones

From: Sidney Perelman <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Attention Commissioners,

Achieving higher voter turnout is not a mystery; it's a matter of empowering the right actors. Jungle primaries have been shown to be ineffective at increasing voter numbers. A far better solution is the adoption of even-year primaries. Beyond that, we must recognize that the most impactful work is done by organized groups that engage directly with voters. Labor unions and political parties, through methods like canvassing, consistently drive participation. Proposals that aim to dilute their influence will only hurt turnout, suggesting an ulterior motive of weakening organized power, not expanding the electorate.

Thank you,  
Sidney Perelman



July 14, 2025

## Testimony to the New York City Charter Revision Commission

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing to ask you to include ALL SIX proposals you are considering, based on your own research and recommendations, on the November New York City ballot. These questions are of utmost relevance to the people in our city and we should be able to vote on them ourselves.

SIXTH BALLOT PROPOSAL: I feel very passionately that NYC should hold OPEN PRIMARIES, so voter turnout is high and the results are meaningful. This year 2025 is a perfect example for why NOT to continue the current voting process: Democrat Mamdani soundly defeated Democrat Cuomo in the primary, but because Cuomo can run with two different political affiliations (Democrat and Independent) within just FIVE MONTHS; because he can CHANGE HIS AFFILIATION for the general election, he gets to have two different voter bases and may beat Mamdani when it counts.

This makes me feel LIKE MY PRIMARY VOTE DID NOT COUNT!!

This is like the opposite of double jeopardy - Cuomo gets to run twice as two different candidates to two different New Yorks.

I believe candidates need to commit to a campaign and be accountable to all eligible NYC voters in the same election. PLEASE allow us to vote on whether to enable shenanigans like Cuomo's in the future. Please include a proposal for OPEN PRIMARIES on the November ballot.

FIFTH BALLOT PROPOSAL: Voter turnout is absolutely key to maintaining a democracy and EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS would ensure an increase in voter participation in city elections. Very sadly, many eligible voters do not consider local elections consequential (despite being likely more directly affected by them); are not informed about what is at stake; and do not understand how important each vote is to New York City. It is devastating how many election results in the past have not reflected the interests of New Yorkers only because too few voted. Please finally give New Yorkers the chance to understand LOCAL ISSUES MATTER!!!

THIRD BALLOT PROPOSAL: Please give voters a better chance of decision-making in the interest of the City and allow us to vote to ELIMINATE THE MAYOR'S VETO POWER over what could be VITAL improvements in our quality of life and the health of New York. No single official should have the right to decide a public matter; the veto makes all New Yorkers vulnerable to a personal agenda unrelated or counter to the public interest. We are not living under a king and need to be able to chuck this remnant of royalty. New York City is a democracy, at least that is HOW YOU SHOULD OPERATE. Please include on the November ballot the option to ELIMINATE THE MAYOR'S VETO POWER.

I strenuously urge you to include all proposals that could fast-track and increase and improve projects for AFFORDABLE HOUSING. The suffering of New Yorkers because of their inability to find homes is endless and has mass repercussions on our economy, personal opportunities, access to social services, and global warming.

Thank you very much for your time and dedication to a better New York. Thank you for asking for voter input. Please include all six ballot proposals described in your 2025 interim report. "Do the Right Thing," as someone said here in Brooklyn.

Sincerely,

Erika McGinty  
Brooklyn, NY 11238

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Name: Erika McGinty

Email: [REDACTED]

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Open Primaries: Bad News for NYC Voter Numbers

From: Shenuque Tissera <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Dear Commissioners,

I want to express my deep concern that advocating for jungle primaries as a solution for voter turnout is misguided. The factual evidence from states where they have been implemented shows they do not boost participation. We must base our policy decisions on what the data tells us, not on hopeful but ultimately unsubstantiated claims. Consider Alaska, which adopted open primaries in 2022. The 2024 primary election saw alarmingly low turnout, ranking among the lowest in half a century. This outcome decisively points to the conclusion that these "new systems" have had little to no impact on encouraging greater voter participation. We need to recognize that this new system doesn't automatically guarantee high turnout and that other, more direct methods are far more effective.

This is bad for democracy.

Thank you,  
Shenuque Tissera

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Name: Sharon Sewell-Fairman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Name: Rafia Zafar

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: There was insufficient time allotted for public input! Why did we start hearing about this a week ago? Where were the news items about these important points. BAD JOB getting public feedback. Sincerely Rafia Zafar

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Honorable members of the 2025 New York City Charter Revision Commission and the  
NYC Commission to Strengthen Local Democracy:

Please find below testimony given by the District Manager. Ms. Johana Pulgarin, on behalf of  
Brooklyn Community Board 1.

Good evening, Charter Revision Commission, my name is Johana Pulgarin, Brooklyn  
Community Board 1's District Manager, thank you for having me and allowing me to give the  
following testimony on behalf of Brooklyn Community Board 1.

Of all of the voting bodies involved in land use matters, Community Boards are in the  
unique position to have intimate, hands-on involvement and relationships with the land,  
neighborhood, residents, and landowners actually involved in the various applications. Although  
their recommendations are only advisory, those recommendations are vital to an objective and  
meaningful evaluation regarding the effects each application will have on the community and what  
concerns or conditions, if any, should be considered by the city in its ultimate decision on land use  
items. Although other voting bodies have hearings at which interested parties are permitted to give

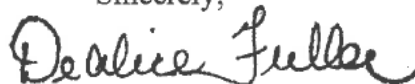
testimony, none afford the all-encompassing hands-on, objective, and democratic exchanges among all residents, elected officials, city agencies, and land use applicants that Community Board committee meetings and public hearings provide. To diminish in any way the role or time allotted to Community Boards for meeting with those involved in land use applications would be a terrible disservice to our communities and to well informed urban planning.

In sum, Community Boards play a vital role in informing local land use plans, providing a democratic and direct voice for local communities to provide input in planning their neighborhoods. Eliminating or reducing this role could result in the consolidation of planning power with a handful of people, making the land use process less democratic, less informed and poorly planned, and more susceptible to corruption. This is why the Board of Estimate was eliminated in the first. Shutting out local voices this way would be a huge step backward.

I would also suggest that an area for exploration to help reduce the time and cost for land use applicants would be to leverage AI technology to perform Environmental Reviews and draft Impact Assessments and Statements. This technology is helping with so many areas. Land Use seems like would be an excellent fit for this advancement.

Working for a Better Williamsburg-Greenpoint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dealice Fuller".

Dealice Fuller  
Chairperson

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Keep RCV and closed primaries

From: forsythia <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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To Whom It May Concern,

If the point is to increase voter turnout, open primaries are not going to help with that. Open primaries, in a state with a dozen or more separate party lines on ballots will only increase costs to candidates and decrease real voter choice. If people want to vote for independent or other seeming-long-shot candidates, they have had ample opportunities throughout the years to do so on the general election ballot. That they have not done so should tell you that either New York voters prefer to choose a candidate from a main party, or that the candidates on the non-Democratic and non-Republican party lines are not compelling. Either way, open primaries would not solve the problem, if indeed low voter engagement is a problem that the City Charter Revision Commission can solve (I do not think it is; low voter engagement is a candidate issue, not a primary issue)

Ranked choice voting works to help voters vote their consciences and their hearts first, and then to add a pragmatic vote, which can lead to the outcome where everyone has voted they way they want and have not sacrificed their hearts for gaming out how everyone else will vote. The recent success of a long shot candidate in the Democratic primary is evidence that the exact problem the commission claims to be trying to solve (low voter turnout as a result of perceived lack of choice) is, in fact, solved with RCV.

Keep RCV and don't change to open primaries.

Building a stronger electorate means empowering the groups that consistently engage voters. We know, empirically, that jungle primaries do not increase turnout; they simply aren't effective in that regard. A much more reliable strategy for boosting participation is to move to even-year primaries. Furthermore, the indispensable contribution of labor, community, and political organizations to voter engagement cannot be overstated. These groups are adept at direct voter contact, using methods like canvassing and personalized outreach that numerous studies have

shown to be highly successful. Any attempt to dilute the strength or curtail the autonomy of these organized groups, particularly political parties and unions, will inevitably depress turnout. Such proposals appear to be designed to weaken organized influence rather than to genuinely expand the electorate. To truly increase turnout, we need these organized forces to be vibrant and actively engaged within the system.

Best,

Allison Downing

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Organized People vs. Organized Money

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Political parties are indispensable tools for democratic efficiency. The label next to a candidate's name is a powerful signifier, instantly conveying a wealth of information about their likely stance on issues from healthcare to foreign policy. This allows voters to make rational choices without needing to devote countless hours to independent research. While not a perfect system, it's a practical solution to the problem of information overload in politics. Dismantling this system would make our democracy less accessible and tilt the playing field further in favor of candidates who can afford massive advertising budgets.

Thanks,

Marie Finamore

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lauren Hougen

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Jungle primaries are a way for big-money candidates to help each other drown out the grassroots candidates. Please keep the primaries as-is, so candidates who actually look out for the interests of New Yorkers and not just their bank accounts have a fighting chance to represent and serve the people.

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[EXTERNAL] Another Reform? We Haven't Mastered the Last One

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Hello,

I hope you are doing well!

I am writing in opposition to the proposal to implement a “Jungle Primary” system.

The proposal to implement "Jungle Primaries" is profoundly out of touch with the needs of everyday voters. After New Yorkers voted for and began adapting to Ranked-Choice Voting, this new plan would create unnecessary confusion and likely depress turnout. It's a disruptive change that would invalidate the city's recent efforts to educate the public on RCV. Instead of pursuing more complex and unproven systems, we should be focused on proven methods for increasing engagement, like consolidating elections to even years to simplify the calendar for voters.

Thank you,

Nikolas Michael

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jay Cullen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, I am writing to express my support for Proposals 1-4. I currently live in Fort Greene Brooklyn in a one-bedroom apartment with my wife and our infant and dog. We love the neighborhood, our local friends, restaurants, and parks. We even love our crossing guards. But our days here are numbered. We can't afford a 2 bedroom here and soon our little one will need a room of her own. Each of these four proposals will help our ability to stay (or more, realistically, make people in similar situations in the years to come more able to stay in their neighborhoods). We would gladly make a room for others in our neighborhood if it also gave us the ability to stay as our family grows. The first proposal is an obvious one to support: we need more affordable housing in our city and this makes it easier. I also support the second proposal because we should have systems that are tailored to the development in question. It makes sense to have a more onerous system for big buildings rather than smaller ones. I hope the proposal will also make it easier to build clean energy in our city. While I'm lucky to be represented by Crystal Hudson, who supports new housing, not everyone else is and that

makes the third proposal necessary. We need to think as one unified city and member deference instead creates division with our city. While Hudson has not done this, the current system is also almost designed to facilitate corruption with one person having veto power over a development. And lastly, of course having one unified map is in our interest. It's 2025, not 1900. Thank your for considering my input, along with everyone else's. It's a privilege to live here in the greatest city on earth. Jay Cullen Fort Greene 11205

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Name: Kyle Sandmann

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a regular voting New York Citizen, I ask that the proposed ballot initiative to amend the City Charter to allow for open primaries NOT be added to the ballot this election cycle. I am in full support of amending the City Charter to align municipal elections with State and Federal elections (pending State approval) as a way to increase primary participation in off-year elections. Implementing that adjustment and making it easier for a greater number of voters to have their say seems like a more efficient method of increasing voter turnout than allowing open primaries at this time.

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Richard N. Gottfried – testimony opposing “open primary”

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Lloyd Feng

## **Testimony in Favor of Top-2 Open Primary with Ranked Choice Voting for NYC Elections**

Dear Chair Buery and Commissioners,

My name is Lloyd Feng. I am a proud, lifelong New Yorker; I was born at the former St. Vincent's Hospital in Greenwich Village to parents who immigrated from mainland China, grew up in Washington Heights, spent countless weekends in Manhattan Chinatown, now visit my grandma on the Upper West Side, and currently live in Williamsburg, Brooklyn where I serve on Brooklyn Community Board 1 as chair of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee and co-chair of the Capital Budget Committee. I am submitting testimony in my personal capacity **in support of the commission's proposed ballot question on instituting open primaries with ranked choice voting for NYC elections on the November 4 ballot.**

New Yorkers deserve an electoral system that reflects the reality of modern political identity rather than forcing artificial choices between increasingly irrelevant party labels. The current closed primary system pretends that complex voters fit neatly into two ideological boxes, when in fact both major parties contain business interests and labor unions, religious and secular voters, progressives and moderates. This forced binary leaves millions of New Yorkers politically homeless—including over one million unaffiliated voters who are completely shut out of the primary process despite being the second-largest voting bloc in the city.

As more Americans reject rigid party identification, closed primaries become increasingly undemocratic. The shrinking pool of registered party members who choose our candidates represents a narrower and narrower slice of the actual electorate. Meanwhile, unaffiliated voters—disproportionately young—are told their voices don't matter until the general election, when their choices have already been predetermined by others.

This exclusion is particularly damaging for young voters, who are more likely to be unaffiliated and already vote at lower rates. When we systematically bar young people from meaningful participation in the elections that most directly shape their futures, we breed exactly the kind of political cynicism and disengagement that weakens democracy. Open primaries would welcome these voters into the process from the beginning, potentially reversing decades of declining civic participation among the generation that will inherit the consequences of today's political decisions.

Open primaries with ranked choice voting would fundamentally reshape campaign incentives, forcing candidates to compete on policy substance rather than partisan and political theater. When candidates must appeal to Democrats, Republicans, and unaffiliated voters simultaneously—and need to be voters' second or third choice, not just their first—the current playbook of negative attacks and tribal signaling simply stops working.

The 2025 Democratic mayoral primary perfectly illustrates this problem. Despite New Yorkers facing crises in housing, public safety, healthcare, and education, candidates spent precious time attacking each other over personal drama and old tweets rather than presenting concrete policy solutions. This



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Comments: Dear Chair Buery and Commissioners, Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. Please include a ballot question on top-2 open primaries with ranked choice voting on the November 4 general election ballot. All the best, Lloyd

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happened because the closed primary system rewards appealing to the partisan base rather than addressing real governance challenges.

Open primaries would make such tactics counterproductive. A candidate who attacks opponents as "not a real Democrat" or invokes national partisan talking points risks alienating the Republicans and unaffiliated voters they need to win. Instead, electoral success would require detailed plans for building affordable housing, improving subway reliability, or strengthening neighborhood schools—issues that matter to all New Yorkers regardless of party registration. When electoral success requires building broad coalitions around concrete solutions, we all get better candidates, better campaigns, and ultimately better governance.

This isn't just about civility; it's about competence. We need an electoral system that rewards candidates for being good at governing, not good at tribal signaling. Open primaries would create campaigns that actually educate voters about solutions to local challenges rather than reducing complex governance questions to partisan identity politics. When winning requires building broad coalitions around specific policy ideas, candidates would finally have to focus relentlessly on the issues that impact New Yorkers' daily lives.

For young New Yorkers like myself who have watched politics become increasingly disconnected from the issues that matter most in our daily lives, open primaries offer hope that democracy can work differently. We have the opportunity to create an electoral system that welcomes rather than excludes, that rewards governing competence over political gamesmanship, and that focuses relentlessly on the local challenges that determine whether New York remains a city where people can build lives, raise families, and pursue their dreams.

I urge the Commission to put this question of open primaries with ranked choice voting before voters this November. Let New Yorkers decide whether we want a democracy that works for all of us, not just the politically connected few.

Additionally, I would like to specifically voice **support for the top-2 open primary model under consideration by the commission**. A top-2 open primary with ranked choice voting strikes the optimal balance for New York City's urgent governance needs. The system's greatest strength lies in its accountability—by the general election, voters face a clear choice between two candidates who have already proven they can build broad, cross-partisan coalitions rather than appeal to narrow ideological bases. This rigorous winnowing process eliminates the dangerous possibility of a fragmented general election where a candidate could win with just 25-30% support among four options, leaving them without the mandate needed to tackle NYC's toughest challenges. For a city facing crises in housing, infrastructure, and public safety, we cannot afford leaders who spend their first years in office trying to build the coalitions they should have demonstrated during their campaigns. Top-2 forces this coalition-building from day one, ensuring that whoever wins has already united Democrats, Republicans, and independents around shared priorities. The resulting mandate provides both democratic legitimacy and the political capital necessary to implement ambitious solutions—not just campaign promises that die in the face of political reality. While top-4 may offer more diversity on paper, top-2 delivers what New York actually needs: leaders ready to govern effectively from their first day in office.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration,

Lloyd Feng

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Comments: NO to open primaries. They make grass roots organizing more difficult while making those with big money more able to influence the results.

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Comments: We worked hard to get ranked choice primaries, which express the will of the people more clearly than other systems. Don't change that. PLEASE!!!

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Good afternoon,

My name is Ilaria Maroni, and I am a Brooklyn resident who just voted for the first time in a mayoral primary.

I heard about the proposed changes to make the primary into a jungle one, and I can assure you that there is no evidence that jungle primaries increase participation. As many first-time voters, I was motivated to participate thanks to the groundwork done by organized groups which mobilized voters like me and my friends. Open primaries would intentionally weaken these entities and work against the goal of a more inclusive electorate.

Thank you for your attention,

Ilaria Maroni

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Comments: See attached comment on the proposed amendments.

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## **CBC's Recommendations to Make the Most of the Proposed Expedited Land Use Review Procedure**

Submitted to the 2025 New York City Charter Review Commission

*July 15, 2025*

*Sean Campion, Director of Housing and Economic Development Studies, Citizens Budget Commission*

Following its robust assessment of how the City's land use review process impedes housing production, the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission presented four Charter amendments to make building housing in New York City easier and faster. The proposed expedited review processes are welcome steps in the right direction.

However, several of the proposals' components may unintentionally introduce new sources of delay or uncertainty, which could limit the appeal of the proposed expedited review processes. CBC recommends three elements be clarified or modified to streamline reviews even further.

### **Allow all necessary land use approvals for Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP)-eligible projects to go through ELURP**

As written, only applicants seeking modest increases in density (less than 45 feet in height and a floor-to-area ratio of less than 2.0 in low-density districts and less than 30 percent increases in medium- and high-density districts) would be eligible for expedited review through ELURP. However, the expedited review would only apply to a narrow set of zoning map amendments. Many projects seeking zoning changes also require additional approvals, such as special permits, certifications, and authorizations. Examples include requests to waive parking requirements, reduce side and rear yard setbacks, or allow ground floor retail space. Approval may also be needed for additional community facility or commercial floor area requests. (We reiterate that CBC recommends all special permits be eligible for expedited review.)

Even if an applicant's zoning map amendments are eligible for ELURP, these additional actions, including those administrative in nature, would need to go through full Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) review or other approval processes parallel to ELURP.

To fully leverage the benefit of ELURP, these applications should be allowed to secure all necessary land use action approvals through ELURP.

### **Clarify how the City Planning Commission (CPC) assesses projects under Fast Track for Affordable Housing process by leveraging existing environmental review and Charter-mandated reporting**

To the extent possible, the Charter revisions should avoid creating unnecessary hurdles to the ELURP. Section 197-f, which outlines the process for the Fast Track for Affordable Housing, would require the CPC to “assess and make a finding regarding the consistency of [Fast Track applications] with the fair housing plan... and existing transportation, sewer and other infrastructure.” This requirement could be interpreted to require an additional review that duplicates the reviews applicants would have already completed under City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) or the Charter-mandated Racial Equity Reports (RER). To address this, the Charter language should clarify that applicants can leverage CEQR findings to satisfy the infrastructure requirement and RER reviews to evaluate projects' consistency with the fair housing plan.

The Charter language could also clarify that the CPC assessment is not subject to a private right of action, which is one of the primary sources of delay and uncertainty in the CEQR process.

### **Clarify and streamline notice requirements in the ELURP pre-certification period**

The proposed ELURP charter language requires the Department of City Planning (DCP) to provide substantial amounts of information to Community Boards and Borough Presidents in advance of the 30-day pre-certification period. The proposed Section 197-e requires DCP to “forward a copy of any materials it receives pursuant to this subdivision (whether or not such materials have been certified as complete) within five days to each affected borough president or community board.”

This language mirrors existing requirements for ULURP in Section 197-c, but without specifying which documents or materials DCP would be required to transmit. Requiring DCP to transmit an unspecified list of materials is overly broad and could be interpreted to require the disclosure of all communications and environmental review documents. The reporting requirement unduly burdens DCP and the affected Borough Presidents and Community Boards without commensurate public benefit. Furthermore, even a perceived failure to communicate materials in

a timely manner could invite Article 78 challenges. Specifying clearly what needs to be transmitted to Community Boards and Borough Presidents would make the process more certain and less open to legal challenge.

The ELURP reform could further streamline the process by simply requiring DCP to transmit the completed ELURP materials at the start of the 30-day pre-certification notice period. ELURP's 30-day pre-certification and 60-day review periods are more than sufficient for Community Boards and Borough Presidents to review modest rezoning proposals. The 90-day combined period matches what is currently required under ULURP.

The Charter language should also clarify that the 30-day pre-certification period is the maximum amount of time that Community Boards and Borough Presidents have prior to the start of their ELURP review period.

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Hi, my name is Skylar Cummings. I work at Good Old Lower East Side and will be testifying on behalf of the organization and the community we represent. The considerations that the Mayoral Charter Revision Committee are making will impact the lives of every community across the city.

- There is an immediate need for a city process that implements comprehensive planning and takes into consideration the impact of multiple factors by neighborhood and on the city as a whole.
  - For this reason we support the implementation of the Fair Housing Framework as a first step toward this.
- On the topic of NYC's election process, we support proposals that address the issue of voter turnout, we believe should include an evaluation of what the city can do to better engage the community.
  - There is too much vying on this one day and not enough resources put into voter engagement year round.
- To support this ecosystem of civic engagement our city must prioritize timely payments to non-profit organizations.
  - Now more than ever New Yorkers rely on non-profit service providers to meet their needs.
  - Consistently, the city has struggled to fulfill its contractual obligations to non-profits.
    - Currently our organization is owed over \$1.3 million (1, 380,000) dating back to Fiscal Year 2023
  - Failure to meet these obligations has led to financial hardships for non-profits across the city and ultimately weakens this infrastructure
- While we agree that the current ULURP “one size fits all” process does not work, we believe that any changes made to ULURP must at a minimum include;
  - Constraints on the size of projects, the current text does not include. Further details for any streamlined projects for smaller rezonings must have clear parameters
  - We believe a “zoning administrator” office is a common sense decision
    - Streamline disposition to activate public land for affordable housing and other uses, especially small parcels.
  - However, we need clarity on any impacts to the role of the Community Board
- The proposal to consolidate the advisory portions of ULURP, Community Board, Borough President, and Borough Board into a single review period
- We are against any limitations to the current review period, we do not support a cut to the timeline from 90 to 60 days.
  - We support programs that aid communities with development of 197A projects
    - We advocate to preserve the Community Board's, already limited, ability to comment prior to the Borough President taking action.
    - As these are the only places that give community members direct representation.



- We want to strengthen Community Boards as a community based channel for making land use proposals.
- "Member deference" has been characterized as a barrier to development in certain areas.
  - On the contrary we believe that there are benefits to member deference
    - For instance, in our community it resulted in permanently affordable housing in Essex Market and two stages for the East Side Coastal Resiliency
  - Ultimately we do not want to weaken any process or recourse for the community to weigh in on the land use process.

As we make room for increased housing supply it is of the utmost importance that we consider how we do it and ensure that it does not cause further displacement. Thank you!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Maxine Litre

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a 10 year Chinatown resident, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-4 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board

would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations- not just the narrowest political interests. A unified City Map is a step in the right direction, since the current system can impose significant costs and time on infrastructure, housing, and other projects. Proposal 4's Digital City Map would allow processes that today take months or even years to occur nearly instantly. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. Proposal 5 is a no-brainer: moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city. I strongly encourage the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6. Open primaries would enfranchise the 1 million+ New Yorkers who are currently locked out of primary elections due to party registration rules. This directly includes me as a registered independent. These voters deserve a voice in the elections that matter most in our one-party-dominated city. Open primaries would boost turnout in local elections, increase electoral competition, and encourage candidates to appeal to a broader cross-section of voters. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Sincerely, Maxine Litre  
10013 Chinatown

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[EXTERNAL] Do not interfere with NYC primaries!

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To the Commission:

I am writing to ask that the New York City Charter Revision Commission decline to advance a proposal to interfere with primary elections in New York City.

The rationale for jungle primaries is flawed. By eliminating the role of political parties in candidate nomination, the system becomes more susceptible to the impact of outside money, which can propel candidates to victory regardless of their broader support. This directly undermines the power of municipal labor unions, which consistently advocate against the privatization of public services and the weakening of government agencies.

The assertion that "public sector unions" and other "interest groups" have an outsized influence is a narrative designed to weaken collective action. Wealthy individuals already dominate political and economic life. The Democratic Party primary is a vital avenue for working people to assert their collective interests. This proposal aims to diminish that avenue.

I work hard in my everyday life to work with others, including the people in my union, to boost voter turnout: I have canvassed and called voters, meeting them where they are and talking about the policy issues that affect their daily lives. This is how to increase turnout, not jungle primaries.

- Rachael Nevins

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No to Jungle Primaries

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ATTN Commissioners:

Voters don't want jungle primaries, plain and simple. These reforms are ineffective and are consistently rejected. Mayor Bloomberg's attempt in New York in 2003 was dismissed 70-30%. Last year, it failed in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This widespread rejection highlights voters' appreciation for political parties.

This commission should not waste time and money on an unpopular proposition. If the aim is to increase turnout, stick with proven methods like even-year elections.

Best, Sonja Shield

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] I Oppose Open Primaries

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Dear Commissioners,

The proposed jungle primaries are a threat to the democratic process. At a time when our democracy is under threat, backed by billionaires whose primary goal is to crush labor unions, which stand in the way of their agenda of privatizing government functions. This was the case with Mike Bloomberg's previous attempts, and it is the same dynamic today. The commission lacks any representation from labor unions or working people, highlighting whose interests are truly being served. Josh Greenman's insights in Vital City revealed the real reason: to limit labor's influence. The idea that American workers have "outsized influence" in politics is a myth perpetuated by those who already hold immense power. The Democratic Party primary is a crucial space for working people to level the playing field. This proposal seeks to further tilt it in favor of the wealthy.

Best,

Sarah Sophie Flicker



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Let's Get Serious About Increasing Turnout

From: Laura Koulish <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Commissioners,

If we are serious about maximizing voter turnout, our priority must be on effective strategies. Jungle primaries have been tested and have failed to increase participation. We should instead focus on proven reforms like moving to even-year primaries. Central to this effort is the work of organized groups—unions, community associations, and political parties. Their ability to conduct personal, direct outreach is unmatched in its effectiveness. Policies that would erode the power of these organizations run contrary to the goal of a larger electorate and must be rejected.

- Laura Koulish

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Topic: General Inquiries

Name: John Wahlmeier

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Comments: Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission Thank you, Chair Buery and members of the 2025 Charter Revision Commission, for the opportunity to comment on the Commission's Interim Report. My name is John Wahlmeier and I am writing to advocate for the continued strength of New York City's closed primary system. While I commend the Commission's dedication to improving our electoral processes, I believe that moving to an open primary system, particularly a "top two" model, would have detrimental effects on the democratic clubs that are the lifeblood of our local political landscape and, crucially, would dilute the influence of marginalized communities, including the LGBTQ community. Here are my main

points supporting the closed primary system:

1. **Strengthening Democratic Clubs as Grassroots Organizers:** Closed primaries incentivize participation in democratic clubs and party organizations. These clubs serve as vital grassroots hubs for political engagement, candidate recruitment, and policy discussion. They provide a structured environment for community members to become actively involved in the political process, shaping the future of their neighborhoods and the city. An open primary system would diminish the role and influence of these clubs, weakening the very foundation of our local democracy.
2. **Fostering Party Accountability and Platform Development:** Closed primaries allow political parties to clearly define their platforms and hold their candidates accountable to those platforms. This clarity benefits voters by providing a more coherent understanding of a candidate's policy positions and ideological alignment. Open primaries, especially "top two," can blur party lines and make it more difficult for voters to discern a candidate's true allegiances, potentially leading to less representative outcomes.
3. **Protecting the Influence of Marginalized Communities:** For marginalized communities, including the LGBTQ community, democratic clubs and the closed primary system provide a crucial avenue for collective voice and influence. These clubs often serve as a space where community members can organize, endorse candidates who genuinely represent their interests, and ensure their issues are prioritized within the party's agenda. In an open primary, the influence of these organized groups can be diluted by a broader, less informed electorate, potentially leading to the election of candidates less committed to addressing specific community needs.
4. **Ensuring Candidates are Responsive to Community Concerns:** Within a closed primary, candidates have a strong incentive to engage directly with party members and, by extension, with the specific communities that form the party's base. This direct engagement fosters a deeper understanding of community-specific issues and concerns. Moving to an open primary could lead candidates to prioritize appealing to a wider, less informed electorate, potentially at the expense of addressing the nuanced needs of marginalized groups.
5. **Preventing "Party Raiding" and Maintaining Party Integrity:** Closed primaries prevent strategic voting by members of opposing parties, often referred to as "party raiding." This ensures that the candidates nominated by a party genuinely reflect the will of that party's registered members. While perhaps not the most common occurrence, the potential for such manipulation exists in open primary systems and could undermine the integrity of the primary process, especially in tightly contested races.
6. **Preserving the Role of Party Endorsements:** The speaker's suggestion of internal party processes determining endorsements within a "top two" system still undermines the fundamental purpose of a closed primary. In a closed primary, the endorsement signals not just institutional support, but also a candidate's alignment with the party's core values and the will of its registered members. This provides a clearer signal to voters and reinforces the party's role in vetting candidates.
7. **Mitigating the Influence of Big Money and Lobbyist:** Open primaries, by expanding the electorate for each primary contest, can inadvertently increase the need for candidates to raise substantial funds to reach a broader and more diverse voter base. This expanded reach often translates into greater reliance on big money interests, including wealthy donors and well-funded lobbying firms, to finance extensive advertising campaigns and outreach efforts. In a closed primary, where the electorate is more defined and often reached through grassroots organizing, candidates may be less dependent on large financial contributions, thus

limiting the undue influence of powerful special interests and their lobbying efforts. Thank you for considering my testimony and for your commitment to strengthening our city's democratic processes. I urge the Commission to recognize the vital role that the closed primary system plays in empowering grassroots activism, fostering party accountability, and most importantly, protecting the political influence of marginalized communities in New York City, while also safeguarding our elections from the disproportionate influence of big money.

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Dear Charter Revision Commission,

Please find attached REVISED - BK CB1 Testimony to Charter Review Commission, delivered by District Manager Ms. Johana Pulgarin at the Charter Review Commission Meeting held on July 7, 2025.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dealice Fuller

Chairperson



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Members of The 2025 New York City  
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Honorable members of the 2025 New York City Charter Revision Commission and the  
NYC Commission to Strengthen Local Democracy:

Please find below testimony given by the District Manager. Ms. Johana Pulgarin, on behalf of  
Brooklyn Community Board 1.

Good evening, Charter Revision Commission, my name is Johana Pulgarin, Brooklyn  
Community Board 1's District Manager, thank you for having me and allowing me to give the  
following testimony on behalf of Brooklyn Community Board 1.

Of all of the voting bodies involved in land use matters, Community Boards are in the  
unique position to have intimate, hands-on involvement and relationships with the land,  
neighborhood, residents, and landowners actually involved in the various applications. Although  
their recommendations are only advisory, those recommendations are vital to an objective and  
meaningful evaluation regarding the effects each application will have on the community and what  
concerns or conditions, if any, should be considered by the city in its ultimate decision on land use  
items. Although other voting bodies have hearings at which interested parties are permitted to give

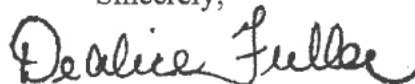
testimony, none afford the all-encompassing hands-on, objective, and democratic exchanges among all residents, elected officials, city agencies, and land use applicants that Community Board committee meetings and public hearings provide. To diminish in any way the role or time allotted to Community Boards for meeting with those involved in land use applications would be a terrible disservice to our communities and to well informed urban planning.

In sum, Community Boards play a vital role in informing local land use plans, providing a democratic and direct voice for local communities to provide input in planning their neighborhoods. Eliminating or reducing this role could result in the consolidation of planning power with a handful of people, making the land use process less democratic, less informed and poorly planned, and more susceptible to corruption. This is why the Board of Estimate was eliminated in the first. Shutting out local voices this way would be a huge step backward.

I would also suggest that an area for exploration to help reduce the time and cost for land use applicants would be to leverage AI technology to perform Environmental Reviews and draft Impact Assessments and Statements. This technology is helping with so many areas. Land Use seems like would be an excellent fit for this advancement.

Working for a Better Williamsburg-Greenpoint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dealice Fuller". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dealice Fuller  
Chairperson

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Open Primaries: Hindering NYC Voter Participation

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Dear Commissioners,

I'm here to challenge the narrative that jungle primaries are a tool for increasing voter turnout. The data from states that have adopted them unequivocally proves otherwise. If our objective is truly to enhance democratic participation, we must abandon strategies that have been empirically shown to fail and instead pursue those that yield tangible results. The recent experience in Alaska, which implemented open primaries in 2022, serves as a stark reminder. The 2024 primary election saw alarmingly low turnout, marking it as one of the lowest in half a century. This robust data decisively points to the conclusion that these elections have had little to no impact on encouraging more people to vote. We need to focus on effective voter outreach and engagement, not on structural reforms that consistently fall short.

Thank you,

Pam Spritzer



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[EXTERNAL] A Flawed System

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ATTN Commissioners: I am writing to express my firm opposition to the implementation of jungle primaries.

This is a flawed system that has been soundly rejected by voters across the country. We don't have to guess at public opinion; the results speak for themselves. Last year alone, ballot measures to introduce this system were defeated in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota.

This shows a clear consensus. The commission should respect the will of the electorate and cease efforts to advance this unpopular idea. Let's focus our collective energy on proven electoral reforms like even-year election cycles.

Thank you,  
Patrick Harvey

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Comments: Please see my attached written testimony for reasons why I support NYC switching to even-year elections, but only if they coincide with NYS elections.

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July 14, 2025

Lloyd Feng

## **Supporting Even-Year Municipal Elections Aligned with New York State Elections**

Dear Chair Buery and Commissioners,

My name is Lloyd Feng, and I am a native New Yorker and current resident of Williamsburg, Brooklyn where I serve on Brooklyn Community Board 1 as chair of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee and co-chair of the Capital Budget Committee. I am writing in my personal capacity to **strongly support moving New York City's local elections to even-numbered years, specifically to coincide with New York State gubernatorial elections**, as this change would transform democratic participation in our city while enabling the kind of coordinated governance our challenges require.

### **When Democracy Becomes an Afterthoughts**

The numbers from our recent local elections should alarm anyone who cares about representative government. In 2023, only 202,722 people voted in City Council primaries—that's 7.2% turnout. The general election barely improved to 12.8%.<sup>1</sup> Even our 2021 mayoral primary, the first competitive race in nearly a decade, attracted just over one in four eligible voters.<sup>2</sup> These are not the participation rates of a healthy democracy.

The problem is getting worse, not better. Even in 2024's presidential election year, NYC turnout was just 60.2%—actually lower than 2016 (60.5%) and 2020 (64.4%).<sup>7</sup> Meanwhile, New Yorkers faced election fatigue from five separate elections, costing taxpayers over \$70 million just for the primaries.<sup>8</sup> The city's own Campaign Finance Board now recommends exactly what I'm advocating: "aligning odd-year city elections with even-year state and federal elections, which is a proven way to reduce the number of elections across years and increase voter turnout."<sup>9</sup>

Compare this to what happens when our local elections coincide with state and federal races. Gubernatorial election years bring 37-48% turnout, while presidential years see 58-62% participation.<sup>3</sup> Cities across America have discovered this same pattern—Austin saw their mayoral election turnout increase by 361% after moving to even years, Baltimore by 291%, Phoenix by 240%.<sup>4</sup> The lesson is clear: timing matters enormously for democratic participation.

But I'm not advocating for any even-year alignment. Presidential election years would solve the turnout problem while creating a new one—drowning local issues in the noise of national partisan politics. When voters are focused on Supreme Court appointments and foreign policy, neighborhood zoning decisions and school board policies get lost in the shuffle.

### **The Power of New York Election Years**

Aligning our local elections with gubernatorial races creates something much more powerful: true New York Election Years that recognize how state and local government must work together to solve our biggest challenges.

Take housing, our most pressing crisis. Building more affordable homes requires state action on environmental review reform and zoning laws, plus local action on rezoning and development approvals.<sup>6</sup> Under our current system, we elect governors and mayors in different years, often creating finger-pointing rather than collaboration. But imagine gubernatorial and mayoral candidates running on coordinated housing platforms, cross-endorsing each other, and being held accountable by the same voters for delivering results together.

The same dynamic applies to mental health services, where we need Albany to expand psychiatric bed capacity while the city builds community support systems. Or transportation, where MTA investment from the state must connect with local street safety initiatives. Or economic development, where state tax policy should align with city business permitting reforms.

When the same electorate chooses both levels of government in the same election cycle, candidates have every incentive to coordinate rather than blame each other. Voters could finally choose teams of leaders committed to working together on problems that don't respect the artificial boundaries between city hall and Albany.

### **Learning How Government Actually Works**

One of the most valuable side effects of New York Election Years would be civic education. Most residents don't understand the complex interplay between state and local authority that shapes their daily lives. They don't realize that speeding up housing construction requires changes in both state environmental review and local zoning processes, or that improving mental health services depends on both Albany funding formulas and city service delivery.

When gubernatorial and mayoral campaigns happen simultaneously, voters would naturally learn about these connections. Candidates would have to explain not just what they want to do, but how they'll work with the other level of government to actually accomplish it. This creates a more informed electorate and more realistic campaign promises.

The contrast with presidential election alignment is stark. Federal campaigns focus on issues—national security, immigration, federal court appointments—that have little relevance to local governance. Gubernatorial campaigns naturally emphasize infrastructure, healthcare, education, and economic development policies that directly connect to municipal concerns.

### **The Hidden Cost of Election Overload**

The current system doesn't just suppress turnout—it exhausts voters through relentless election fatigue. From 2020 to 2024, New York City held 12 special elections, with some years featuring 4 special elections in just 4 months.<sup>12</sup> Since 2020, the city has spent over \$40 million administering these low-turnout special elections.<sup>13</sup> Research shows that holding multiple elections within a three-month period creates long-term choice fatigue and reduces voter participation.

Even 2024, supposedly a high-engagement presidential year, perfectly illustrates this problem. New Yorkers faced five separate elections—two primaries, one general, and two special elections. The April presidential primary cost \$34.4 million to administer, followed by another \$35.5 million for the June primary.<sup>8</sup> By the time voters reached the general election, many had simply tuned out.

When the agency tasked with promoting democratic participation says our current system isn't working, it's time to listen. The Campaign Finance Board's research on voter fatigue confirms what many New Yorkers feel: we're being asked to vote too often, with too little impact, at too great a cost.

### **Making Every Vote Count**

Perhaps most importantly, even-year elections would bring hundreds of thousands more New Yorkers into the democratic process. These aren't just numbers—they represent young families making decisions about where to live based on school quality, small business owners affected by permitting policies, seniors relying on social services, and working people dependent on reliable transit.

When only 7% of eligible voters choose our City Council representatives, those representatives inevitably become responsive to narrow interests rather than broad community needs. Higher turnout elections produce officials who must appeal to the full diversity of their districts, not just the most politically engaged sliver.

This matters especially for younger New Yorkers, who tend to vote at lower rates and are more likely to participate when elections feel consequential. Over one million unaffiliated voters—21.1% of registered voters—are completely shut out of primary elections where the real decisions get made, and 26.1% of these excluded voters are ages 18-29.<sup>10</sup> In 2024, young voters under 30 had turnout rates of just 3.7% in the April primary and 5.0% in the June primary, compared to 57.1% in the general election.<sup>11</sup> The decisions we make today about housing policy, climate resilience, and economic opportunity will shape their futures far more than ours. They deserve a meaningful voice in choosing the leaders who will implement those decisions.

### **The Path Forward**

Moving to even-year elections aligned with gubernatorial races wouldn't just increase turnout—it would create a fundamentally different kind of politics. Instead of narrow appeals to partisan bases in low-turnout elections, candidates would need to build broad coalitions around concrete solutions to shared challenges. Instead of mayors and governors pointing fingers across levels of government, we'd have electoral incentives for collaboration and coordination.

This isn't about changing which party wins elections—research shows even-year elections don't systematically favor either party.<sup>5</sup> It's about creating conditions where any party's candidates must appeal to the full range of New York voters and deliver results through effective inter-governmental cooperation.

I urge you to recommend this change to voters. New Yorkers deserve elections where their participation matters, where candidates focus on local solutions rather than partisan theater, and where our government can finally work as effectively as the challenges we face demand.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lloyd Feng

## Citations

<sup>1</sup> NYC Votes, 2023 Voter Analysis Report 18 (2024),  
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<sup>11</sup> Id. at 88.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Heed the Lessons of Past Failures

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Dear Commissioners,

Jungle primaries are a solution in search of a problem, and a deeply unpopular one at that. This commission should cease all consideration of this flawed electoral system. The results from last year's elections in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota make it plain: voters do not want to weaken political parties. They rejected the jungle primary model in every state where it was proposed. It is time to respect that outcome and focus on reforms with genuine public backing, such as shifting municipal elections to even years to increase participation.

Best,

Paige Davis

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[EXTERNAL] The Case for Consistency in Our Elections

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ATTN Commissioners:

Introducing "Jungle Primaries" at this moment would be a profound mistake. We have only just begun to integrate Ranked-Choice Voting into our electoral fabric since its 2019 adoption. New Yorkers are still learning this new system. To impose another, even more confusing, set of rules would create chaos and alienate the very voters we seek to engage. This is not a step towards a more robust democracy; it is a recipe for voter suppression through sheer complexity. We must prioritize stability and allow the RCV system the time it needs to be properly understood and evaluated by the public.

Best,

Sophie Shapiro



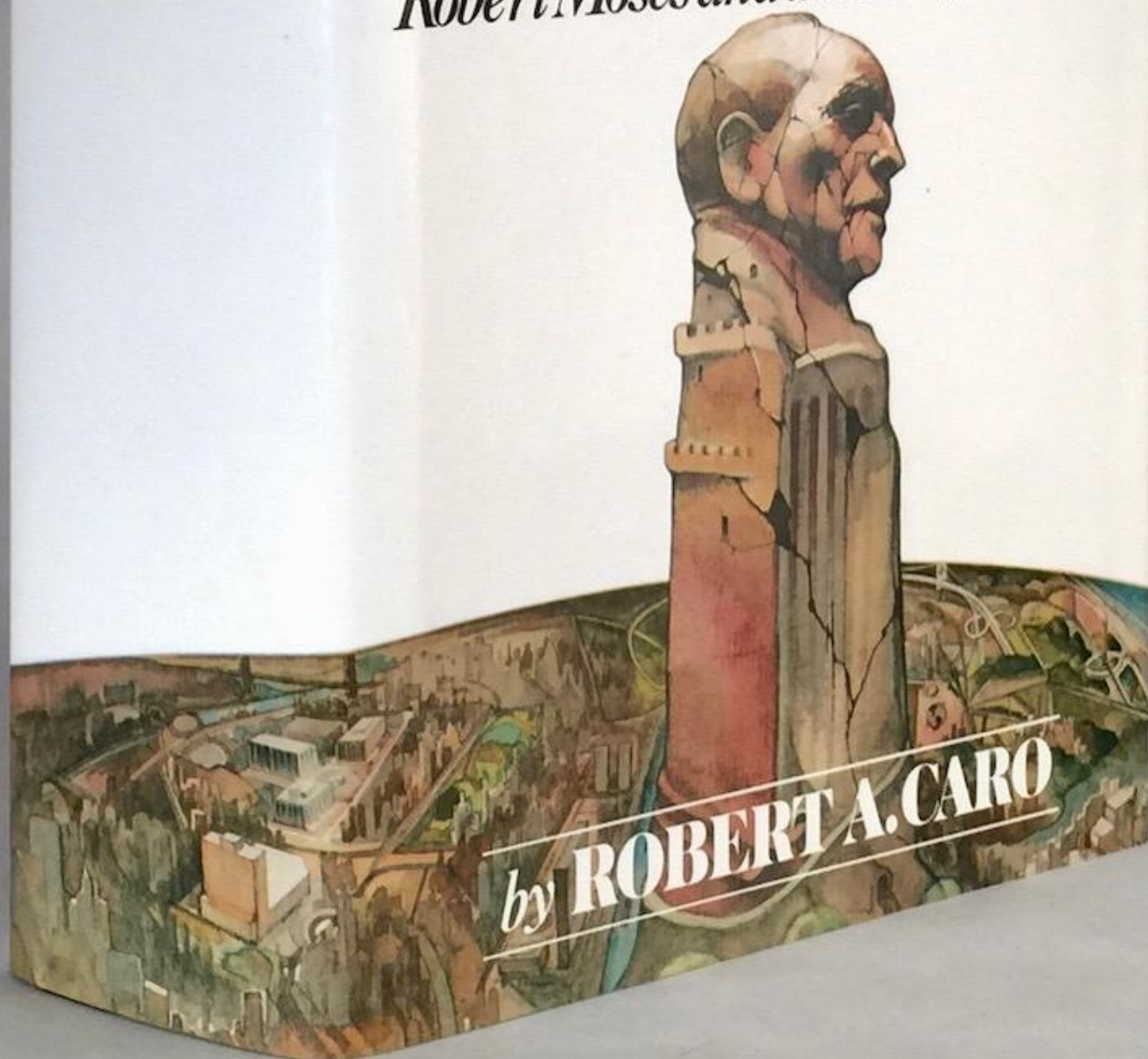
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Attention Commissioners,

A critical examination of jungle primaries reveals a system designed for the exclusive benefit of the elite. By weakening accountable party structures, it enhances the power of individual billionaires and shadowy corporate PACs. This is a direct assault on the organizations that represent working people and fight for the common good against concentrated private interests. It makes our government less responsive to the needs of the public and more responsive to the whims of the super-rich. This is not reform; it is the deliberate erosion of our democratic foundations.

This is not what we need in New York.

Sincerely,

Hannah Woodward

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[EXTERNAL] Jungle Primary Reform: Why Voters Say No

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Hey,

Voters have made it abundantly clear: jungle primaries are a no-go. These reforms are not only ineffective but routinely rejected. We saw it last year when it failed in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This universal rejection, in red, blue, and purple states, highlights voters' appreciation for political parties. This commission should not waste public resources on an unpopular proposition. For increased voter turnout, stick to what works: even-year elections.

Thanks,

Anthony Alessandrini

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[EXTERNAL] Beyond the Hype: Jungle Primaries Unpopular

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Dear Commissioners,

The idea of implementing jungle primaries is concerning because voters have made their opposition abundantly clear. These reforms are not effective in achieving their stated goals and are consistently turned down at the ballot box. We saw a powerful demonstration of this last year when the proposition was on the ballot in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. In every one of those six states, it was rejected. This widespread rejection across the political spectrum – red states, blue states, purple states – indicates that voters recognize the value of political parties in selecting candidates. This commission should not squander valuable resources on an unpopular initiative. If increasing voter turnout is the aim, the focus should be on proven methods, such as even-year elections.

This proposal is not only a waste of time and money, it is an invitation for voter fraud. Open primaries will allow coalitions of opposition to skew the vote with ease, as has occurred in other states that allow cross-party voting in primaries. Elections are open to all registered voters. Spend that money on helping non-registered voters register; let the parties reach out to add voters to the election rolls and by affiliating themselves with a party and become active members. These actions would enhance the democratic process.

I strongly urge you not to act to make the process more open to fraud and political trickery at the expense of what remains a democratic principle.

Sincerely,

Lynne Glasner

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[EXTERNAL] This is an Attack on All of Us

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To Whom It May Concern,

The composition of the commission tells the whole story. By deliberately excluding labor, they have made it crystal clear that their goal is not to improve democracy, but to rig the system in favor of their billionaire patrons. The jungle primary proposal is the tool they intend to use to achieve this end. This process lacks all legitimacy and should be seen as an inside job by powerful interests to rewrite the rules for their own benefit. We must demand a fair process with representation for all, not just the wealthy.

Best,

Irene Villasenor

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[EXTERNAL] The Chaos of a Partyless System

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Hello,

I am very concerned that an open primary system would advantage the same billionaire and billionaire-backed candidates who have upended city, state, and national politics. Political parties are imperfect, but they remain the most effective get-out-the-vote program and they unite party members around the issues that matter most. Party membership can foster a deep sense of investment in the success of their nominee. This investment is forged in the fires of a democratic primary process where their voices are heard and their votes matter. The candidate that emerges is not just the party's choice, but their choice. This creates a powerful, self-mobilizing force that no paid campaign operation can match. If we want to see higher voter turnout, the solution is not to weaken parties, but to make them more internally democratic and responsive to their base.

Best,

Lynn Yellen

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[EXTERNAL] A Critical Look at Jungle Primaries and Participation

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To Whom It May Concern,

Good evening, I am Michael Magazine Electoral Lead of Sunrise Movement NYC we are a youth climate organization and I speak to you behalf of youth, testifying against open primaries.

Starting off I don't agree with either party, but I certainly don't agree with super PACs or billionaires at large and find that this last democratic primary showcased growth worth celebrating.

I want to just throw some numbers at you from pew research because I think we're getting tunnel visioned.

66% of eligible adults voted in 2020 Presidential election, 64% in 2024. 50% in the 2018 midterms, and 46% in 2022.

In New York State 48% voted for the governor back in 2018 and 43% in 2022 according to Gotham Gazette.

In NYC according to the BOE here are the numbers for general election turnout: 24% in 2013, 23% in 2017, and 21% in 2021. 1.1 million people voted in the 2021 general election. And spoiler alert, over 1 million voters turned out in this past democratic primary election.

Nearly as many people voted for the Mayor in 2021, voted in the democratic primary this year. If there was some wealth of willing primary voters who can't, where are they, they aren't showing up in the general. That same 2021 general where anyone could vote, Eric Adams the democratic nominee won with over 66% of the vote.

The real issue at the core of voter turnout isn't unique to NYC, nor closed primaries, it is a broader indictment of how disaffected people have become with a democracy that has time and



time again failed many.

We're lucky in NYC to have among the best in elected office, but it would be impossible to sell to disaffected voters any election regardless of it's a primary or general, open or closed, without a substantive change in how we go about democracy itself.

For what it's worth young people aren't dumb, you can ask us why we don't vote..and we'll tell you. When Congress looks like they should be playing bingo at a retirement home, and there hasn't been any education or effort to reach out to us where we are, what'd you expect.

We are either disaffected or disadvantaged, and want to see us reflected in candidates. Funnily enough primaries like this past one have been the only mechanism for doing that. Ask Zohran Mamdani, or DSA, or WFP, or Sunrise how you get youth turnout- we have plenty of ideas. Moreover youth need outreach, you can throw over \$7.4 million into tv ads and mailers but they won't reach us (ask Cuomo). We don't own houses, or check emails, or watch cable, if you want to reach us use social media, street canvassing, vote tripling, or showing up at our schools or campuses.

If you think a maybe 5 minute party affiliation change is keeping us from voting in primaries, then we've lost the plot on young voters and voters at large. Education, outreach, and good campaigns, that's what we want, that's what we show out for. Even amongst the independents who have testified in person, you heard them echo that statement.

Which is the problem, open primaries don't offer those benefits, and if anything harm the very youth organizations, labor unions, and others increasing voter turnout and helping our democracy.

I get what you're trying to do, but this isn't it. And at a time when big money in politics have very blatantly tried, and successfully bought elections when given the opportunity to, we need to consolidate ways to empower voters and not make money become the deciding factor.

Open minds, closed primaries.

Thank you.

Best,  
Michael Magazine

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Comments: am writing to stringly oppose the adoption of an open primary system in NYC elections. We have Ranked Choice Voting now which allows voters to rank up to 5 candidates . In general, I believe primaries serve a sorting function within a party that stands for a particular set of beliefs and policies. Open primaries distort that to a general popularity contest. Introducing the idea of lpen Primaries at this late date feels rushed and unnecessary at this point. I question the value of this kind of change just as we are getting the city used to rank choice voting. I urge you to reject this idea and preserve the integrity of our primary elections. Sincerely

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Comments: Opposition Letter to the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Re: Urgent  
Opposition to 2025 NYC Charter Changes – Protect Staten Island Homeowners’ Constitutional  
Rights and Community Input Dear Members of the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission, We,  
the residents of Staten Island, particularly in low-density communities like Tottenville on the  
South Shore, strongly oppose the proposed changes in the 2025 NYC Charter Revision  
Commission Final Report. These changes threaten our quality of life, property rights, and  
constitutional protections under the Fifth Amendment, which states, “nor be deprived of life,  
liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use,  
without just compensation.” The proposed amendments, under the guise of promoting “fair and  
equitable housing,” falsely promise community empowerment while stripping taxpayers of their  
say, rendering the Mayor—the highest-ranking city official elected by the people of New York  
City—powerless, and risking violations of federal laws, including the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. §

3601 et seq.), which mandates equal access to housing for all people. We demand the preservation of the current Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) to protect our neighborhoods and prevent costly lawsuits. Main reasons for opposition:

1. Overdevelopment with Large Buildings Without Community Input: The Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracking of housing projects could allow 45-foot-tall buildings next to single-family homes in low-density areas like Tottenville, with minimal community input. These towering structures would destroy our suburban character, block sunlight, and devalue properties by an estimated 5-10% (based on overdevelopment studies), prompting lawsuits under state property law for damages or Fourteenth Amendment due process violations due to unfair zoning processes. The current ULURP system ensures community oversight, preventing such drastic changes without resident consent.
2. Loss of Local Control Through the Land Use Appeals Board: The proposed Land Use Appeals Board, would replace the Mayor's veto power over City Council land use decisions, rendering the Mayor—the highest-ranking city official elected by all New Yorkers—powerless. This shift centralizes authority in a board that could override local opposition, silencing residents and local council members. This violates Fourteenth Amendment due process rights by denying homeowners a meaningful opportunity to be heard, risking federal civil rights lawsuits. The current ULURP system, with its balance of local and mayoral input, ensures fairness and must be preserved.
3. Financial Burdens and Property Tax Hikes: Larger landowners could face tax hikes of 10-20% due to reassessments from nearby developments, alongside pressure to sell for housing projects. This could lead to lawsuits claiming unfair taxation or violations of equal protection under federal law. The current ULURP system allows community input to mitigate such financial harms, protecting homeowners.
4. Flood Zone Property Takeovers Without Sufficient Say: In flood-prone areas like Tottenville, resiliency projects like voluntary flood buyouts could allow the city to acquire properties under the pretext of safety, with minimal homeowner input. The designation of small or undevelopable lots for government acquisition is arbitrary and violates protections against property takings under the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause, risking federal lawsuits for inadequate compensation or coerced consent. The current ULURP system ensures community involvement, safeguarding property rights.
5. Quality of Life Impacts and Lawsuits: Increased housing projects could bring more traffic, noise, and strain on local services like schools and parks, degrading Tottenville's suburban character and exacerbating flooding risks. These changes could devalue properties, fueling lawsuits under state law for damages from altered neighborhood aesthetics and functionality. The current ULURP system allows residents to challenge harmful projects.
6. Fair Housing Act: The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.) mandates equal access to housing for all people, not just specific groups. Rushed approvals of large housing projects could disproportionately harm existing homeowners by devaluing properties and altering community character, potentially violating the Act's equal access mandate and leading to claims of discriminatory impact. The current ULURP system ensures equitable consideration of all residents' concerns.

Case Scenarios: 45-Foot Buildings Towering Over Homes: A 45-foot apartment building next to your home could block sunlight, reduce views, and devalue your property by 5-10%, prompting lawsuits under state property law or Fourteenth Amendment due process violations for unfair zoning. Silencing the Mayor and Community: The Land Use Appeals Board, by eliminating the Mayor's veto power,

renders the city's highest elected official powerless and could approve large projects against community wishes, violating due process and sparking federal civil rights litigation. Skyrocketing Taxes and Forced Sales: Larger landowners could face tax hikes of 10-20% or pressure to sell for housing projects, leading to lawsuits for equal protection violations or unfair taxation. City Takeovers in Flood Zones: The city could arbitrarily designate small or undevelopable lots in Tottenville for acquisition, violating the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause and triggering federal lawsuits for lack of just compensation or due process. Overcrowding and Infrastructure Collapse: Increased density could overwhelm local services, worsen flooding, and reduce property values, fueling lawsuits for damages from unchecked development. Potential Federal Law and Civil Rights Violations These proposals at a minimum risk violating:

- Fifth Amendment (Takings Clause): Arbitrary acquisition of small/undevelopable lots in flood zones could constitute physical takings, requiring just compensation.
- Fifth Amendment (Due Process Clause): The Land Use Appeals Board's override of local opposition and elimination of the Mayor's veto power denies homeowners and the city's highest elected official due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Due Process Clause): Lack of meaningful community input violates procedural due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Equal Protection Clause): Disproportionate tax burdens on larger landowners could be deemed discriminatory.
- Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.): Rushed approvals could disproportionately harm existing homeowners, violating equal access mandates for all.

Why the Current System Works The current ULURP process empowers Staten Island residents, especially in Tottenville, through local council member deference and Community Board input. It aligns with the Fifth Amendment and Fair Housing Act, protecting property values and ensuring equal access to housing processes for all. The proposed changes falsely promise influence while centralizing power, risking federal lawsuits over devaluation and civil rights violations. We urge the Commission to reject these changes and preserve the current ULURP system. Sincerely, Leslie Knutsen Concerned Staten Islander

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Good evening,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm writing this evening to voice my objection to any proposal involving jungle primaries. This system undermines the role of political parties and has been shown to be profoundly unpopular with the very voters that it's meant to serve. The results from last year's ballot initiatives in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota are clear: the public does not want this. It failed in every single state. The commission should honor this clear democratic feedback and turn its attention to more viable reforms, such as the implementation of even-year election cycles.

Best,

Clare McBride

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tal Roded

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a current member of Manhattan Community Board 3 and resident of the Lower East Side, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-4 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Sincerely, Tal Roded

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Name: Lexie Campisi

Email: [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Eugene Mileto

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Eugene Mileto Redacted for privacy, Staten Island, NY 10307 Date: July 14, 2025  
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Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Name: Randy Cruz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Name: Zachary Siegel

Email: [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Aml Elsokary

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: ([REDACTED])

Comments: I am against any building of 45 foot apartments being build in Tottenville or any large capacity building being build in out suburbs area .. I am all for fair housing .. so let the people live where they can afford to live ... make house purchases more easy for the people . My taxes for my house should not be raise for building to be built for people who doesn't even work

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Name: Pat Rothblatt

Email: [REDACTED]

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Name: Marwan Elsokary

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

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Name: Tatum McConnell

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Members of the NYC Charter Revision Commission, I'm writing to express my opposition to the potential ballot proposal for open primaries. Our city's recent adoption of the successful and popular ranked choice voting system and public finance campaign program is undermined by this Commission's proposal recommendation for open primaries. Your Commission was not convened to address changes to our city's electoral system, which already encourages strong participation from voters. Special interests can and will spend enormous sums to game open primary elections, weakening the role of matching funds approved by voters to encourage fair elections. Additionally, open primaries would suppress the right for duly registered political party members to use the ranked choice voting system to elect the best candidate for their party. It's clear that it would not benefit the city's electoral system to eliminate the role of primary elections within political parties and diminish the power of grassroots donations in favor of special interests. I strongly encourage the Commission to withdraw the open primaries ballot proposal. Thank you.

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Name: Dorothy Bogen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

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[EXTERNAL] No Open Primaries!

From: Kathy McCullagh <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Dear Charter Revision Commission,

I am writing to ask that you do not instittue open primaries in NYC. We need to have distinct political parties that develop platforms that represent the interests of those who vote for their party and then primaries for those voters to chose a candidate within their party to represent them. Open primaries undermine organizing and community based leadership. Making this change would make it harder for everyday New Yorkers to be heard and represented.

Thanks for your consideration of this important issue,

Kathleen Mccullagh

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Name: Eric Knutsen

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Opposition Letter to the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Re: Urgent  
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constitutional protections under the Fifth Amendment, which states, “nor be deprived of life,  
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say, rendering the Mayor—the highest-ranking city official elected by the people of New York  
City—powerless, and risking violations of federal laws, including the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. §

3601 et seq.), which mandates equal access to housing for all people. We demand the preservation of the current Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) to protect our neighborhoods and prevent costly lawsuits. Main reasons for opposition:

1. Overdevelopment with Large Buildings Without Community Input: The Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracking of housing projects could allow 45-foot-tall buildings next to single-family homes in low-density areas like Tottenville, with minimal community input. These towering structures would destroy our suburban character, block sunlight, and devalue properties by an estimated 5-10% (based on overdevelopment studies), prompting lawsuits under state property law for damages or Fourteenth Amendment due process violations due to unfair zoning processes. The current ULURP system ensures community oversight, preventing such drastic changes without resident consent.
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ATTN Commissioners:

I am writing to you today to implore you to cease all work on jungle primary proposals. This is a system that the public has shown it does not want. The rejection of this reform in six states last year—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—is a powerful and recent example. It shows a broad consensus that the current party-based primary system is preferred. This commission should respect the will of the people and turn its attention to more viable and popular reforms, such as the adoption of even-year elections.

Best,

Deena Heller

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Name: Ana Sofia Harrison

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to oppose the adoption of an open primary system in NYC elections. In general, I believe primaries serve a sorting function within a party that stands for a particular set of believes and policies. Open primaries distort that to a general popularity contest. This feels rushed and unnecessary at this point and I question the value of this kind of change just as we are getting the city used to rank choice voting. I urge you to reject this idea.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Paul Savio

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Commission Members, As lifelong Staten Island residents, we are writing to strongly oppose the land use changes proposed in the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Final Report. Communities like Tottenville on the South Shore are being put at risk. These changes would fast-track large buildings in low-density areas with little to no community input. They strip away the current checks and balances—especially ULURP—which protect our neighborhoods and give residents a real voice. The idea of 45-foot buildings next to single-family homes is unacceptable. It threatens property values, quality of life, and the suburban character we chose to raise our families in. Even worse, removing the Mayor’s veto power and handing final say to a new Land Use Appeals Board leaves residents with no meaningful recourse. This isn’t just bad policy, it could also violate basic constitutional protections like due process, equal protection, and property rights under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. It opens the door to legal challenges the city shouldn’t have to face. We already pay enough in taxes. Now we’re being asked to give up local

control too? We urge you to preserve the current ULURP system and reject these changes. Staten Islanders deserve a say in what happens in our own backyards. Sincerely, Paul & Lynn Savio

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Dear Commission Members,

As lifelong Staten Island residents, we are writing to express our strong opposition to the land use changes proposed in the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Final Report.

Communities like Tottenville on the South Shore are directly at risk. These proposed changes would fast-track large-scale developments in low-density neighborhoods with little to no community input. They dismantle critical checks and balances-particularly ULURP-which currently safeguard our communities and give residents a real voice in what happens around them.

The prospect of 45-foot buildings rising beside single-family homes is deeply troubling. It threatens property values, undermines quality of life, and erodes the suburban character that families like ours intentionally chose. Even more concerning is the plan to remove the Mayor's veto power and hand final authority to a Land Use Appeals Board-effectively silencing the city's highest elected official and leaving local residents without meaningful recourse.

These aren't just poor planning decisions-they could violate fundamental constitutional protections, including due process, equal protection, and property rights under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. They will likely expose the city to unnecessary and costly legal challenges.

We already shoulder a heavy tax burden. Now we're being asked to surrender local control too? We urge you to preserve the existing ULURP process and reject these reckless changes. Staten Islanders deserve a real say in the future of our own communities.

Sincerely,

Paul & Lynn Savio

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[EXTERNAL] The Billionaire's Playbook: Jungle Primaries

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Hello,

The consistent pattern of billionaire backing for jungle primaries exposes their true agenda. This was evident with Mike Bloomberg's past efforts, and it remains a driving force today. These primaries function as a direct attack on municipal labor unions and other people's organizations that actively resist the privatization of government functions, such as education, and the systematic weakening of essential government agencies. The commission tasked with this "reform" conspicuously lacks any representation from labor unions or working people's interests. Josh Greenman's article in Vital City correctly identified the underlying motivation: to limit labor's influence, not to increase voter turnout. The idea that American workers have an "outsized influence" in politics, after decades of struggle, is demonstrably false. The Democratic Party primary is a critical space for working people to counter the dominance of wealth. This proposal is an attempt to erode that power.

- Andrew Kelley

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[EXTERNAL] New York Needs Simpler Elections, Not This

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Attention Commissioners,

We cannot treat our electorate like test subjects in a perpetual experiment. The introduction of RCV was a major shift. To follow it immediately with "Jungle Primaries" is to create an environment of electoral instability that is toxic to participation. Voters need to feel that the system is reliable and that their knowledge of how to vote will be relevant from one election to the next. This proposal shatters that sense of reliability and would undoubtedly lead to more citizens staying home on Election Day.

Best,  
Nancy Heller

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Name: Michaela Kay

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Comments: It's apparent that the proposal created by Adams and the NYC CRC is not about increasing affordability for low-income NYers. What is affordable has completely lost meaning thanks to the last two administrations, and if Adams has his way come November, not only will there be no affordable housing left, but no affordable communities for poor and working-class NYers. No one wants an expedited land use process and our communities will fight it, the CRC, and Adams tooth and nail.

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Name: Karen M. Castellane

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: ( [REDACTED] )

Comments: Karen M. Castellane Redacted for privacy, Staten Island, NY 10307 Date: July 14, 2025  
Opposition Letter to the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Re: Urgent Opposition to 2025 NYC Charter Changes - Protect Staten Island Homeowners' Constitutional Rights and Community Input  
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City—powerless, and risking violations of federal laws, including the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), which mandates equal access to housing for all people. We demand the preservation of the current Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) to protect our neighborhoods and prevent costly lawsuits. Main reasons for opposition:

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Name: Alona Fryman

Email:

Phone:

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Name: Nathan Werksman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Please make it easier to build in NYC. I love the city and want my kids to be able to raise their kids/my grandkids in the city. Make the amendments as pro-growth as possible to make that a reality.

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- Jayme Esparza

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Name: Jenn Gigliotti

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Mike Caldera Redacted for privacy, Staten Island, NY 10307 Date: July 14,2025  
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Name: Mark Natanawan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I just want to share that I am very excited that the Commission's Interim Report listened to community input and included land use reforms that would help address the city's housing shortage by making it faster and easier to build more housing, especially in the places that have said "no" to new housing for decades. Everyone in this city has known for years that we are in a deep and ever worsening housing crisis which threatens the financial well-being and housing stability of millions of New Yorkers. The voters of this city have demonstrated that they are fed up with the status quo and want to see things change rapidly and significantly. We need to push hard and not let up on any one aspect of reform to build more homes. To be clear, I am 100% in favor of fast tracking publicly financed affordable housing projects, simplifying the review of modest housing and infrastructure projects, establishing a land use appeals board with council, borough, and citywide voices, and modernizing the city map for planning purposes.

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Name: Gustavo Gordillo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: kim Byrne

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: no big buildings in Tottenville. The 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission is pushing changes that destroys our neighborhoods, silence our voices, and eliminates our rights! They want to fast-track 45-foot apartment buildings next to our homes, strip the next Mayor's veto powers, and let the city take over flood zone properties in places like Tottenville

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Pedro Rodriguez

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm writing about the proposal to have open primaries in NYC. While I understand the reasoning behind the proposal, it is not the right way to solve the issue of disenfranchised independents in the city. Yes, the Democratic primary is the real election in NYC due to the significant Democratic majority, but opening the Democratic Primary to everyone else is short-sighted. At the end of the day, if someone is independent, it means they do not like the Democratic Party or the Republican Party; otherwise, they would join them. So, to allow them to vote in the Democratic Primary doesn't solve the issue of Independents feeling, as neither party represents them. Instead, the Commission should ask, "How do we increase the viability of more parties in NYC in order to give more options to everyone, including independents?" We have some solutions to that. One, make the general RCV as well. This will enable smaller parties to participate in the general election, potentially leading to more parties emerging (either independently or from the two major parties). Two, make the Council elections "party-list proportional representation." This will ensure that every single vote is counted and every single vote counts, leading to smaller parties having representation in the council. These parties can

then build legitimacy and possibly even run for mayor. Making primaries open does not solve the issue of disenfranchisement we have; all it does is destroy the point of parties: for a group of people to organize together and present to everyone else their vision.

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Name: Scott Weinstein

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a Brooklyn resident, and member of CB 8 Land Use and Transportation committees, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more livable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-4 to fast track housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. The city's housing shortage requires action, these incremental steps are vital. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by process, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities.

Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations- not just the narrowest political interests. A unified City Map is a step in the right direction, since the current system can impose significant costs and time on infrastructure, housing, and other projects. Proposal 4's Digital City Map would allow processes that today take months or even years to occur nearly instantly. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. Proposal 5 would have a one cycle disruption, but would be net positive: moving local elections to even years would save the city money and increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city. I strongly encourage the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6. Open primaries would enfranchise the 1 million+ New Yorkers who are currently locked out of primary elections due to party registration rules. These voters deserve a voice in the elections that matter most in our one-party-dominated city. Open primaries would boost turnout in local elections, increase electoral competition, and encourage candidates to appeal to a broader cross-section of voters. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Sincerely, Scott Weinstein Crown Heights 11238

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Name: Lucille Lagana

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Regect45 ft building in Tottenville and other community areas

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Name: Michelle Kuppersmith

Email:

Phone:

Comments: New York City has a housing crisis and desperately needs new tools to prevent displacement and unlock housing in communities that don't produce enough, particularly tools for projects that include affordable housing, and to not allow sites chosen for housing developments to be inequitably changed to a different community district. Community boards and council members should not be able to block new housing because it doesn't fit into their vision of what their neighborhood should look like - the housing crisis is a citywide issue that must be addressed thusly and not by prejudiced and biased un-elected public servants and council members. NYC voter participation has declined drastically, in the 1970s and 1980s participation was at 50% but registered voter turnout has not exceeded 40% in a mayoral election since 2001 and has been below 30% in every mayoral election since 2009, and in 2021, just 23% of NYC registered voters participated in the general election. Good government groups such as Common Cause and Citizens Union say that moving NYC elections to even years would increase voter participation and allow younger voters and voters of color, especially Latino communities, to be better represented in high-turnout, even-year elections, and that having open primaries will allow the

almost one million unaffiliated voters who cannot vote in party primaries to vote in our primaries, which are effectively where elections are decided, and will almost certainly increase voter turnout. That is why I support all of the Commission's proposed questions, along with its tentative question to have open primaries.

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[EXTERNAL] Voters Deserve Better Than Jungle Primaries

From: Walter Weis <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Commissioners,

Voters simply do not like jungle primaries. These reforms are ineffective and are routinely rejected. Mayor Bloomberg's attempt in New York in 2003 was dismissed 70-30%. Last year, it failed in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This widespread rejection shows voters' appreciation for political parties. This commission should not waste time and money on an unpopular proposition. If the aim is to increase turnout, stick with proven methods like even-year elections.

Thanks,

Walter Weis

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Name: Phyllis Cataldo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Opposition Letter to the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission Re: Urgent  
Opposition to 2025 NYC Charter Changes – Protect Staten Island Homeowners’ Constitutional  
Rights and Community Input Dear Members of the 2025 NYC Charter Revision Commission, We,  
the residents of Staten Island, particularly in low-density communities like Tottenville on the  
South Shore, strongly oppose the proposed changes in the 2025 NYC Charter Revision  
Commission Final Report. These changes threaten our quality of life, property rights, and  
constitutional protections under the Fifth Amendment, which states, “nor be deprived of life,  
liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use,  
without just compensation.” The proposed amendments, under the guise of promoting “fair and  
equitable housing,” falsely promise community empowerment while stripping taxpayers of their  
say, rendering the Mayor—the highest-ranking city official elected by the people of New York  
City—powerless, and risking violations of federal laws, including the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. §

3601 et seq.), which mandates equal access to housing for all people. We demand the preservation of the current Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) to protect our neighborhoods and prevent costly lawsuits. Main reasons for opposition:

1. Overdevelopment with Large Buildings Without Community Input: The Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracking of housing projects could allow 45-foot-tall buildings next to single-family homes in low-density areas like Tottenville, with minimal community input. These towering structures would destroy our suburban character, block sunlight, and devalue properties by an estimated 5-10% (based on overdevelopment studies), prompting lawsuits under state property law for damages or Fourteenth Amendment due process violations due to unfair zoning processes. The current ULURP system ensures community oversight, preventing such drastic changes without resident consent.
2. Loss of Local Control Through the Land Use Appeals Board: The proposed Land Use Appeals Board, would replace the Mayor's veto power over City Council land use decisions, rendering the Mayor—the highest-ranking city official elected by all New Yorkers—powerless. This shift centralizes authority in a board that could override local opposition, silencing residents and local council members. This violates Fourteenth Amendment due process rights by denying homeowners a meaningful opportunity to be heard, risking federal civil rights lawsuits. The current ULURP system, with its balance of local and mayoral input, ensures fairness and must be preserved.
3. Financial Burdens and Property Tax Hikes: Larger landowners could face tax hikes of 10-20% due to reassessments from nearby developments, alongside pressure to sell for housing projects. This could lead to lawsuits claiming unfair taxation or violations of equal protection under federal law. The current ULURP system allows community input to mitigate such financial harms, protecting homeowners.
4. Flood Zone Property Takeovers Without Sufficient Say: In flood-prone areas like Tottenville, resiliency projects like voluntary flood buyouts could allow the city to acquire properties under the pretext of safety, with minimal homeowner input. The designation of small or undevelopable lots for government acquisition is arbitrary and violates protections against property takings under the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause, risking federal lawsuits for inadequate compensation or coerced consent. The current ULURP system ensures community involvement, safeguarding property rights.
5. Quality of Life Impacts and Lawsuits: Increased housing projects could bring more traffic, noise, and strain on local services like schools and parks, degrading Tottenville's suburban character and exacerbating flooding risks. These changes could devalue properties, fueling lawsuits under state law for damages from altered neighborhood aesthetics and functionality. The current ULURP system allows residents to challenge harmful projects.
6. Fair Housing Act: The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.) mandates equal access to housing for all people, not just specific groups. Rushed approvals of large housing projects could disproportionately harm existing homeowners by devaluing properties and altering community character, potentially violating the Act's equal access mandate and leading to claims of discriminatory impact. The current ULURP system ensures equitable consideration of all residents' concerns.

Case Scenarios: 45-Foot Buildings Towering Over Homes: A 45-foot apartment building next to your home could block sunlight, reduce views, and devalue your property by 5-10%, prompting lawsuits under state property law or Fourteenth Amendment due process violations for unfair zoning. Silencing the Mayor and Community: The Land Use Appeals Board, by eliminating the Mayor's veto power,

renders the city's highest elected official powerless and could approve large projects against community wishes, violating due process and sparking federal civil rights litigation. Skyrocketing Taxes and Forced Sales: Larger landowners could face tax hikes of 10-20% or pressure to sell for housing projects, leading to lawsuits for equal protection violations or unfair taxation. City Takeovers in Flood Zones: The city could arbitrarily designate small or undevelopable lots in Tottenville for acquisition, violating the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause and triggering federal lawsuits for lack of just compensation or due process. Overcrowding and Infrastructure Collapse: Increased density could overwhelm local services, worsen flooding, and reduce property values, fueling lawsuits for damages from unchecked development. Potential Federal Law and Civil Rights Violations These proposals at a minimum risk violating:

- Fifth Amendment (Takings Clause): Arbitrary acquisition of small/undevelopable lots in flood zones could constitute physical takings, requiring just compensation.
- Fifth Amendment (Due Process Clause): The Land Use Appeals Board's override of local opposition and elimination of the Mayor's veto power denies homeowners and the city's highest elected official due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Due Process Clause): Lack of meaningful community input violates procedural due process.
- Fourteenth Amendment (Equal Protection Clause): Disproportionate tax burdens on larger landowners could be deemed discriminatory.
- Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.): Rushed approvals could disproportionately harm existing homeowners, violating equal access mandates for all.

Why the Current System Works The current ULURP process empowers Staten Island residents, especially in Tottenville, through local council member deference and Community Board input. It aligns with the Fifth Amendment and Fair Housing Act, protecting property values and ensuring equal access to housing processes for all. The proposed changes falsely promise influence while centralizing power, risking federal lawsuits over devaluation and civil rights violations. We urge the Commission to reject these changes and preserve the current ULURP system. Sincerely, Phyllis Cataldo Concerned Staten Islander

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Javier García-Torres

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Members of the NYC Charter Revision Commission, I'm writing to express my opposition to the potential ballot proposal for open primaries. Our city's recent adoption of the successful and popular ranked choice voting system and public finance campaign program is undermined by this Commission's proposal recommendation for open primaries. Your Commission was not convened to address changes to our city's electoral system, which already encourages strong participation from voters. Special interests can and will spend enormous sums to game open primary elections, weakening the role of matching funds approved by voters to encourage fair elections. Additionally, open primaries would suppress the right for duly registered political party members to use the ranked choice voting system to elect the best candidate for their party. It's clear that it would not benefit the city's electoral system to eliminate the role of primary elections within political parties and diminish the power of grassroots donations in favor of special interests. I strongly encourage the Commission to withdraw the open primaries ballot proposal. Thank you.

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Let the Members Choose

From: Jessica Cates Miller <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Dear Commissioners,

The New York City Charter Revision Commission should not advance a proposal to interfere with primary elections in New York City. The top issues that New Yorkers are voting on are affordability, cost of living and housing. The NYC Charter Revision Commission was initially convened to address the housing crisis, and it should make it its mandate to address these issues - not mess with our elections.

If the charter revision commission's goal is to drive up turnout in municipal elections, they should consider moving city elections to even-numbered years, aligned with new state law.

Thank you,  
Jess Miller



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sourabh Chakraborty

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a resident of Brooklyn, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-4 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations- not just the narrowest political

interests. A unified City Map is a step in the right direction, since the current system can impose significant costs and time on infrastructure, housing, and other projects. Proposal 4's Digital City Map would allow processes that today take months or even years to occur nearly instantly. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. The proposal can be found here: <https://opennewyork.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/ONY-Charter-For-Housing-Equity.pdf>

Proposal 5 is a no-brainer: moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city. I strongly encourage the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6. Open primaries would enfranchise the 1 million+ New Yorkers who are currently locked out of primary elections due to party registration rules. These voters deserve a voice in the elections that matter most in our one-party-dominated city. Open primaries would boost turnout in local elections, increase electoral competition, and encourage candidates to appeal to a broader cross-section of voters. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in.

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Myth of "Outsized" Union Influence

From: Tine Byrsted <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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To Whom It May Concern,

The adoption of jungle primaries would further entrench the power of the wealthy elite in our political system. It is a system tailor-made for candidates who can self-fund their campaigns or attract massive outside spending from corporate interests. This fundamentally disadvantages community-backed candidates and the labor unions that support them as a counterbalance to big money. We must protect the primary system as a cornerstone of our democracy, ensuring that organized people can still stand against the power of organized wealth. This change would be a significant step backward.

Sincerely,

Tine Byrsted

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Name: JuliusTajiddin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Question #2 This proposal is aimed at creating a streamlined review procedure for actions that will add modest amounts of additional housing, protect New York from flooding, and create new open space. The new process would be called the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure. While it boasts cutting public reviewing time in half for eligible projects and maintaining full community board review, it's vague. Sometimes a proposal can be so vague it should be struck down because of its vagueness. Such is the case here.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joseph Friedman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: In Support of Open Top-Two Primaries: Open top-two primaries promote greater voter choice, reduce partisan polarization, and increase accountability. By allowing all voters—regardless of party affiliation—to vote for any candidate in a single primary, and advancing the top two vote-getters to the general election, this system encourages candidates to appeal to a broader electorate, not just their party base. It helps independents and moderates participate meaningfully in the democratic process and reduces the influence of extreme partisan factions. Ultimately, it strengthens representative democracy by incentivizing consensus-building and responsiveness to the entire electorate.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julius Tajiddin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Question # 4 This proposal would centralize and digitize the City Map which currently exists as over 8000 paper maps across five separate borough offices. This is a make sense proposal. But I would not get rid of the paper maps. Mainly, historical preservation reasons. You just never know.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Bill Bruno

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: My full testimony is attached. I am writing in support of ballot proposals 1-4 and against proposal 5.

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Greetings,

I am writing in support of proposed ballot measures 1-4 (the land use proposals) and against proposed measure 5 (the election proposals).

Re the first four, it is almost a given that housing construction has not kept pace with the demand and that this shortage is been a factor in high rents. Smoothing the path for building new housing is imperative. City of Yes—Housing made some progress in doing this and these charter proposals further that work.

One of the central features of the first two proposals is to eliminate the City Council vote. As the report correctly observes, such votes are, with very rare exceptions, little more than the council ratifying the wish of the member whose district a proposal is in. This can lead to inequitably disbursed housing and we've seen from the past couple of decades that simply building housing in a few parts of the city won't solve the housing shortage. The thresholds for what triggers the ELURP processes are low enough that major projects will still require council member approval. Further, the fact that community boards can still weigh in means that local input and knowledge will still be involved.

The filter for the first proposal is that the housing is affordable. HDFC-financed projects by their nature will entail affordable housing. These projects would also have to be consistent with the relevant zoning category. This is enhanced by the need for a BSA finding that the project be in character with the neighborhood. Affordable Housing Fast Track, by focusing on the laggard areas (the twelve community districts which produced the least affordable housing in a given period), will also balance out the effects of NIMBY areas.

The filter for the second question covers modest changes on a scale that shouldn't require a council member's approval to begin with. The move within low-density categories won't produce drastic changes while the 30% limit on FAR increase within high-density areas will also keep the more abrupt changes from coming under this. The report also makes the excellent point that it is precisely the smaller projects that are most likely to be deterred by the full-scale ULURP process and would most benefit from a streamlined one.

The same targeting of low-hanging fruit is covered by the proposal using ELURP for disposing of small plots of land or disposing of land to be used for affordable housing.

Re proposal #3, as I write this, we have a flash flood warning in NYC and I'm seeing pictures of flooded subways. As we become more vulnerable to climate events, being able to move quickly on resiliency projects—raising streets grades, buying property in flood-prone areas-



--becomes even more important and worthy of an expedited process.

I also favor question #4, using an appeal board in lieu of a mayoral veto. The borough president has an important voice in land use decisions and bringing them in at the end of the process in addition to the mayor and the council speaker allows for those views to be heard while balancing that by limiting it to projects in one borough and limiting it to either reversing a disapproval or undoing Council modifications.

I am strongly opposed, however, to proposal 5. Even-year elections would crowd what is often an already-crowded ballot and the election fatigue of tracking two sets of elections in one year would be worse than tracking smaller elections year and year. I also have a problem, speaking as someone who often volunteers for candidates.

I reserve even stronger opposition for so-called jungle primaries. First, it is shockingly premature to switch off an RCV system that has only had a couple of cycles. Some of the cross-endorsement and slate endorsements suggest that voters and organizations are adapting to RCV and learning how to leverage it. This is also shown in the increase in turnout over the last couple of elections. It would also be inconsistent with New York's system of fusion voting. Finally, due to the effective one-party nature of politics in most of the city, the path to getting representation for many working-class organizations has been to mobilize in the Democratic primary. This would short-circuit them.

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Thank you, Anna Mateo-jerez<br>

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First, a word on the commission itself. It is curious that the commission is able to propose draft text weeks in advance of the close of public comment, which signals that the text was already in development weeks or even months before that. This in turn signals to a veteran of technical writing in a bureaucratic setting that the public participation component is farcical and epiphenomenal, so please take appropriate shame in this. Proposing this bespoke text revision as commissioned by a mayor who has been subordinated to multiple antidemocratic regimes domestic and foreign is even more vexing, so for the sake of the integrity of the city's government, or at least the appearance of such, please decline to even include this revision in the package that the voters will consider. Try something more carefully considered in the future when the Union as a whole isn't under threat and no sitting member of the current commission is participating.

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I take no pleasure in denouncing the proposal (though I am sanguine in denouncing the commission), as I myself recently had to surrender my lifelong party unaffiliated status in order to satisfy my conscience that I did my part to eject Eric Adams from (my room and) the mayoralty, notwithstanding that he later begged off from the primary for his own soon-to-be-ex-party. The proposal as currently crafted, however, fails on the above criterion alone. This is good news for you, my correspondents, since I will not need to drag the other purported merits trumpeted in the hasty "interim" report.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: victoria serecin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Tottenville, Staten Island, Community OPPOSITION Letter: NO to any changes in ULURP. NO to further development on Staten Island. Our roads, transportation, schools, and businesses are NOT BUILT TO SUFFICIENTLY HANDLE any increase in traffic and population. We have ONE BUS and ONE TRAIN. We have ONE-LANE, WINDING STREETS. Streets are backed up with regular traffic all hours of the day and truck traffic cannot maneuver, causing further blocking. Homes and businesses are being built without sufficient parking, both driveway and on-street and without connecting sidewalks. NO to any plans that do not alleviate ALL of our limitations, not just housing.

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Name: Daniel Pecoraro

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I stand in qualified support of the Charter Revision Commission's proposed questions, especially digitization of the City Map and the ELURP process. I propose the following changes to the questions concerning elections: 1) Regarding even-year elections: Part of the reason for off-off-year elections for city offices is to ensure that national politics does not completely overwhelm the municipal debate. To the extent we have avoided that in the present day, it would be obliterated by the presidential campaign if we moved to even-year elections coinciding with the presidential election. I would much more prefer even-year races coinciding with the midterm elections, so that we elect a governor in the same year as a mayor, for example. 2) Regarding open primaries: Again, here I appreciate the principle (unlike my colleagues in the WFP) but the details need adjusting. The top-two primary, even with RCV in the first stage, stifles competition and debate across a wide array of candidates and can funnel a lesser-of-evils duo of choices to the general election. A better alternative is a modified Alaskan system: - An open "jungle primary" with a single transferable vote, with the top four advancing to the final round - A general election of these four candidates using ranked choice voting

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Name: Katharine Magliocco

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I urge the Charter Revision Commission to use every lever at its disposal to streamline the approval of new homes: to ensure we build enough to lower rents for everyone, to even the playing field between big developers that can navigate byzantine processes and those currently kept out of competition, and to ensure equitable construction of new homes across all neighborhoods—not just less politically powerful ones. Proposals 1-4 are all laudable and well-considered. They should be put before voters in whatever form will maximize their impact.

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Name: Jerri Werksman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I urge the Charter Revision Commission to use every lever at its disposal to streamline the approval of new homes: to ensure we build enough to lower rents for everyone, to even the playing field between big developers that can navigate byzantine processes and those currently kept out of competition, and to ensure equitable construction of new homes across all neighborhoods—not just less politically powerful ones. Proposals 1-4 are all laudable and well-considered. They should be put before voters in whatever form will maximize their impact.

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Name: Michael E Lewyn

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am urging the Charter Review Commission to support 1) reforms designed to facilitate housing construction, as proposed by Open New York, 2) open primaries to give independents a voice in elections (or better yet, nonpartisan elections like Los Angeles has and 3) elections during even numbered years to increase turnout.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Colette Labrador

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: No open primaries in nyc!

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**Dear Members of the Charter Revision Commission,**

Thank you for your dedicated work on the proposed 2025 NYC charter revisions. As a Manhattan resident and stakeholder in our city's future, I write to express my strong support for the commission's proposals and urge you to advance all measures to the ballot.

**I particularly support Proposals 1, 2, 3, and 4. I would also like to urge the commission to adopt Proposal 6 in the strongest possible terms.** While I feel less confident about Proposal 5, I believe NYC voters deserve the opportunity to decide on all measures.

## **Housing: The Foundation of NYC's Future**

No issue is more critical to New York City's long-term health and prosperity than building the housing our residents need to live and thrive. Without substantial increases to our housing stock, NYC will continue pricing out existing residents, forcing them away from their jobs and communities. Rising rents also deny potential residents access to our city, breaking a powerful engine for upward mobility and economic growth.

## **Why These Proposals Matter**

**Proposals 1, 2, and 3** strategically shift more decision-making power to those who can advocate for citywide interests rather than narrow local concerns. All NYC residents benefit when we create the foundation for continued prosperity through increased housing supply.

**Proposal 4** represents essential modernization. Bringing NYC's mapping systems into the 21st century will streamline planning processes, accelerate project approvals, and ensure taxpayers receive more efficient government services.

**Proposal 6** deserves special emphasis as perhaps the most important measure. By implementing an open primary with ranked-choice voting, we can ensure elections more accurately reflect the diversity of viewpoints among NYC voters, leading to more representative and effective governance. This reform would strengthen democratic participation and produce leaders who better serve our city's varied communities.

## **Moving Forward**

These proposals collectively address NYC's most pressing governance challenges while positioning our city for future success. I urge you to advance all measures to the November ballot, giving voters the opportunity to shape our city's future.

Thank you for your service and commitment to NYC's continued prosperity.

**Sincerely,**

**Andrew Alzheimer, Manhattan Resident**

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Name: Andrew Altheimer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Writing in support of the city charter revision proposals. Strongly in support of including proposal 6. See attached.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Miranda Kalish

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm writing to express my opposition to the potential ballot proposal for open primaries. Our city's recent adoption of the successful and popular ranked choice voting system and public finance campaign program is undermined by this Commission's proposal recommendation for open primaries. Your Commission was not convened to address changes to our city's electoral system, which already encourages strong participation from voters. Special interests can and will spend enormous sums to game open primary elections, weakening the role of matching funds approved by voters to encourage fair elections. Additionally, open primaries would suppress the right for duly registered political party members to use the ranked choice voting system to elect the best candidate for their party. It's clear that it would not benefit the city's electoral system to eliminate the role of primary elections within political parties and diminish the power of grassroots donations in favor of special interests. I strongly encourage the Commission to withdraw the open primaries ballot proposal.

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Name: Roseann Turner

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Do not build these apartments in our residential area.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christina Wilkinson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Last night NYC experienced torrential rain which flooded the roads and subways, making it dangerous for people to travel. In the past, we have had hurricanes and tropical storms that similarly inflicted severe damage and even led to death. In our area of central Queens, we have power outages and flooding regularly during typical rainstorms. So it's appalling to see the Charter Commission put forth three ballot proposals that aim to increase density without completing required environmental impact studies. Allowing for increased lot coverage will only increase stormwater runoff that leads to flooding, and allowing 30% more development for proposed projects means additional strain on the unreliable power grid. Our organization, Juniper Park Civic Association worked closely with the Department of City Planning to get contextual zoning that would minimize these issues as we lack the infrastructure that higher density areas have. The people who know neighborhoods best are its local residents, those who sit on community boards, and the council members they elect, and these ballot initiatives only serve to freeze them all out of land use decisions so that the entire city is at the mercy of developers. Questions 1-3 SHOULD NOT be up for a vote. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: STEVE GARZA

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I will focus on the first three proposals, in order of how bad they are for us. (ELURP = Expedited Land Use Review Process) Ballot Question #2: Under this proposal, in a nutshell, apartment buildings will be allowed in current low-density zones - EVERYWHERE. For reference, 45 feet tall apartment buildings at a 2.0 FAR is the equivalent of an R5D zone. This would allow, for example, a four-story apartment building with six units and no parking replacing a typical one-family house on a 40' x 100' lot in an R2 zone. Every current zone in this category would allow the height and density of the next highest zone - EVERYWHERE. Tall and dense buildings will become taller and denser. Ballot Question #3: This basically brings back the old Board of Estimate - which was abolished in 1989 for being unconstitutional and brought about our current form of government - in a slightly different version and eliminates Council Member deference, or the idea that if there's a project or rezoning in a Council Member's district that constituents are opposed to and that Council Member states opposition, the rest of the Council will respect that and vote against it. This would allow for this new "Appeals Board" to reverse the Council's decision. In reality, a developer wouldn't have to care as much about pleasing and negotiating

with the local Council Member who reports directly to the affected constituents under this Appeals Board. Ballot Question #1: There will be increased targeted development steered to 20% of Community Boards on top of all of the regular development that we will see over that time. This is an idea that was part of Corey Johnson's Planning Together abomination that thankfully was killed in early 2022. It was a terrible idea then and remains one today. This directly targets most of the outer boroughs, especially those considered transit deserts. Neighborhoods without the transit, sewer and electrical infrastructure to support it. This will put strain on police, fire, sanitation, school, roads, and utilities. Ballot questions 1-3 should not move forward.

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[EXTERNAL] Jungle Primaries = Guaranteed Voter Confusion

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Attention Commissioners,

This is not the time for another grand electoral experiment. This is the time for stability. New Yorkers are still on the learning curve with Ranked-Choice Voting, a system implemented just a few years ago. Introducing "Jungle Primaries" now would be a profound disruption, creating unnecessary confusion and undermining the very idea of consistent electoral rules. It's a move guaranteed to frustrate voters and likely lead to lower turnout. Let's focus on making the system we have work better for everyone before we consider tearing it down.

- Colette Swietnicki

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Name: Lana Irons

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: To the Charter Revision Commission Members, I am sending this comment as a resident of NYC and Brooklyn in support of proposals 1-5. This city is in a housing crisis manufactured by years of overregulation and rules that focus more on process rather than outcome. I'm a psychiatrist who works with many single mothers in this city who are finding it nearly impossible to find housing in this city. Even with a voucher in hand these women are finding themselves out competed in a tight housing market. Reforming the ULURP process, weakening member deference, considering the housing needs of the city rather than each individual council district, and fast tracking mid height housing development will go a long way in easing the current shortage. Reforming the electoral process through open primaries and moving city elections to even years will help boost turnout and ensure our politicians are beholden to a broader swath of their constituents. Once again as a resident of this city that I love, as a psychiatrist, and as a citizen who regularly votes, I strongly support proposals 1-5. I appreciate your consideration. Regards, Dr. Lana Irons

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: William Meehan

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I am excited about all five of the Commission's proposed questions. The city has made it too difficult to build new housing since 1961, and the proposed changes would help reform our calcified process. As a community board member (speaking as an individual), I have seen how the current process favors reactionary positions and blocking housing. In particular, I am excited that questions 1 and 2 would help generate new housing in the neighborhoods that have successfully blocked it for decades using the ULURP process, and that question 3 would offer a potential remedy to member deference. I am also excited about question 5, which would improve voter turnout and therefore be good for our city's democratic process. I am somewhat concerned about the Commission's plans to consider open primaries. I think that would offer the worst of both worlds for selecting candidates. I suggest that the Commission consider a different reform: ranked-choice general elections. The Commission should also consider proposing to eliminate primaries in favor of a single, nonpartisan general election, like San Francisco. Due to geographic partisan sorting, the primary is frequently the de facto election for most NYC offices. Moving the competitive election to align with not only with the even year but the specific day of



general elections would boost turnout substantially. New York's fusional voting system is already set up well for this, as long as voters were allowed to rank all of the candidates, not just five. If the Commission decides to maintain primaries, they should be kept closed.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elizabeth Morrissey

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: This will only allow developers and big management corporations to take over and  
push out all the small landlords who do give affordable housing. You are lying to the people, NYC  
will be worse

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Name: Jeffrey Wu

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anthony Liu

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission: Thank you for receiving these comments. I wanted to write in to express my strong support for all of the proposals from this year's Charter Revision Commission; I hope to see all of them on this year's ballot. In particular, the housing challenges in this city are acute, and I can see how each of proposals 1-4 would help alleviate and address those problems. I would love to see steps like these taken to help more people live and stay in the city. I also strongly support proposals 5 and 6. Proposal 5 (even number years) seems like an easy win - everything is easier for the city to organize, for voters to participate, and therefore would help democratic participation in our local government. Proposal 6 also seems like a clear win - rather than limit ourselves to the national lines of our political parties, it would ensure that candidates truly need to speak to everyone in New York City, which seems like a good way to ensure we get the representation we deserve. Sincerely, Anthony Liu Jackson Heights 11372

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Name: Joseph Stanton

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Name: Chris Sebastian

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Given the severe shortage of housing in this city (and affordable housing in particular), I strongly support giving voters the option to weigh in on fast-track processes for development and revising the current ULURP process. The city has had ample time to debate and discuss these ideas (spurred by the Adams' administrations City of Yes proposal spotlighting current bottlenecks in housing development), and I think the time to wrap up these debates and vote is now. Thank you for your time and consideration! Chris Sebastian Bay Ridge

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Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Beth Thyr

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: The selection of Zohran Mamdani has brought hope to countless believers in democracy who vote in the United States. Please don't move to an open primary system as this would disadvantage already disadvantaged groups of voters within the city. Ranked-choice voting, public financing, and grassroots power have brought NYC closer to a true democracy. Please continue to cherish and strive for democracy in the city I called home for nearly two years and still love. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jessica Havens

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a current Brooklyn resident, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-4 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board

would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations- not just the narrowest political interests. A unified City Map is a step in the right direction, since the current system can impose significant costs and time on infrastructure, housing, and other projects. Proposal 4's Digital City Map would allow processes that today take months or even years to occur nearly instantly. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. Proposal 5 is a no-brainer: moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city. I strongly encourage the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6. Open primaries would enfranchise the 1 million+ New Yorkers who are currently locked out of primary elections due to party registration rules. These voters deserve a voice in the elections that matter most in our one-party-dominated city. Open primaries would boost turnout in local elections, increase electoral competition, and encourage candidates to appeal to a broader cross-section of voters. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Sincerely, Jessica Havens Sunset Park, 11220

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Name: Rebekah Curtis-Heald

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Members of the NYC Charter Revision Commission, I'm writing to express my opposition to the potential ballot proposal for open primaries. Our city's recent adoption of the successful and popular ranked choice voting system and public finance campaign program is undermined by this Commission's proposal recommendation for open primaries. Your Commission was not convened to address changes to our city's electoral system, which already encourages strong participation from voters. Special interests can and will spend enormous sums to game open primary elections, weakening the role of matching funds approved by voters to encourage fair elections. Additionally, open primaries would suppress the right for duly registered political party members to use the ranked choice voting system to elect the best candidate for their party. It's clear that it would not benefit the city's electoral system to eliminate the role of primary elections within political parties and diminish the power of grassroots donations in favor of special interests. I strongly encourage the Commission to withdraw the open primaries ballot proposal. Thank you.

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Name: Penny Mintz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I want to express my strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. First, jungle primaries erase the strategic foundation grassroots groups rely on: party primaries. Grassroots groups spend years organizing within the Democratic Party to win representation for their communities. They build coalitions, recruit candidates, and develop long-term strategies to shift power from political machines to the people. A jungle primary blows that up. In a top-two or top-four system, there is no party primary. Every candidate, regardless of party or values, appears on one crowded ballot. That forces grassroots candidates to compete in massive, often expensive fields—splitting the vote and making it far harder for community-backed candidates to break through. Second, jungle primaries amplify the power of money over organizing. In a high-candidate, low-information race without party cues, the winners are usually those with the biggest war chests, the most name recognition, or the backing of wealthy interests. Grassroots groups can't compete with that kind of money. Their strength is people-powered campaigns that build trust over time—not six-figure media buys and insider endorsements/ Jungle primaries put movement candidates at a severe

disadvantage and tilt the playing field back toward the very institutions grassroots organizing seeks to challenge. Third, this system would discourage long-term community organizing. One of the most powerful aspects of our current system is that it gives communities clear political targets: party primaries where their votes and their organizing can make a real difference. That's how working-class tenants have elected champions. It's how immigrant neighborhoods have shifted city policy. Jungle primaries scramble those lines, make electoral pathways murky, and take power away from communities that have only recently begun to claim it.

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Name: Dustin Schwartz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the NYC Charter Revision Commission, I see no reason to allow for open primaries, as they will lead to a chaotic electoral process. We'll see a larger than anticipated swath of one party that has no interest in a primary's candidates disrupt the intended party's election. They will also likely outnumber Independents that had hoped to contribute to the process; I expect you want to change the charter to give Independents more of a voice, even though studies show this does not actually work to benefit them. The beauty of the closed primary process, just as with a candidate's campaign, is for one party to convince Independents or Third party voters to reregister them and bring them into your tent. Ideal electoralism is just that and, given the surge of new voters in the last election, it's clear we're headed in that direction.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jeffrey Perlman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a Manhattan resident and clean energy entrepreneur, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 as well as for Open Primaries. These proposals will make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-4 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide

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Name: Chiara Bosco

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: George M Janes

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please see attached.

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July 15, 2025

Richard Buery Jr., Chair, and  
Members of the Charter Revision Commission  
New York, NY

RE: Testimony on the Charter  
Revision Commission

Dear Chair Buery and Commissioners:

My firm regularly consults with community groups, Community Boards, architects and landowners on the New York City Zoning Resolution. I assisted five Manhattan Community Boards in their review of your preliminary report. I have 30 years of experience as a planner and have been a certified planner for more than 25 years. This testimony is my own and touches solely on land use issues.

My experience with land use issues in New York City is through the practical work of reviewing and preparing land use applications, rezonings and citywide zoning text amendments. This work can begin in pre-ULURP stages and follow through to the Council's vote. Yet, my experience is largely at odds with much of the testimony you've heard during your hearings.

Before we revise the Charter's land use processes, it is critical to start with the reality of how they operate in practice. There are statements in the Commission's preliminary report that do not reflect current data and operating practices. I'd like to provide the Commission with correct information in hopes that it can be considered in your final decision-making and corrected in an amended final report.

Consider this quote from your preliminary report (p. 39):

"Today, ULURP frequently requires the same costly multi-year process of environmental and land use review for a new eight-unit apartment building as for an 800-unit apartment building. As such, ULURP applications tend to be for big changes rather than small ones, . . . ."

This statement is simply not true. First, I encourage the Commission to simply leaf through recent ULURP applications. You will see that many, if not most, ULURP applications are for small projects. Further, it is false to say that the pre-ULURP process for an eight-unit building is the same as one for a 800-unit building. While they would have the same ULURP process, their pre-ULURP requirement would be different. An eight-unit building would require an environmental assessment, while an 800-unit building would likely require a full

environmental impact statement. These are completely different levels of effort in terms of both time and money. As this is a statement that is simply not true, I'm extremely concerned that your Commission is basing your recommendations on flawed information.

To be clear, I'm in agreement that there are ways to improve and create more efficiencies within our current land use process. For instance, the tiny scraps of land that the City owns that are too small for a productive purpose should not need ULURP for disposition. But the real problem with the land use process in New York City is the pre-ULURP process for all land use applications, regardless if it's a ULURP action. The BLAST process suggested changes to the pre-ULURP process, but clearly, not all those changes have been implemented or implemented evenly, leaving it an uncertain and unpredictable process. In addition to clear direction from DCP, applicants need to have the predictability of a process where requirements do not change mid-process. That is not the case today. I will illustrate my point with a recent personal experience.

I prepared one of the many small ULURP applications your report overlooks. The application proposed to extend the boundary of a Special Purpose District part of one block. We had our first pre-application meeting for the Special Lincoln Square District Extension (ULURP number: 240144ZMM) in December 2018. We called it a pre-pre-application meeting because we wanted to describe the idea to DCP to see if the Department would even entertain the application. They had no issues and encouraged the application.

Our formal pre-application meeting took place the next year, in October 2019. Again, DCP had no issues and gave us instructions for preparing a pre-application statement, which was submitted in April 2020, followed up with a meeting in May 2020. DCP documented the meeting with an interdivisional meeting record dated June 15, 2020, which outlined the steps required to complete the land use application.

In August 2020, we submitted a draft Reasonable Worst Case Development Scenario (RWCDs). After much back-and-forth, DCP accepted a revised RWCDs in August 2021. In February 2022, we submitted an EAS, which was rejected. DCP needed much more detail than we expected but they provided a model for us to follow, which defined their expectations. We completed a revised EAS in March 2023, which was posted on the Zoning Application Portal. DCP required further revisions and a revised EAS was completed in November 2023 and the project was "Noticed," which means ULURP would start in at least 30 days. In January 2024, we received trivial comments from DCP and we believed we would be starting ULURP by February 2024.

Instead, in 2024, after DCP spent five years working with us to complete our application, DCP's Executive Director told us they would not certify the application because it was not consistent with their planning policies. We had

dozens of communications and meetings over the years it took to complete the application, yet DCP waited until the application was *complete* to tell the applicants they would not advance the proposal into ULURP.

Clearly, there is a problem with the land use process in NYC, but trying to solve lengthy application times by cutting public review ignores the crucial issue. DCP's requirements shift and change over time, which means that applicants have no certainty. Changing the projects that qualify for ULURP or moving certain types of applications to other agencies that do not have the necessary capacity or expertise will not change the culture and practice at the Department. Amending the Charter cannot fix the main problem, which is pre-ULURP and all that happens outside the public process.

We need charter revision that strengthens democracy, increases accountability and empowers the public to help guide development and to make a City we all want and deserve. Unfortunately, your recommendations will do nothing to address the most pressing problem and would likely make our land use process less democratic and more opaque.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. M. Janes', written in a cursive style.

George M. Janes, AICP  
George M. Janes & Associates

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[EXTERNAL] The Impact on Voter Turnout

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Hey,

We just implemented Ranked-Choice Voting, and this is simply too much change too soon. New Yorkers are still adapting to RCV, understanding how their preferences translate into results. To introduce "Jungle Primaries" now would negate the progress made in voter education. We are not even four years into RCV's existence since the 2019 referendum. Such rapid, successive changes don't encourage participation; they deter it. Voters need stability to build confidence in the electoral process, not a constant state of flux that makes them question their vote. Let RCV take root.

- Shreya Gupta

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Comments: The attached testimony is a joint statement from the five Borough Presidents: Bronx  
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Charter Revision Commission

City of New York

1 Centre Street, 20th Floor

New York, NY 10007

***RE: Unified Opposition to the Proposed Elimination of Topographic Functions from the Borough Presidents' Offices***

Dear Members of the Charter Revision Commission,

As the duly elected Borough Presidents of the City of New York, we write in united and unequivocal opposition to the proposal in the *Charter Revision Commission Interim Report* and *Proposed Amendments to the New York City Charter*, both dated July 1, 2025, to eliminate the topographic responsibilities from our offices. This recommendation reflects a fundamental misunderstanding of the nature, purpose, and value of this function and ignores the very real consequences its removal would have on neighborhoods across all five boroughs.

The Charter Revision Commission frames this proposal as an administrative streamlining measure yet fails to demonstrate how transferring topographic duties to another agency will improve efficiency, accuracy, or responsiveness. In fact, the Commission's report offers no evidence of systemic failure or inefficiency within the current borough-based Topographic Bureaus. On the contrary, these functions are a vital part of the City's land use, zoning, and infrastructure ecosystem, and are executed with the local precision, institutional



knowledge, and community responsiveness that only borough-based governance can provide.

Stripping this function from our respective offices would:

### **1. Erode Local Authority and Oversight**

Topographic review is a critical tool for evaluating the impacts of land use decisions on the built environment. The mapping of streets, public places, easements, and utilities must reflect not just technical requirements but also local realities, many of which are not visible from citywide maps or planning frameworks. Without this function, the Borough Presidents' ability to engage in meaningful land use review would be substantially weakened. This work directly ties into reporting, such as the Borough Office's *Annual Development Reports*, which help determine and influence where resources should be allocated across each of the five boroughs.

### **2. Disrupt a System That Works**

The Commission claims this change will reduce redundancy, yet there is no duplication today. Borough Topographic Bureaus work in coordination with, not in opposition to, city agencies. Eliminating them would only shift the burden onto centralized departments already stretched thin, increasing delays and decreasing responsiveness, particularly for communities where infrastructure is aging or geographically complex.

The timeframes and statistics listed in the report are grossly inaccurate for how the Borough Offices function. We have staffs that turn around City Map requests, address verifications, and street status letters with incredible efficiency due to their accumulated knowledge of their respective boroughs that could not be replicated if they were centralized. The drawn-out timeframes for City Map applications, that are stated in the report, are a function of unresponsive applicants and incomplete work that is sent to the Topographic Bureaus. The Topographic Bureaus turn around these revisions very quickly rather than getting backlogged into an agency queue of other projects. To speak of efficiencies is to assume DCP could do it quicker and DCP has proven through this very *Charter Revision Commission Interim Report* that their pre-certification process has its own inefficiencies due to the large pipeline of projects they process, whereas the Borough Presidents' Topographic Bureaus are able to expedite and streamline these City Map requests.

### **3. Centralize Decision-Making Without Accountability**

Topographic review is often the only layer of technical scrutiny that ensures infrastructure decisions are not only compliant but context-sensitive. Consolidating these responsibilities into citywide agencies would make it harder for residents and stakeholders to access

information, raise concerns, and engage with decision-makers who understand their neighborhoods. Our Topographic Bureaus have office hours that allow anyone from the public to come in and speak to someone who will assist them immediately. This function would be removed if centralized at DCP, and public assistance would become far more cumbersome and significantly delayed. This is directly relevant for address applications because many homeowners are the ones who file these applications and they have limited knowledge on how to navigate a complex agency, which may require them to hire consultants, adding time and cost to a relatively simple process today. Each Topographic Bureau receives hundreds of applications each year; altogether, the five boroughs receive approximately 3,000 address applications per year, averaging between 10 to 15 applications per business day, many of which are from residents without technical skills and require assistance. Centralizing this work would make it difficult for these homeowners to receive that assistance as well as create additional time and cost burdens compared to each borough being able to provide direct support.

#### **4. Undermine the Charter's Promise of Borough Representation**

Topographic responsibilities are not just administrative; they are foundational to our role as borough advocates. This function ensures that decisions about physical development are not made in isolation from the communities they affect. Its removal represents a step backward in the evolution of local democracy and cuts against the stated goal of improving government responsiveness.

#### **5. Ignore the Real Need: Modernization, Not Elimination**

If there are opportunities to digitize, coordinate, or better integrate topographic work with broader planning systems, we welcome that conversation. But modernization should not be conflated with elimination. Reform should build capacity, not erase it. Our Topographic Bureaus have regularly worked together with agencies such as DCP, DEP, DOB, DOT, DPR, and DDC for decades, and we will continue embracing those relationships and working to make our systems more efficient, but any problems identified in the report would not be fixed by centralizing this work. Additionally, the City's Administrative Code has limits on how the Topographic Bureaus are able to modernize and updating this language would allow for some additional positive changes.

The Charter is not just a governing document; it is a statement of values. It must affirm the importance of local voice, technical expertise, and democratic checks and balances. The removal of topographic functions runs counter to all three.

We call on the Commission to rescind this proposal and recognize the indispensable role that Borough Presidents play in shaping the physical, social, and environmental fabric of this city. The work we do through our Topographic Bureaus is not obsolete, it is essential.

Sincerely,



**Vanessa L. Gibson**

Bronx Borough President



**Antonio Reynoso**

Brooklyn Borough President



**Mark Levine**

Manhattan Borough President



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[EXTERNAL] The Flaws of the Jungle Primary System

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To Whom It May Concern,

The debate over jungle primaries should be over. Voters have consistently shown their disapproval. The proposal's failure in six states last year—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—is the latest and most powerful evidence. It demonstrates a widespread belief that political parties are essential to the democratic process. This commission should not waste its political capital on an idea that has been so clearly and recently rejected by the American public. A much better use of your time would be to promote proven turnout-boosting measures like even-year elections.

Best,

Marlon Regis

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Name: Cathy Cebek

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: NYC Charter Revision Commission, I am writing to oppose ballot questions 1 through 3. These proposals will give power to unelected bureaucrats and developers . It takes away the rights of residents to have input in their own communities . It is selecting districts for upzoning . It is for development in low density neighborhoods across the city . It is taking away a process we have had . The new Appeals Board would override our representatives and eliminate the voices of our communities. How very undemocratic .Developers and special interests will be the only voices you hear. The changes to the ULURP process would take land away from City Council and give it to those not elected. Each councilmember knows their district . They will no longer have the ability to advocate for the residents of their district . The City of Yes passed , this is just a move to concentrate land use power to a few , rather than residents of NYC having a say in how our city is shaped . Special District and Historic Districts were exempt from the City of Yes and well as some flood zones . These exemptions should continue . City Island Special District should remain as such . City Island has been called a New England Seaport , the Gem of the Bronx . We are known for our seafood restaurants and welcome tens of thousands of visitors, from Spring to

Fall , to dine and stroll our beautiful community . It is unique and that is why New Yorkers come to visit . People come to enjoy the quaint , charming and nautical village atmosphere . Why would you destroy that with out of character building , no parking ?Our community businesses generate many tax dollars for NYC . people don't want to come here to look at apartment buildings and no place to park while visiting . . Our residential dead end streets cannot fit more buildings without parking . Are you planning to build an evacuation site here to house people during hurricanes , storms ,flooding and blackouts ? Address climate change ?Address infrastructure ?You can't build , flood us and then backtrack . So please leave our special district zoning in place and the ability for our representatives to actually represent us . Thank You, Cathy Cebek City Island Resident VP of the City Island Civic Association

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Sincerely,

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Hello,

The notion that altering our primary system to a jungle primary will boost voter turnout lacks empirical support. We must be guided by evidence, not by hopeful theories. A decade of data from California shows that their jungle primary has not increased voter participation in either primary or general elections. This consistent stagnation is a powerful argument against the adoption of this system as a tool for enhancing civic engagement. We need to focus on what genuinely works to bring voters to the polls.

Thank you,

Paola Sanchez

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Name: Urszula kulesza

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Comments: This is a terrible idea

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Upzoning and eliminating low-density communities in New York City are often proposed as solutions to the housing affordability crisis. However, while increasing housing supply is important, this approach alone is not a panacea. Below are several key reasons why upzoning and removing low-density neighborhoods may not effectively address NYC's affordability crisis—and could even exacerbate some issues:

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## 1. New Construction ≠ Affordable Housing

- **Market-rate housing dominates upzoned areas.** Developers often build luxury or high-end market-rate units because they are more profitable, especially in newly upzoned neighborhoods.
- **Trickle-down affordability is slow and unreliable.** The idea that building more high-end units will eventually reduce prices overall has limited empirical support, especially in strong-demand markets like NYC.

## 2. Gentrification and Displacement Risks

- **Upzoning can accelerate gentrification.** Allowing taller buildings in low-density areas can attract luxury development, which increases land values and property taxes, displacing long-term renters and working-class homeowners.
- **Existing affordable units may be lost.** Redevelopment often demolishes older, rent-stabilized or naturally affordable housing stock.

## 3. Affordability Crisis Is Also an Income Crisis

- **Stagnant wages and rising rents** are the core drivers of housing insecurity. Without addressing income inequality and wage stagnation, even increased supply won't make housing truly affordable for many low- and moderate-income New Yorkers.

## 4. Upzoning Doesn't Guarantee Inclusion

- **Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH)** requirements are often too weak or allow for too many loopholes. Developers may opt for a limited number of "affordable" units set at 80% AMI (Area Median Income), which is still unaffordable for many working-class families in NYC.

## 5. Infrastructure Strain

- **Public services like schools, transit, sanitation, and green space** may not be scaled up at the same rate as population increases, worsening quality of life in newly dense areas.

## 6. Environmental and Climate Concerns

- **Paving over green, low-density spaces** can increase urban heat islands, reduce stormwater absorption, and strain ecological resources—especially in outer-borough neighborhoods that act as buffers to environmental stress.

## 7. Community Resistance and Political Backlash

- **Ignoring local voices** fuels NIMBYism (Not In My Backyard), political polarization, and lawsuits, all of which can delay or derail housing projects and sour public trust.

## 8. Speculation and Land Banking

- **Upzoning often leads to land speculation.** Investors may buy and hold land in anticipation of price increases rather than build, delaying housing production and driving up costs further.

## 9. Misallocation of Housing Types

- **Mismatch between supply and demand.** NYC needs more family-sized affordable units, but developers typically build studios and one-bedrooms targeting singles and young professionals.

## 10. Better Solutions Exist

- **Preservation of existing affordable housing,** deeper subsidies, expanded NYCHA investment, community land trusts, tenant protections, and income-based vouchers offer more direct paths to affordability.
- **Zoning reform should be targeted**—focused on underutilized commercial corridors, vacant lots, and transit-rich areas without destabilizing established communities.

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## In Summary:

Upzoning and densifying low-density neighborhoods may help marginally with supply, but without structural reforms and protections, it risks displacing vulnerable communities, enriching developers, and worsening inequality. A comprehensive affordability strategy must blend smart growth with income-based interventions, tenant protections, and equity-focused planning.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel Coates

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission Re: Opposition to the Implementation of a "Jungle Primary" System Delivered by Daniel Coates, Make the Road New York Good evening, Commissioners, Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Daniel Coates and I write on behalf of 28,000 members at Make the Road New York. I am here to express my strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. Under a jungle primary—or top-two system—all candidates, regardless of party affiliation, compete in a single primary election, and the top two vote-getters advance to the general election. While this might sound neutral or even appealing at first glance, the reality is that this system threatens to diminish the voices of communities of color, particularly Black voters, and undermines our city's democratic values. First, jungle primaries dilute the power of organized political communities. In New York City, Black voters have built political power over decades through deep organizing within the Democratic Party. Our current closed primary system allows communities with shared values and interests to select candidates who reflect their priorities. A jungle primary, by contrast, allows a fragmented and crowded field to split the

vote, potentially locking out the very communities that have fought so hard to win representation. We've seen this happen in other places. In California and Washington, where top-two primaries have been implemented, communities of color have often found themselves with no candidate of choice on the general election ballot. When multiple candidates from one community run, they can split the vote and be eliminated—even if their community constitutes a majority of voters in that district. Second, jungle primaries suppress participation, particularly among working-class and low-income voters. Research shows that turnout in nonpartisan primaries tends to be lower, especially among voters who are not engaged in high-information elections or who rely on party affiliation as a key tool for understanding candidate platforms. This creates barriers to participation that disproportionately impact Black, brown, immigrant, and young voters—those who already face structural challenges to voting and representation. Third, it's a solution in search of a problem. New York City already made a major change to its electoral system when it adopted ranked-choice voting (RCV), which was approved by a wide margin in a citywide referendum. RCV allows voters to express more nuanced preferences and promotes more inclusive campaigning. Instead of undermining that reform, we should give it time to work and expand civic education around it—especially in underrepresented communities. Implementing a jungle primary would roll back progress. It would concentrate political power in the hands of wealthy candidates who can self-finance, reduce ideological diversity, and silence grassroots voices that have historically used party primaries to organize for change. I urge this Commission to reject any proposals to move New York City to a jungle primary system. Let's protect and strengthen the hard-earned gains toward political inclusion, not erase them. Sincerely, Daniel Coates

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Name: DR RABIA M GRANEY

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing in opposition to any change that would BY-PASS citizen input into zoning changes. This would dissolve the democratic process of representation. Residents pay the taxes that pays these representatives to do just that - Represent us. Any ballot provision to REMOVE OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO REPRESENTATION - would find it's way into Court. I am opposed to even the suggestion of removing our input from zoning or any other changes.

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[EXTERNAL] The Power of Party Identification for Voters

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Commissioners,

The strength of a political party lies not just in its name but in its ability to communicate its values and stances to the electorate. When a candidate's name is accompanied by a party label like (D), (R), (C), or (WFP), it's more than just an abbreviation; it's a powerful signal. Voters can make well-informed assumptions about that candidate's positions on complex issues like education reform or foreign policy. This efficiency is paramount in a busy world. This explicit signaling, however, is only truly effective if the party's members have a meaningful role in selecting the candidates who carry their standard. If the membership is disenfranchised in this process, the party label loses its integrity and ability to guide voters effectively. As a union leader among PSC-CUNY, this does not reflect the wishes of my members and requires far more discussion and an open session to communicate and take testimony. Taking place under a mayoral administration that has been less than transparent, I do not believe this is the time for such a charter revision, nor should it be completed this year or next. There needs to be far more time to build up voter confidence. Especially as Rank Choice Voting took years to decide, vote on, and implement. This is nowhere near the same and needs to be considered by other trusted servants and community partners, not the mayor.

Best,

Arturo Enamorado III

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] NYC: Don't Be Misled by Open Primary Hopes

From: Jonathon Schaff <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Commissioners,

I'm here to challenge the narrative that jungle primaries are a tool for increasing voter turnout. The data from states that have adopted them unequivocally proves otherwise. If our objective is truly to enhance democratic participation, we must abandon strategies that have been empirically shown to fail and instead pursue those that yield tangible results. The recent experience in Alaska, which implemented open primaries in 2022, serves as a stark reminder. The 2024 primary election saw alarmingly low turnout, marking it as one of the lowest in half a century. This robust data decisively points to the conclusion that these elections have had little to no impact on encouraging more people to vote. We need to focus on effective voter outreach and engagement, not on structural reforms that consistently fall short.

Thanks,

Jonathon Schaff

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Comment on possible charter proposal for open primaries

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Hello Commissioners,

To increase voter turnout, we must fortify its structure. The evidence is that open primaries do not work. The proven solution is to adopt even-year primaries. Beyond that structural fix, the most important factor is the mobilization work of organized groups. Political parties, unions, and community organizations use direct contact to great effect. Proposals to diminish their capacity or self-determination are counterproductive and seem designed to reduce organized influence. Real turnout growth comes from empowering, not hamstringing, these essential groups.

Thank you,

Jennifer Dougherty

Sunset Park, Brooklyn

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[EXTERNAL] A Formal Submission on Electoral Reform

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Attention Commissioners,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed jungle primary system. The current system of party primaries is not perfect but it provides meaningful opportunities for organized groups of citizens to collectively influence the selection of candidates for the general election. A free-for-all primary would allow individuals with a lot of resources to more easily bypass organizations that cultivate relationships and member-bases.

Best,

Anna Minsky

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Predictive Value of Party Labels

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ATTN Commissioners:

The strength of political parties lies in their capacity to mobilize and activate voters. But this mobilization isn't automatic; it hinges on the party's internal democratic processes. When party members are genuinely activated because they selected their candidate, the party becomes a powerful force for increasing turnout. This is a fundamental principle: people are more invested when they have a stake. Conversely, if primary systems dilute the power of party members to choose their nominees, it weakens the party's ability to excite its base. The result is often a dispirited electorate, less likely to participate, and a missed opportunity for the party to fulfill its vital role in fostering democratic engagement.

Best,

James Thacher



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[EXTERNAL] Let's Not Ignore the Evidence

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ATTN Commissioners:

Let's put an end to the discussion about jungle primaries. It's a system that voters have clearly indicated they do not want. The evidence from last year's elections in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota is unambiguous: the proposal was defeated in every state. This widespread rejection is a testament to the value that voters place on the traditional role of political parties. I urge this commission to abandon this unpopular initiative and instead dedicate its efforts to promoting proven and effective reforms like even-year election cycles.

Thank you,

Trina Thorbjornsen

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[EXTERNAL] Defend the Democratic Primary

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Attention Commissioners,

The conversation about jungle primaries is being driven by those who wish to see labor's influence eradicated. By removing the party nomination process, they open the floodgates for billionaire-backed candidates to seize power and govern on behalf of the rich. This is a direct threat to the pensions, wages, and job security of public sector workers, as well as the quality of the services they provide to every resident. We must recognize this proposal for what it is: a direct attack on the economic well-being of our communities.

Thank you,

Deborah Chusid

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[EXTERNAL] A Bad Idea for Our Elections

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a concerned citizen, I am asking this commission to halt any and all efforts related to jungle primaries. This is a solution in search of a problem, and one that voters have repeatedly rejected. The failure of such initiatives in six states last year, including Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota, is a testament to its lack of public support. People value the role of political parties in shaping electoral choices. It would be a profound misuse of public trust and resources to continue pushing this idea. Let's focus on what works, such as even-year elections.

Thanks,  
Peter Nagy

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Comments: Please see the attached written testimony submitted on behalf of the New York City chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America (NYC-DSA).

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## **New York City Democratic Socialists of America**

### **Testimony in Opposition to Top-Two Open Primaries Proposal 2025 Charter Revision Commission**

Good evening Members of the Commission,

My name is Angelo Pis-Dudot. I'm a Brooklyn resident, lawyer, and local government policy analyst. I am a member of the New York City chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America (NYC-DSA) and co-lead its Democratize New York Working Group, which organizes to advance reforms to fully realize political democracy in New York. I speak on behalf of the chapter. **NYC-DSA opposes the Commission's open primaries proposal and urges the Commission to table it.**

NYC-DSA is a democratically-run organization of over 10,000 New Yorkers. Our chapter powered the recent victory of Zohran Mamdani in the Democratic Party primary for mayor—a campaign that inspired historic new party registrations and turnout from under-engaged constituencies.<sup>1</sup>

As democratic socialists, we are committed to advancing democracy in all aspects of our society. Because of that commitment, we share the Commission's concerns about weak voter empowerment, low turnout, and the unrepresentativeness of the electorate. These are symptoms of a sick democracy in New York. But the Commission's open primaries proposal will not cure these symptoms. In fact, it may make some of them worse.

#### **I. Top-two Open Primaries Weaken Our Democracy and Fail to Give Voters Meaningfully Different Choices.**

First, open primaries do not build a stronger democracy or lead to more voter choice and power. Strong democracy requires healthy political parties in competitive elections that guarantee minority representation and majority control.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Bridgid Bergin and Joe Hong, [Nearly a Quarter of NYC's Early Voters Were New Democratic Primary Participants](#), Gothamist (June 23, 2025); Deb Otis et al., [Once Again, Ranked Choice Voting Improved New York City Elections](#), FairVote (June 25, 2025) (showing primary turnout exceeding 1 million voters, a level not seen since 1989).

<sup>2</sup> See Lee Drutman, [More Parties, Better Parties: The Case for Pro-Parties Democracy Reform](#), New America (July 3, 2023); cf. City of Cambridge, Mass., [Cambridge Municipal Elections](#) (Cambridge's proportional representation system “ensures minority representation with majority control.”).

But open primaries would further weaken political parties, which are historically weak in the United States.<sup>3</sup> By allowing everyone to vote for anyone under a party label, that party label becomes less meaningful and elections become an unorganized free-for-all. While mitigative measures like having candidates' party registrations appear next to their name would somewhat help voters sort through this mess, that does not change the fact that voters totally unaffiliated with a party—or who are members of an opposing party—would then be able to determine that party's candidate, rendering the party registration label meaningless.

In addition, top-two open primaries in a city like New York will also make general elections uncompetitive and fail to give voters more choice. Under the Commission's proposal, where the top-two candidates from a ranked-choice open primary advance to the general, most general elections—especially city-wide ones—will end up featuring two Democrats, thereby locking out independent candidates, Republicans, and other political minorities from the general election ballot. That is exactly what has happened under California's top-two system, which has drawn a lawsuit from minor parties and independent candidates alleging violations of their First Amendment right to freedom of association.<sup>4</sup> A bunch of Democrat versus Democrat elections will not give voters more choice during the general election, which is the contest that determines who enters office and is when most voters vote.

1.1 million voters in New York City have chosen to not affiliate with a party. Indeed, a majority of voters are hungry for *new* parties.<sup>5</sup> Voters are hungry for new options, not more of the same. But the Commission's proposal ignores this reality.

The Commission's failure to acknowledge these serious problems and analyze other options in its reports is highly concerning. Although the Commission cursorily mentions some alternatives like Alaska's top-four open primary in its reports, the Commission totally ignores other worthwhile and established options. For example, the Commission fails to discuss proportional representation, which currently exists in various cities in the U.S. and around the world. In fact, New York City previously had proportional representation, which was responsible for a thriving multi-party system in the City Council that reflected our City's political diversity.<sup>6</sup>

By failing to outline the basic pros and cons of different valid electoral models from around the country and failing to explain why its top-two proposal is the best among them, the Commission undermines the appearance of its impartiality. New Yorkers deserve better if the Commission is proposing to overhaul our election system.

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<sup>3</sup> See Protect Democracy, [How Did We Get Here: Primaries, Polarization, and Party Control](#) (Oct. 12, 2023).

<sup>4</sup> See Michael Gennaro, [Third Parties Slam California's Top-two 'Jungle' Primary as Unconstitutional](#), Courthouse News (Nov. 22, 2024).

<sup>5</sup> See Mary Claire Evans, [Support for a Third Political Party in the U.S. Dips to 58%](#), Gallup (Oct. 1, 2024) ("69% of political independents, 53% of Democrats, 48% of Republicans favor creation of a third party") (emphasis added).

<sup>6</sup> See Jesse Docter and Theodore Landsman, [Proportional Representation in New York City: New York City's Experiment with Proportional Representation and Multi-Party Democracy](#), FairVote (Mar. 2024).

## **II. Open Primaries Fail to Achieve the Commission's Other Two Goals: Increased Turnout and Representativeness.**

Second, open primaries will not increase turnout and representativeness. The Commission's review suggests that moving to open primaries may increase turnout by around 5 percentage points at best. Such a small change is more likely due to the elimination of barriers to vote, like party registration deadlines, and *not* because unaffiliated voters are excited to vote for candidates from parties with which they don't identify. In fact, studies of primary reform have found that switches to open and top-two systems simply do not change the primary electorate.<sup>7</sup> As the Commission admits, if turnout does not meaningfully increase because of open primaries, then neither will representativeness of the electorate. As a result, the Commission will fail to achieve its turnout and representativeness goals.

There are other reforms that will reliably increase turnout and representativeness, like switching to same-day party registration and the Commission's even-year elections proposal. Even better, Zohran Mamdani's victory in the Democratic primary for mayor demonstrated that turnout and representativeness will *explode* when voters are excited about a candidate who runs a people-powered campaign that listens to and proposes bold solutions to the concerns of regular working New Yorkers..

Instead of pursuing a new electoral system that would not deliver the benefits the Commission seeks, the Commission should focus on ones that would, like making registration easier and even-year elections. The Commission's insistence on top-two open primaries despite that system's inability to achieve the Commission's goals is confusing and raises questions about the Commission's motivations.

## **III. The Commission's Proposal Is a Waste of Taxpayer Dollars and Would Come Too Soon After Ranked-Choice Voting's Implementation.**

Finally, the Commission's proposal is bad election design that would waste millions of taxpayer dollars. When all eligible voters have already voted in a ranked-choice election featuring all eligible candidates, why run another costly election featuring the candidate who already won and the runner-up? It's redundant and a waste of taxpayer dollars.

In addition, New Yorkers have just begun getting the hang of ranked-choice voting and we need further time to study its effects on our elections before pursuing further reforms.

The Commission's flawed proposal should not be rushed to the ballot. NYC-DSA urges the Commission to table it.

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<sup>7</sup> Lee Drutman, [What We Know about Congressional Primaries and Congressional Primary Reform](#), New America (Last updated July 1, 2021) ("Do different types of primary systems attract different mixes of voters? Do more open primaries bring in more moderate voters? The answer to these questions appears to be simple: No.").

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Comments: I am writing to argue AGAINST Open Primaries for Municipal Elections as proposed by the Charter Revision Commission. My first argument against the proposition is that this was only very recently proposed and we have not been given sufficient time to adequately research the impact and implementation of open primaries. Second, Working Families Party NY has pointed out that such a change potentially violates the NY State constitution system of 'fusion voting' which allows for the same name to appear multiple times on a ballot if the candidate is affiliated with multiple parties (I.e. Democratic Party and Working Families Party). The issue is the proposition does not lay out how and if it would incorporate this part of the constitution and again, this is an example of there not being sufficient time to consider the full impact of such a revision. Lastly, much of the argument in favor of this revision rests upon the idea that open primaries will increase the youth voter turnout. I would like to point out that what increases the youth voter turnout, really any demographic to turnout, is when candidates have the courage and ability to speak to the concerns and values of young people and all groups of people. Namely, 'Do I have a future in this city that I, my family, and my neighbors can afford?' We saw exactly this



swell in the closed democratic primary for mayor with Zohran Mamdani speaking to this very question and it resulted in historically high turnout and it was young people that represented his largest voting block by age. Not because the primary was open, but because the campaign spoke to the lived experience of the electorate and in doing so, inspired people to register to vote, affiliate with the Democratic party, and turnout on election day. Compare this to the abysmal turnout in 2021 when our current disgrace of a Mayor, Eric Adams, was elected. If the city is really concerned with increasing voter turnout, end corporate money in politics so politicians are only beholden to the people of this city and actually speak to and deliver on the needs of the people. That will inspire people to vote.

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[EXTERNAL] The Case Against Jungle Primaries

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Commissioners,

I am concerned that the push for jungle primaries is based on a fundamental misunderstanding of their impact on voter turnout. The evidence is clear: these systems do not work as advertised. Consider the recent situation in Alaska, which moved to an open primary system in 2022. Their 2024 primary election had a turnout rate that was among the lowest in the last half-century. This stark example should serve as a cautionary tale, demonstrating that these electoral reforms do not inherently lead to higher levels of voter participation. We must look elsewhere for effective solutions.

- Alyssa Swart

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[EXTERNAL] Jungle Primaries: New and Confusing

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Dear Commissioners:

New Yorkers are still adjusting to Ranked-Choice Voting, approved in 2019. To suggest another wholesale change like "Jungle Primaries" feels chaotic.

We need consistency. We need a period where voters become comfortable with the current system and become regular voters. Adding more complexity and new processes right now is not a solution to low turnout; it's a guaranteed way to make it worse by frustrating and confusing the electorate.

yours sincerely,  
Catherine Skeen

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Stop Pushing Unpopular Ideas: Jungle Primaries

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Commissioners,

Jungle primary reforms are a waste of time and money because voters don't want them. They are unpopular and consistently rejected. Look at last year's results: failed in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This isn't a partisan issue; it's about voters of all ideologies understanding the importance of political parties. This commission should not waste public resources on an unpopular proposition. If you want to increase turnout, stick with even-year elections.

- Ellen Davidson

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Name: Stephen Wood

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Comments: Please, please DO NOT IMPLEMENT THAT CLOWN ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSED CHANGES! RCV is working well, and a "jungle primary" would undo the progress we've made by depressing turnout among minorities and young voters. IT'S NOT A COINCIDENCE THAT ERIC ADAMS IS TRYING TO TAMPER WITH ELECTIONS shortly after making A DISGRACEFUL DEAL WITH DONALD TRUMP! Please don't fall for it! Adams a patently corrupt servant of the rich, and New Yorkers should not have to worry about him messing with our electoral system. PLEASE REJECT JUNGLE PRIMARIES AND KEEP RCV! It's so obvious that Eric Adams is doing this as a way of sneakily getting back at the progressives who are about to take his job away from him — be smarter than that, and stand up for New Yorkers. Thank you, Stephen

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Comments: Written testimony on Behalf of Henry D. Rubio, President of CSA. If you have any questions, contact Mabel Sarduy, Political & External Affairs Director. [REDACTED]

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Charter Revision Commission,

On behalf of over 17,000 in-service and retired school leaders of New York City's public schools, thank you for the opportunity to share this testimony. We are proud to speak out on behalf of our members, the students they serve, and the communities they support. As the union of leaders, we understand the power of voice, participation, and the structures that make democracy work.

We are here today to express deep concerns about the proposal to eliminate party primaries in New York City. While this proposal is being described as reform, in practice it risks weakening the ability of working people to organize and act together. It threatens to reduce the influence of communities who rely on shared values, long-standing relationships, and collective action to support candidates who understand their daily realities.

Party primaries are not perfect, but they are one of the few remaining tools that allow unions like ours to engage members in the political process. They help build grassroots leadership, encourage participation, and shape the direction of public policy. These primaries allow working-class communities to unite behind candidates who reflect their lived experience. Removing them introduces confusion and makes it easier for high-dollar special interests to dominate, drowning out local voices and weakening public trust.

In New York City, where the Democratic primary effectively determines the outcome in many districts, eliminating party primaries would reduce meaningful choice for voters rather than expand it. We have seen in other cities and states that open or nonpartisan primaries do not increase voter engagement. Voter confusion increases, and candidates with the most resources tend to prevail.

As public-school leaders, we believe in systems that are transparent, inclusive, and focused on outcomes that benefit the public. Democracy works when communities have clear, accessible ways to organize and be heard. That includes Labor. That includes the millions of New Yorkers who see their union not only as a force in the workplace, but as a vital voice in civic life.

We urge the Commission to reconsider this proposal. Protect the mechanisms that allow working people to build power and lead. Uphold the right of communities to speak collectively and elect representatives who understand their needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Henry D. Rubio

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Proven to Fail: The Jungle Primary Experiment

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Dear Commissioners,

The ongoing discussion about jungle primaries is deeply concerning because voters have made their opposition unequivocally clear. These reforms consistently fail to achieve their stated goals and are routinely rejected at the ballot box. Last year, this was on the ballot in six states – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota – and it failed in all six. This demonstrates that voters, regardless of their political affiliation, understand the value of political parties in candidate selection. This commission should not waste valuable resources on an unpopular and ultimately futile proposition. If the goal is truly to increase voter turnout, focus on what genuinely works: even-year elections.

Sincerely,  
Kip Carter



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Name: C Swett Esq

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Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: No on ballot questions 1 through 3. Don't give away our communities to developers  
and unelected bureaucrats Keep the ULURP process at City Council Elected/ local district  
knowledge. Also New York City must preserve flood zones, Special District and Historic Districts  
that were exempt from the City of Yes

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[EXTERNAL] Open Primaries are wrong for NYC

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Dear Commissioners,

Open primaries would harm NYers. The Republican Party is actively trying to dismantle our democracy — giving up partisan elections and giving Republicans a say in which Democrats get to run in the general could open the door to policies that would be terrible for our city. It would also scramble the voting process that voters have just learned to use successfully, as seen in the record turnout in this year's mayoral primary. Sometime in the future when we have a functional, responsible opposition party, maybe open primaries will make sense, but now is not the time to give Republicans more say in our local government.

The even-year election proposal is great, would boost participation in city elections, but open primaries would do more harm than good.

Sincerely,

Tony Melone

Brooklyn, NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andrei Doilidov

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, I'm writing to express strong support for all proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to help New York City address the current housing shortage and ensure elections are more representative. Proposal 1 and Proposal 2 are sensible. Prioritizing affordable housing will lead to more housing construction and a faster review process will give a greater incentive to build smaller apartments that are currently difficult to build when subject to ULURP. Proposal 3 will ensure that development benefits the city as a whole, rather than being subject to City Council member deference. Proposal 4 would be a wonderful move towards modernizing the land use processes of NYC. Proposal 5 would lead to greater voter turnout, making elections more representative. Potential proposal 6 is a fantastic idea, allowing all voters to participate regardless of party affiliation will encourage candidates to appeal to a broader electorate. I recommend giving all New Yorkers a voice in choosing their representatives. Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. hope all six measures make it to the November ballot so that New York can decide on these important reforms. Andrei Doilidov Brooklyn 11229

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] An Agenda for Genuine Voter Engagement

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Commissioners,

Building a more engaged electorate requires us to be strategic. The data shows that jungle primaries are not a successful tool for boosting turnout. A far more reliable path is to adopt even-year primaries. Furthermore, we cannot ignore the immense contribution of community, labor, and political organizations. They are the experts in the high-impact, personal outreach that consistently increases voter participation. Efforts to diminish the strength or autonomy of these groups would be profoundly damaging to our democratic health. True progress lies in strengthening, not weakening, these crucial institutions.

Thanks,

Sharon Cromwell

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Name: Tim Hoefer - Unite NY

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Comments: Testimony with data attached. Text also pasted below. Four out of Five Support Open Primaries in NYC Testimony to the NYC Charter Revision Commission Tim Hoefer Member, Board of Directors & Interim Executive Director Unite NY This testimony will focus on the overwhelming support for open primaries among all NYC voters. Most significantly, the most recent in our organization's Voter Empowerment Index, a quarterly poll, found that 80 percent of New Yorker City residents favor an open primary system that allows all voters to participate in the primary process. On behalf of Unite NY, I provide this data so that it might help the Commission decide whether or not to place a question on the ballot to establish open primaries in New York City, allowing every registered voter to participate fully in the democratic process. The Commission has received a lot of testimony from those in favor of this proposal, including from Unite NY staff and some of the more than 15,000 supporters in our network. The data submitted below shows that support is more broad than just those the Commission has already heard from. This wide public support spans party affiliations, race, generation, gender, boroughs, and other demographics (see attached). More than 1 million independent voters are effectively



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Testimony to the NYC Charter Revision Commission

Tim Hoefer

Member, Board of Directors & Interim Executive Director  
Unite NY

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More than 1 million independent voters are effectively disenfranchised from taxpayer-funded primaries because they choose not to enroll in one of the two major parties. This discrepancy undermines fairness and dilutes the democratic principle of equal representation.

Under closed primaries, very often less than ten percent of registered voters decide the outcome of elections. This favors party insiders and special interests while discouraging broader civic engagement. Closed primaries also incentivize candidates to speak to the loudest constituency among factions of a party, rather than the entire constituency.

It's clear from the data, the people of New York City want open primaries.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.uniteny.org/voter\\_index](https://www.uniteny.org/voter_index)



## VEI Results

	<i>Support Open Primary System<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Support Closed Primary System<sup>3</sup></i>
<b>Party (statewide)</b>		
Democrat	79	21
Republican	69	31
Unaffiliated	100	0
<b>Race (statewide)</b>		
Asian	77	23
Black/African American	81	19
Hispanic/Latino	81	19
Other	94	7
White	74	26
<b>Generation (statewide)</b>		
Gen Z (18-28)	82	18
Millennials (29-44)	81	19
Gen X (45-60)	73	27
Boomers (61-79)	75	25
Silent (80+)	66	34
<b>Gender (statewide)</b>		
Male	71	29
Female	82	18
Other	100	0
<b>Union Affiliation (statewide)</b>		
Yes	73	28
No	78	22
<b>Borough (NYC only)</b>		
<b>Citywide</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>20</b>
The Bronx	83	18
Brooklyn	79	21
Queens	81	19
Manhattan	79	21
Staten Island	72	28

<sup>2</sup> Chose "registered voters can participate in primary elections but must choose which party's primary to vote in" or "registered voters can participate in primary elections and all candidates are included on one ballot."

<sup>3</sup> Chose "keeping the current system where only registered members of a specific political party are allowed to vote in primary elections."

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Commissioners,

If we truly want to serve voters, we must prioritize their experience. Introducing "Jungle Primaries" right after RCV shows a disregard for the challenges voters face in adapting to new systems. The most helpful reforms are often the simplest. Consolidating elections to even years is a clear, understandable change that would likely boost turnout. In contrast, this proposal adds a layer of inscrutable complexity. It also disadvantages and dilutes the power of people-driven campaigns and third parties. Let's pursue practical solutions that empower voters, rather than abstract ideas that are certain to confuse them and suppress their participation.

Thanks,

Avi Glickstein

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No to Open Primaries

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Dear Commissioners:

I write to express my opposition to the proposal for "open primaries." My opposition is based in many reasons, but for the sake of concision I would like to highlight three in particular:

Making primaries "open" would functionally nullify the State of New York's purpose of recognizing political parties. Legally recognized political parties are not only culturally important constructs; they are legal structures that provide essential mechanisms by which working people without wealth can successfully organize masses of other fellow working people at a scale large enough to compete with the power of concentrated capital that lies in the hands of the wealthy few.

Open primaries have not been shown to reliably increase voter turnout. Moreover, even in those specific jurisdictions for which evidence of higher turnout exists, such increased turnout tends to come at the cost of also reducing the political diversity of the candidates who appear on the general-election ballot.

Open primaries tend to augment the already disproportionate political influence of concentrated wealth – which, in elections for NYC offices, usually takes the form of large independent expenditures funded by billionaires and big corporations. In so doing, open primaries further diminish the relative power of the donations made, and the organizing & mobilizing activities conducted, by most voters. In short, open primaries weaken the impact of voters' own efforts to elect candidates aligned with their respective views.

For these reasons alone, the proposal to open NYC's primaries should be removed from the commission's final set of ballot proposals.

Instead of proposing open primaries, the Commission should propose ranked-choice voting in general elections; such a change would substantially address most of the Commission's concerns as stated in its July 01 report.

Thank you,  
Bryan Maygers

Dear City Charter Commissioners,

My name is Joanne Grell, and I proudly serve on Bronx Community Board 10, where I have dedicated my time to representing and protecting the interests of my community for the past three (3) years. I submit this testimony to express my strong and unequivocal opposition to the proposed changes to the New York City Charter that would diminish Community Boards' role in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP).

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Let me be clear, these proposals are not just technical adjustments, but they dismantle the transparency and civic engagement that are the foundation of equitable land use planning. Essentially, these proposals silence the voices of our communities which significantly undermines public trust.

The proposal to slash the ULURP review period from 60 to 30 days is not just misguided, it is quite dangerous. In 2019, the Charter Revision Commission rightly recognized the need for more time, not less. That additional 30 days has been critical for our Board, especially with the recent Bally's proposal and the City of Yes housing proposal. It allows us to thoroughly review complex documents like the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR), hold meaningful public meetings, engage in outreach, and make informed, thoughtful recommendations. Cutting this time in half would cripple our ability to do what is best for the community and silence the very voices ULURP was designed to uplift.

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Moreover, the attempt to undermine the City Council's practice of member deference is equally concerning. Council Members are elected by the people to represent their districts, and their ability to advocate for their communities in land use matters is absolutely **essential**. Community Boards, like the Council, are independent municipal bodies. Undermining either weakens the democratic fabric of our city.

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I urge this Commission to **reject** these proposals and to stand with the communities you pledged to serve. Do not take away the time we need to protect our neighborhoods.

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Name: Joanne Grell

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Comments: Attached is my testimony to be considered by the Revision Commission. Thank you.  
Joanne Grell

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Name: Sarah Cocuzzo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a Brooklyn resident, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-4 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development



decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations- not just the narrowest political interests. A unified City Map is a step in the right direction, since the current system can impose significant costs and time on infrastructure, housing, and other projects. Proposal 4's Digital City Map would allow processes that today take months or even years to occur nearly instantly. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. Proposal 5 is a no-brainer: moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city. I strongly encourage the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6. Open primaries would enfranchise the 1 million+ New Yorkers who are currently locked out of primary elections due to party registration rules. These voters deserve a voice in the elections that matter most in our one-party-dominated city. Open primaries would boost turnout in local elections, increase electoral competition, and encourage candidates to appeal to a broader cross-section of voters. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Sincerely, Sarah Cocuzzo Bedford-Stuyvesant 11206

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Name: Orest Voloshchuk

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the charter revision process. As someone who grew up in this city and is quite intent on remaining here, I value the ability to participate in the policy debates of our great city. I am writing to express my strong support for all proposals which simplify and speed up the process of home building and development. I believe that proposals 1-4 are important steps we must take towards an affordable and welcoming city. New Yorkers are suffering from an acute housing shortage, approximately 1 million units as of 2025. We are in a desperate need of more housing of every type and in every neighborhood. The median home price is hovering around \$1,000,000 and the median rent is creeping ever closer to \$5,000. New Yorkers are being priced out, businesses are struggling to recruit and retain workers, and young people are seeing their hopes of starting a family crushed under the weight of their rent payments. Despite this crisis (which no one denies) and the clear eagerness of home builders to remedy it, new development is moving at a glacial pace. Time and time again we see projects delayed, scaled back, or cancelled all together due to a small but vocal group of entrenched interests. People who have already achieved their

American Dream are denying others the same opportunity in the name of “neighborhood character”. Below are some common criticisms that I have heard of these proposals. “The proposals would eliminate common sense regulation and oversight of development.” There is nothing “common sense” about the current planning regime, as seen by its results. No set of common-sense regulations would end in a city that is out of reach for the people building it. If the rules we followed brought us here, of what use were the rules? “Looser planning will change the feel of my neighborhood.” The character of a place is created by the people who live there, not the buildings. If planning is too strict and homes too scarce, the character of every neighborhood will soon be the same: a playground for the rich and childless. “New development is never affordable.” It is certainly true that new homes tend to be more expensive than used homes, that does not change the impact of new construction on the housing market as a whole. Nearly all economists and development studies agree, more supply = more housing at different price points in the long run. Furthermore, if the cost of new construction is at issue, it is worth analyzing the cost of the planning and approval process. Time is money, and for developers the time they spend sitting on an empty lot, paying interest and property tax while waiting for final approval, amounts to a massive expense. It should not be a surprise that this expense is reflected in the cost of the finished product. “New York is too crowded, more homes will cause more crowding.” This is possibly the strangest criticism I routinely hear. It essentially amounts to “the city would be great, if it wasn’t for all the people.” The fact that NYC is the largest, densest city in America is precisely the reason it is also the richest. Our large population is what makes our job market so buoyant, our universities world class, our society vibrant and our cultural scene dominant. New neighbors are not just competition for a space, they are also customers and employees for local business, founders and members of social clubs, volunteers for the community, taxpayers to the treasury, and of course, potential friends. I believe that the housing shortage is by far our city’s largest challenge. I believe that new neighbors are an asset, not a liability. I believe that change is something to be accommodated and embraced, not futilely resisted. For these reasons and more, I hope that you find my testimony persuasive and put every pro-housing proposal on the ballot. Thank you for your time and consideration. Orest Voloshchuk Glendale, Queens

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Dear Commission:

I had registered to testify by ZOOM at the public hearing at the Schomburg Center on July 7 from 5 pm to 8pm, and was dismayed when Chair Richard Buery indicated that those who had signed up would not be able to testify. Please accept this written testimony.

I serve as Chair for Community Board One Queens, I am writing to express concerns regarding the proposal to modify the NYC Charter.

It's discouraging to see the Commission and our Mayor attempt to wrestle community input away from the very people who understand their communities needs, and these proposed changes to limit council member deference and community board review will take away the little leverage we have to improve projects, as we've done in CB1.

In CB1 Queens since 2018, we've seen nearly rezoning 30 applications for housing be approved by the City Council. There are a handful - three that I recall - that we as a community board voted down, due to the lack of truly affordable housing as well as negative impact on the neighborhood according to draft environmental impact statements. In many cases, including Innovation QNS, community board demands led both the Borough President and City Council member to negotiate an increased number of affordable housing units, community benefits, and an overall improved development. That was an enormous project, but even with some of the smaller scale ones, we've been able to advocate for family sized units, and deeper affordability through lower AMI levels to better reflect our community's demographics and provide access for those being priced out.

Despite approval of all of these nearly 30 residential rezonings, I can count on one hand the

number that have actually been completed. In fact, we have some rezonings going back to 2012 and 2013 that still have not delivered on the housing they promised. So when we talk about the housing crisis, and hear build, build, build, as a solution, it's so disingenuous to place the blame on the City Council, ULURP, or community boards. These rezoned properties in CB1 are sitting vacant or are waiting to be flipped; we are talking thousands and thousands of units, including income restricted ones, that should be on the market now. A recommendation would be to have the City Charter mandate a reasonable timeline for development after a rezoning and not leave it indefinitely open. There should be some type of consequence if they can't deliver on what they promised in exchange for a rezoning that has greatly increased their land value.

Also, simultaneous community board and Borough President review being proposed would seriously undermine the feedback process between the Borough President and community boards. These two review processes should be kept as is, to ensure meaningful engagement and input from those on the ground, one following the other.

Moreover, as volunteers, community boards should be given more time to review large scale developments and/or large neighborhood rezonings. Sixty days from certification is inadequate for rezonings that span large swaths of our community, especially since the Department of City Planning has put an increasingly tight hold on releasing information needed to review projects until certification. There should be more emphasis on pre-certification presentations to Community Boards and feedback before pre-filing meetings begin with DCP.

The durability of our democratic institutions rests upon active and meaningful civic participation, and there must be checks and balances in land use decisions. ULURP was created to empower local democracy and the voices of the people. Via a representative in the City Council who is duly elected, every New Yorker is provided with a vote on land use matters. We need checks on executive control especially given the influence of big real estate and lobbyists.

Pushing these and other changes in such a rushed manner, during an election year and at a time when the public isn't paying attention only feeds the cynicism and distrust the public has of the government, and this administration.

Thank you.

Evie Hantzopoulos



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Name: Sarah Kerman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the Commission, As a resident of Manhattan (10040), I do not support revising the charter at this time to have open primaries. I don't think it's clear enough what the effects in NYC would be. Thank you, Sarah Kerman

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Name: SAMANTHA SHIELLS

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: While I support an investigation into the pros/cons of open primaries and election reforms in general, I don't think a charter revision is the appropriate venue. It's a complicated concept and especially coming on the heels of another major elections change - RCV - it risks really confusing voters. Also, the way "open primaries" is defined here is extra confusing in the context of RCV. Why would we need a separate "primary" at all? With no parties in a primary with RCV, we'd have a second election for no reason. Why not just abolish the primary and apply RCV to the general? That seems like a better solution. This proposal should be subject to debate and refinement by our elected reps in the council rather than being proposed on a solely Y/N basis since it's problematic as-is.

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Name: James F. Gennaro

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: The New York City Charter Revision Commission released its final report outlining proposed changes to our current land use process. While the 115-page report includes a wide range of ideas, the most consequential proposals would have a disastrous impact on how we plan and grow as a city. These proposals would significantly curtail public input and undercut the ability of City Council Members and Community Boards to represent their constituents and their best interests. The Uniform Land Use Review Procedure, more commonly referred to as "ULURP," is a cornerstone of how we shape our city. It empowers communities to weigh in on land use decisions that shape their neighborhoods – decisions that affect housing, infrastructure, and quality of life. The process gives a voice to Community Boards, Borough Presidents, and us – your local Council Members who know the district and its residents best. Currently, most new major developments go through the ULURP process, and ultimately fall before the New York City Council, which has the final say. One of the most troubling parts of this proposal is the creation of a new "appeals board" that would have the power to overturn the Council's decision. This appeals board would consist of just three individuals – the Mayor, the City Council Speaker, and

the Borough President. In practice, two out of the three may not even reside in the borough where the project is proposed. And even if the local community and their Council Member are united in opposition, this small board could override their vote and allow the project to move forward anyway. That has some very serious implications for our communities and the role they will play in the decision-making process. Equally as concerning is the Charter Revision Commission's proposal to remove certain types of rezonings from the full ULURP process - all the while giving the community boards less time to review these projects. More specifically, the Commission suggests exempting projects that add up to four stories in height (up to 45 feet) or increase residential density by as much as 30 percent in mid- and high-density zones (R6 - R12). In low-rise or moderately-scaled neighborhoods - like many of those in my district, Northern Queens and Eastern Queens upzone quiet blocks and threaten the character of these neighborhoods. And it is not an exaggeration to say this would be the death of single-family areas. Left unchecked, quiet, single-family neighborhoods could be rapidly transformed into blocks of four-story apartment buildings - with little warning, and no meaningful dialogue with the community. Similarly, the Commission's report also opens the door for affordable housing projects, few of which are even actually affordable, to proceed through the Board of Standards and Appeals and bypass the public ULURP process altogether - no Community Board review, no Council vote, and no opportunity for public testimony. The public deserves more involvement in land use decisions - not less. I can acknowledge that the ULURP process isn't perfect. It is lengthy, complex and can feel bureaucratic. I do believe the Council should be working to improve ULURP with our communities. But these proposals are not about efficiency. It's about removing the checks and balances that protect neighborhoods from overdevelopment and environmental harm. The Charter Revision Commission is expected to vote on these proposals later this month. If approved, they will appear on the back of your ballot on Election Day this November. I urge the Commission to reject them outright. Our communities deserve a seat at the table.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mark Hannay

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Just say "NO!" to non-partisan "jungle" primaries! Let members of political parties decide their own candidates, and let parties and their candidates compete against each other in general elections!

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Hello Charter Commission staff,

Please see attached my testimony for the 2025 Charter Revision Commission. Put all the questions on the ballot!

Sincerely,

James M. Lloyd

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matthew Choi

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: To whom it may concern. I am writing about the way the City enters into revocable consent agreements with vendors and businesses to use public space. This may not seem like a priority, but over the past year, thousands of restaurants have applied for revocable consent agreements with the City to participate in the Dining Out NYC program run through the Department of Transportation. Each applicant applying for a roadway dining program is required to promote their public hearing in multiple newspapers, sometimes costing these small businesses over \$1000 dollars. Promoting proposed revocable consent agreements in newspapers is mandated by the City Charter. This is an expensive and outdated method of raising public awareness, and a major obstacle for businesses wishing to participate in public space programs. The printing and publishing process is complicated for City workers and small businesses to navigate. I urge the commission to revise section 371 of the City Charter to modernize how the public is informed, reducing the burden for businesses and increasing awareness for the public. The City should promote public hearings through it's own websites, social media, or online news sources, rather than rely on newspapers with shrinking circulations.



Thank you.

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As a New Yorker and advocate for climate resilience, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects - especially solar systems and battery energy storage.

Climate change is already impacting our city with more extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood.

That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably.

I urge the Commission to ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review.

Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight.

Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process.

Sincerely,

Emily Turk

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Name: Emily T.

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and expedited zoning actions to reduce delays for environmentally beneficial projects.

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[EXTERNAL] A Submitted Opinion on Jungle Primaries

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ATTN Commissioners:

I implore this commission to listen to the will of the electorate and abandon the concept of jungle primaries. This is a reform that lacks popular support and has a consistent history of being voted down. The fact that it failed in six separate states just last year, including Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota, is a clear indictment of its unpopularity. Voters appreciate the clarity and accountability that party primaries provide. It is time to move on from this divisive and unpopular issue and focus on what works.

Best,

Verena Lathers

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Let's Focus on Real Solutions

From: Arielle <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Commissioners,

Let's not mince words: jungle primaries are an unpopular and failed reform. This commission should not be wasting its time on them. We have clear data from the electorate. The measure was defeated in New York City by a 70-30 vote. It was defeated last year in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. The message is consistent and clear. Voters value political parties. It is time to honor that sentiment and focus on proven, effective reforms. Shifting elections to even-numbered years is a strategy with a track record of success.

- Arielle Digiacomo

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Name: Nadia Iqbal

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the charter process. As someone who was born and raised in NYC by immigrant parents and wish to stay here for the rest of my life, I have found it frustratingly hard for young adults and working class New Yorkers to remain in the city. I am waiting to express my strong support for all proposals that simplify and expedite the process of home building & development. I believe that proposals 1-4 are important steps that we must take towards an affordable and livable city. What makes the city great is the richness and diversity of residents present here. By putting forward every pro-housing proposal on the ballot, more people who so strongly wish to live in this amazing city can do so, and bring in all the culture and business that the city is known for. Best,  
Nadia Iqbal Jamaica, Queens

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[EXTERNAL] Preventing Voter Sit-Outs in Elections

From: Jasmine Wynn <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello,

My name is Jasmine, and I am a young Democrat born and raised in New York City. I am here to urge against the implementation of jungle primaries in our municipal elections.

The data is unequivocal: removing traditional party primaries decreases voter participation. The fact that almost half of all voters whose party doesn't have a candidate in a jungle-primary election choose to sit out should alarm anyone concerned about democratic health. This is a direct consequence of systems that make it difficult for voters to identify a candidate truly representative of their party's values. A jungle primary, while seemingly broadening the field, can actually eliminate choice for voters by forcing them to navigate a ballot without clear ideological guideposts, making it harder to find a viable candidate who resonates with their core beliefs. Robust, member-driven parties are crucial for sustained engagement. Jungle primaries are not that.

Thank you,

Jasmine Wynn

Age 20, Harlem, New York City

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Name: Thomas Matte

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I support open (non-partisan) primaries to replace ranked choice voting in New York City. Ranked choice voting was a well-intended approach to encouraging candidates to appeal to a broad range of voters, rather than partisan extremes. In practice, it seems quite undemocratic as I've experienced it. Figuring out who to rank seems to involve computer simulations based on polls. A large proportion of voters will not understand or access such recommendations. It also encourages cross-endorsements that suggest a quid-pro-quo (e.g. jobs in a new administration). Proof of the undemocratic nature of ranked choice is found in the low turnout in the recent mayoral primary and the public discourse and debate about who to rank based on simulations. Open primaries would achieve the goal of favoring candidates with broad appeal while being much easier for the broadest range of voters to understand, encouraging participation. Open primaries will also reduce partisanship and the hard and soft corruption that seems to arise inevitably when a city is too long dominated by a single party.



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Name: Kathy M Lewis

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: NYC Charter Revision Commission, I am writing to oppose ballot questions 1 through 3. These proposals will give power to unelected bureaucrats and developers . It takes away the rights of residents to have input in their own communities . It is selecting districts for upzoning . It is for development in low density neighborhoods across the city . It is taking away a process we have had . The new Appeals Board would override our representatives and eliminate the voices of our communities. How very undemocratic .Developers and special interests will be the only voices you hear. The changes to the ULURP process would take land away from City Council and give it to those not elected. Each councilmember knows their district . They will no longer have the ability to advocate for the residents of their district . The City of Yes passed , this is just a move to concentrate land use power to a few , rather than residents of NYC having a say in how our city is shaped . Special District and Historic Districts were exempt from the City of Yes and well as some flood zones . These exemptions should continue . City Island Special District should

remain as such . City Island has been called a New England Seaport , the Gem of the Bronx . We are known for our seafood restaurants and welcome tens of thousands of visitors, from Spring to Fall , to dine and stroll our beautiful community . It is unique and that is why New Yorkers come to visit . People come to enjoy the quaint , charming and nautical village atmosphere . Why would you destroy that with out of character building , no parking ?Our community businesses generate many tax dollars for NYC . people don't want to come here to look at apartment buildings and no place to park while visiting . . Our residential dead end streets cannot fit more buildings without parking . Are you planning to build an evacuation site here to house people during hurricanes , storms ,flooding and blackouts ? Address climate change ?Address infrastructure ?You can't build , flood us and then backtrack . So please leave our special district zoning in place and the ability for our representatives to actually represent us . Thank You, Kathy Lewis City Island Resident

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Name: Lucky Ho

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Written testimony opposing the implementation of jungle primaries in NYC, submitted  
on behalf of the Asian American Federation

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## **Asian American Federation**

### **Testimony to the New York City Charter Revision Commission**

*July 15, 2025*

#### **Written Testimony**

Thank you to the New York City Charter Revision Commission and the opportunity to testify. I am Lucky Ho, the Senior Civic Engagement Coordinator at the Asian American Federation, where we proudly represent the collective voice of more than 70 member nonprofit organizations serving 1.5 million Asian New Yorkers.

I am submitting this testimony to express my ardent disapproval and opposition to the implementation of jungle primaries in New York City Elections. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony today regarding the proposed shift to a nonpartisan “jungle primary” system. While we support reforms that improve voter participation and equity, we must express serious concern with both the substance of the proposal and the process by which it has been advanced. AAF and many peer organizations were unable to provide testimony earlier in the public comment period, not due to disinterest, but because we were fully engaged in primary election civic engagement efforts. These included securing funding to support voter education, hosting multilingual town halls with candidates, and developing culturally competent resources such as ballot builders. The scheduling of public hearings during the busiest portion of the primary and legislative calendar excluded many critical voices from the conversation.

Moreover, with a final vote reportedly scheduled for next week, there has been insufficient time for meaningful public deliberation or education. We are concerned that this accelerated timeline risks undermining public confidence and informed participation in the democratic process. We understand that the intent of a jungle primary system is to broaden participation by allowing all candidates, regardless of party affiliation, to appear on a single ballot, with the top two vote-getters advancing to the general election. While this may seem like an appealing simplification, the data and lived experience in other jurisdictions suggest otherwise.

There is no conclusive evidence that jungle primaries increase voter turnout. In California, where this system has been in place since 2012, voter participation has not measurably improved. In fact, these primaries have frequently led to confusion, especially among voters who expect to vote within party lines. Additionally, the system often results in two candidates from the same political party advancing to the general election, effectively limiting voter choice rather than expanding it. Proponents argue that unaffiliated voters—roughly one million in New York City—are currently excluded. However, we must also acknowledge that more than two million registered Democrats do not participate in primaries. The solution is not to introduce a more complicated voting system, but to increase access to accurate, timely, and linguistically accessible civic education.

The proposed jungle primary system would pose significant risks to fair representation and equitable participation among Asian American communities. Asian American voters are not concentrated in one district or united by a single political ideology. In a crowded, nonpartisan race, our communities may be unable to consolidate support around a single candidate, especially when multiple Asian candidates are on the ballot. This dynamic can dilute our electoral power. Many voters in our communities have limited English proficiency. The removal of party labels from ballots will likely cause misunderstanding about how candidates are organized, potentially leading to undervoting or the belief that their preferred party is not represented. These misunderstandings disproportionately impact first-time, immigrant, and older voters.

We acknowledge that structural reforms can improve voter turnout and civic trust. One such reform that merits serious consideration is aligning municipal elections with higher-turnout even-year cycles. This proposal would consolidate elections with gubernatorial or presidential years, which we believe would substantially increase participation, particularly among low-propensity voters and limited-English-speaking populations, without introducing the same degree of voter confusion or electoral distortion.

The Asian American Federation urges the Commission to pause consideration of the jungle primary proposal. The magnitude of this change demands more robust engagement, education, and analysis. Community members and civic organizations need more time to fully understand the implications of this reform and to provide input that reflects the diversity of New York City.

We ask that the Commission prioritize reforms that expand participation equitably, protect minority representation, and uphold the integrity of our electoral processes. We at the Asian American Federation thank you for allowing us to testify and look forward to working with all of you to make sure our immigrant communities get the support they deserve. If you have any questions, I can be contacted by email at [lucky.ho@aafederation.org](mailto:lucky.ho@aafederation.org) or by phone at 929-412-1386.

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Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Commission, I am writing to express my strongest support for proposals 1-4, which would facilitate building new housing, and, in my opinion, address the most pressing need of working-class New Yorkers. I spent my formative years in NYC, and, after the imminent completion of my graduate studies, I intend to return to a city that I've come to see as truly the finest our country has to offer. It is unique in its cultural vibrancy, excellence, and the multitude of opportunities it confers upon a motivated individual. However, the most troubling trend has emerged: more and more people who move to New York come from well-to-do families who sponsor their kids' existence; more and more working-class people are being priced out of their home and leaving the state altogether; people are foregoing necessities such as food and their children's afterschool activities to scrape together enough money to pay rent. More and more properties appear to be "investment properties", sitting as empty cash stores of the ultra wealthy. I fear for the future of this city, for the injustices it appears not to see. I fear that it is losing its heart. One of the problems is that every town hall I wanted to attend fell at a time of day I couldn't go. Which working person is free at noon on a Tuesday? The answer tends to be

well-off pensioners who own their homes and want to see their values go up. At the town halls, I'm afraid they may constitute a majority, but, being a highly biased sample of the city's population, they do not represent the interests of the vast majority of the city at large. The vast majority of the city at large wants more housing development, not less. High- to medium-density housing consisting of apartments of multiplexes located close to public transport, groceries, and childcare facilities is what the average New Yorker wants and needs. Proposals 1-4 offer a step in the direction of achieving this humble New York dream. Please don't let us down. Respectfully,  
Romaniya Voloshchuk In temporary exile from Ridgewood, Queens

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sierra Smigelskiy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I do not support efforts by Mayor Adams and his allies to upend existing New York party primaries. As a registered democrat, I value the opportunity to express my political preference as part of a longstanding community of democrats. We - the larger population of New York and New York City - ALREADY enjoy the opportunity to weigh in on our non-aligned neighbors' preferences in the general election. I truly believe that creating what are strangely called "jungle primaries" would make it LESS and not more likely that New Yorkers will participate in primary elections. Do the parties need to do a better job enlisting more unregistered residents? Yes. Is this suspiciously timed effort likely to do what the parties haven't? No. If voters see their efforts in the primaries as duplicative, then many of them will stay home. It's likely that corralling all the candidates into one primary would offer additional unfair advantages to wealthier, better-known candidates, already a problem, as obvious from the recent democratic NYC mayoral primary. I've heard way, way too many stories about people who were going to vote for a certain former governor entirely because he was the only name they recognized on the ballot. There need to be more non-partisan resources, most likely funded by the state, to make sure that



voters see varied information on all the candidates, collected and distributed via diverse sources BEFORE early voting starts, especially the judges. Too many efforts focus on the final few days before primary day, which ignores all of the New Yorkers who have already voted and might have benefited from that information. Please stop this insane motion in its tracks and protect the electoral system that serves the needs of New Yorkers. I understand that the NYC Charter Revision Commission has a mandate to address the affordability crisis and it should be reminded to do its job. I'm a second generation New Yorker, having now lived in the state for 10 years and I love this city and this state. Thank you for your consideration.

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Comments: I am not in favor of open primaries. Let's give Ranked Choice voting a chance!

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[EXTERNAL] Don't Trade Our Democracy for Dollars

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To Whom It May Concern,

Jungle primaries are fundamentally anti-democratic at their core. They make it easier for a small number of wealthy donors to control electoral outcomes, which is a direct threat to the interests of the vast majority of citizens. When money can overwhelm grassroots support, the link between a representative and their constituency is broken. This system is designed to serve the agenda of the few at the expense of the many, and it stands in direct opposition to the principle of a government of, by, and for the people.

Thanks,

Andrew Garrison

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[EXTERNAL] Voters Value Parties: A Message on Jungle Primaries

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Hello,

I'm here to underline that jungle primaries are unpopular with voters, and they've rejected them consistently. These reforms don't achieve their stated goals. Last year, this was on the ballot in six states – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota – and it failed in every single one. This is a clear signal that voters, across the political spectrum, understand the value of political parties. Don't waste our time and money on a proposition that's already been dismissed. If you want to increase voter turnout, stick with what's proven to work: even-year elections.

Best,

Adam Dunn

Regards,

Adam

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Samuel Kramnick

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal to implement an open primary system in New York City. This initiative, led by Mayor Eric Adams, is not a genuine effort to strengthen democracy. Instead, it seems to be a transparent response to the outcome of this June's Democratic mayoral primary, where Councilmember Zohran Mamdani secured a clear victory. Let's be honest: if Mayor Adams still had strong support from voters and his party, he wouldn't be pushing for this change. He's doing it now because he was forced to run as an independent rather than face rejection by Democratic voters, mainly due to his indictment on corruption charges and his highly unpopular record in office. This proposal isn't just about one politician's self-interest. Open primaries pose a significant threat to grassroots democratic participation. In closed primaries, candidates and local political clubs spend months building power within their communities, organizing, registering voters, and creating coalitions that reflect the values and needs of their neighbors. Grassroots organizing strengthens our political system, empowering people who have historically been marginalized in city politics. Open primaries dilute that process. When voters who haven't been part of these efforts can cast decisive votes, the

incentive to organize and build long-term infrastructure diminishes. This amounts to nothing short of a shortcut for candidates who can't make a base of their own. New York City's current closed primary system ensures that political parties select their nominees and promotes ongoing civic engagement. Open primaries, on the other hand, favor campaigns supported by big money, name recognition, and vague messaging designed to appeal to the broadest possible audience, rather than those based on trust and accountability. Let's be honest about the origins of this proposal. Mayor Adams has repeatedly shown a disregard for democratic norms and transparency. He might claim his proposal aims to expand voting rights, but make no mistake, it's about protecting his political future. If he weren't aligned with Donald Trump, he might already face more serious consequences for his actions in office. He has lost the trust of this city, and he shouldn't be allowed to manipulate the electoral process for his benefit and that of his allies, who want to set the rules of a game in which they shouldn't have undue influence. I urge you to reject this proposal. Your loyalty is to the people of New York City, not to a mayor whose actions have repeatedly undermined the public's confidence in local government. The city is watching, and we deserve a primary system that prioritizes organizing, accountability, and integrity, not opportunists seeking to manipulate the odds. Thank you for your time and service.

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Comments: Attached is testimony from Candis Tall, Executive Vice President and Political Director of 32BJ SEIU

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**32BJ Written Testimony Regarding Questions 1 and 2 of the Interim Charter Proposal**  
July 15th, 2025

I, Candis Tall, am the executive vice president and political director of 32BJ SEIU. I am writing on behalf of our union and the 90,000 workers we represent in New York City. We are a member-driven union dedicated to ensuring that our workers share the prosperity of the industries that they contribute to. The foundation of our union is here in New York City, where our workers have attained a middle-class wage standard of living and affordable, high-quality healthcare.

As a labor union we know well that New York City faces a critical housing shortage. We believe our city can both build more affordable housing *and* create more middle-class residential service jobs. That is why we led the way fighting for the forward-thinking City of Yes framework and fighting for the much needed 485-x tax abatement.

The charter commission's land use recommendations fail to accomplish these two intertwined goals, threatening both the livelihoods of working people and local democracy in our communities. Through decades of involvement, 32BJ has used the land use process to create middle class jobs for tens of thousands of New Yorkers. We have been leading voices on our city's housing crisis and have supported housing time and time again while also providing for a decent standard of living for the people who work in these buildings. We have spoken before this commission previously about the importance of balancing the need to create more housing with important democratic checks and opportunities for public engagement that we use to protect standards for workers. Questions 1 and 2 do not strike that balance.

On Question 1: 32BJ does not support allowing affordable projects, regardless of size, to be approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals nor do we support allowing large, predominantly market rate projects in districts designated under the Fair Housing Framework to be approved by the City Planning Commission. While 32BJ emphatically supports the construction of more affordable housing, this should not come at the expense of the public's ability to weigh in on large projects which employ hundreds of New Yorkers and have significant impacts on the communities where they're built.

Community Board hearings, which would be retained under these proposals, are only relevant if the local councilmember, the democratically elected official who is accountable to that community board, has a say in final approvals. Otherwise, these hearings are not real public consultation. As such, we do not support ultimate approval authority going to unelected groups such as the Board of Standards and Appeals and City Planning Commission.

On Question 2: We are supportive of an expedited process for low-density R1-R5 districts and small-to-medium size developments in transit dense areas. However, awarding developers across the



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city a 30% bump in density, which in some areas could represent hundreds of units, without any check by the local councilmember is unacceptable.

32BJ continues to stand at the ready to fight for reforms that will increase supply while honoring workers and protecting communities. After significant communication with commission staff and analysts, we do not believe that these proposals meet those goals. We will be urging our tens of thousands of union brothers and sisters across the city to vote no on Questions 1 and 2.

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Comments: For this city to be inclusive, diverse, and agile, we need more quality housing built safely, efficiently and quickly. The NIMBY movement has stifled growth, and well-intentioned regulation has become counter-productive hurdles to building what the city needs most. Privileged and well-organized groups such as Village Preservation have had an outsized voice in our city's land-use decisions. Let's keep building in the world's greatest city, so more people can stay and live here, rather than freeze it in time so it can become a Disney-like playground for the nostalgic, the rich and the entitled.

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### **Testimony in Opposition to Expedited ULURP in Low-Density Areas**

*Presented to the NYC Charter Revision Commission*

Submitted by: Richard C Hellenbrecht, First Vice Chair, Queens Community Board 13

Date: July 15, 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony on behalf of Queens Community Board 13.

Queens Community Board 13 (QCB13) is primarily a low-density residential area in southeast Queens bordering Nassau County. This community district is a diverse area with a very high rate of home ownership by minority and immigrant families. Residents of Queens District 13 have repeatedly supported zoning to protect the quality of life in each of our neighborhoods. QCB13, therefore strongly opposes the proposal to expedite the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) in low-density areas.

This proposal undermines the very principles of community engagement and transparency that ULURP was designed to uphold. Low-density neighborhoods like mine are not just zoning designations—they are living communities with unique histories, infrastructure limitations, and deeply rooted civic institutions. Accelerating the review process risks sidelining the voices of residents and community boards who are best positioned to evaluate the local impacts of proposed developments.

#### **Key Concerns:**

- **Loss of Community Oversight:** Expedited ULURP would reduce the time available for Community Boards and Borough Presidents to review and respond to proposals. This diminishes meaningful public input and weakens the checks and balances that protect neighborhood character.
- **Infrastructure Strain:** Many low-density areas, including parts of Eastern Queens, already face challenges with sewer capacity, school overcrowding, and limited

public transit. Fast-tracking development without thorough environmental and infrastructure review and input from local community residents could exacerbate these issues.

- **Precedent for Overdevelopment:** By creating a “junior review” for “junior changes,” the proposal opens the door to incremental upzoning that could permanently alter the scale and livability of low-density neighborhoods.
- **Equity and Fairness:** Streamlining ULURP for modestly sized projects may seem efficient, but it disproportionately benefits developers while reducing protections for communities. The cost and uncertainty of ULURP are not flaws—they are safeguards against unchecked development. Owners in low-density areas made “the most expensive investments of their lives” with the faith in zoning and the expectation of an ongoing way of living.

#### **Recommendations:**

- Preserve the full ULURP timeline for all zoning changes in low-density districts.
- Require robust environmental and infrastructure assessments before any fast-track designation is granted.
- Ensure that Community Boards retain full authority to review and comment on all land use proposals, regardless of size or location.

In closing, on behalf of QCB13, I urge the City Planning Commission and the Charter Revision Commission to reject any proposal that weakens ULURP in low-density areas. Our neighborhoods deserve thoughtful planning, not rushed approvals.

Thank you.

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[EXTERNAL] Focus on What Works: Even-Year Elections

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Hello Commissioners,

It is time for this commission to acknowledge the clear public sentiment against open primaries. This is an unpopular and ineffective reform. The coordinated rejection of this proposal across six states last year—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—is a powerful message. Voters from all parts of the political spectrum value the traditional role of parties. I urge you to abandon this misguided effort and focus on reforms that have a proven track record of success, such as shifting more elections to even-numbered years.

Thanks,

Antonia Marrero

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### **Testimony in Opposition to the Proposed NYC Land Use Appeals Board**

*Presented to the NYC Charter Revision Commission*

Submitted by: Richard C Hellenbrecht, First Vice Chair, Queens Community Board 13

Date: July 15, 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony on behalf of Queens Community Board 13.

I strongly oppose the establishment of the proposed NYC Land Use Appeals Board. While the intent to streamline or democratize the land use process may be well-meaning, the framework as currently proposed raises serious concerns about transparency, public oversight, and institutional integrity.

#### **Concerns About Accountability and Transparency**

- The creation of an additional appeals body introduces ambiguity around jurisdiction and decision-making authority.
- There is insufficient clarity on how board members would be selected, vetted, and held accountable.
- Without robust public input mechanisms, this board risks operating with diminished community representation.

#### **Potential Undermining of Established Processes**

- New York City's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP), while not perfect, has built-in opportunities for community boards, borough presidents, and the City Council to weigh in.
- This proposed board could override or dilute the voices of community-level stakeholders who are closest to the impact of land use decisions.



### **Risk of Politicization and Overconcentration of Power**

- Land use decisions affect neighborhoods deeply—physically, culturally, and economically. A central appeals body risks privileging political expediency over local nuance.
- The proposal lacks guardrails to prevent conflicts of interest and political influence, particularly in high stakes rezoning applications.

### **Call for Strengthening Existing Structures Instead**

- Rather than layering another board on top of an already complex system, we should invest in fortifying community boards and enhancing ULURP engagement.
- This could include expanded training for board members, better public education on land use issues, and ensuring timely access to environmental and economic impact studies.

In closing, I respectfully urge this body to reject the proposed NYC Land Use Appeals Board and instead focus on deepening transparency and empowering community-level review in our land use processes. Thank you.

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Comments: To whom it may concern from the Charter Revision Commission: I'm writing as a New York City resident to express my opposition to the current proposal establishing an open primary top-two system for city elections. A top-two open primary, otherwise known as a "jungle primary," will decrease voter participation by forcing voters to make a choice between two candidates, potentially of the same party, during the general election. This leaves voters without a meaningful choice. It also disadvantages grassroots, community-backed candidates by making them compete in a massive primary field, which are often very expensive, and splits the vote making it harder for these candidates to break through. A top-two open primary will discourage grassroots challengers from working-class, diverse communities from running for election. The goal of a primary election system should be to increase participation from candidates and voters from all walks of life. We already have this system with ranked-choice voting, which is compatible with other primary election systems Arguments in favor of the proposal state that this primary system would increase voter participation in local elections, but the research presented by the Charter Revision Commission's own preliminary report contradicts that claim. California's switch

to an open primary top-two system actually saw a decrease in voter turnout for midterm and presidential primaries in that research, and California has seen consistently low primary turnout over the last decade, especially for communities of color. Given this evidence, putting this "jungle primary" system to a vote on the November ballot without meaningful input from the public, especially without consideration for other forms of semi-open or open primary systems, is undemocratic at best. I ask the Charter Revision Commission to reconsider this proposal and leave this issue off the November general election ballot until significant research into other systems is done with meaningful consideration and input from the general public. Thank you, Genny Roman

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Dear Commissioners,

The push for jungle primaries is an old story with a new cover. Billionaires, following the playbook written by figures like Mike Bloomberg, are trying to rig the system in their favor. Their goal is to eliminate the influence of labor unions so they can privatize public assets without a fight. This isn't about improving democracy or increasing turnout; it's about shifting power permanently toward the wealthy. We've seen and defeated this tactic before, and we must stand together to defeat it once again for the sake of all working families.

Best,

Asiah Quattlebaum

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*Presented to the NYC Charter Revision Commission*

Submitted by: Richard C Hellenbrecht, First Vice Chair, Queens Community Board 13

Date: July 15, 2025

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While I recognize the urgency of New York City's housing crisis, I am deeply concerned that this proposal prioritizes speed over substance, bypassing critical safeguards that protect our communities, environment, and democratic process. I believe that the proposal will significantly disadvantage desirable low-density areas of the city that are rapidly diminishing. Fast tracking development in 12 specific districts of the city would increase suburban flight and further discourage resident ownership.

#### **Lack of Environmental Review and Community Input**

The proposal's elimination of environmental review for certain developments is alarming. Our neighborhoods are not blank slates—they contain legacy industrial sites, aging infrastructure, and environmental vulnerabilities. Fast-tracking without proper assessment risks placing families near toxic or flood-prone areas. Moreover, removing opportunities for public comment undermines the very communities these projects claim to serve.

**Affordability Without Accountability**

The term “affordable housing” must be more than a label. Without clear definitions and enforceable affordability thresholds, we risk incentivizing market-rate development under the guise of public benefit. True affordability must reflect the income realities of working families, seniors, and marginalized communities, not just developer metrics.

**Equity and Transparency in Land Use**

This proposal accelerates approvals in districts that have permitted the least affordable housing, but it fails to address why those districts have resisted development: concerns about displacement, infrastructure strain, and loss of neighborhood character. Streamlining must not become a euphemism for sidelining local voices.

**A Call for Balanced Reform**

We need thoughtful reform that will provide housing opportunities while retaining the quality of life our residents have invested in and rightfully expect to maintain. On behalf of QCB13 I urge the Commission to consider alternatives that preserve environmental review, guarantee affordability, and ensure robust community engagement. Let's build housing that is not only fast, but fair, safe, and sustainable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Name: Frederick Kozlowski

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, I'm writing to express strong support for all proposals — 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to help New York City address the current housing shortage and ensure elections are more representative. Proposal 1 and Proposal 2 are sensible. Prioritizing affordable housing will lead to more housing construction and a faster review process will give a greater incentive to build smaller apartments that are currently difficult to build when subject to ULURP. Proposal 3 will ensure that development benefits the city as a whole, rather than being subject to City Council member deference. Proposal 4 would be a wonderful move towards modernizing the land use processes of NYC. Proposal 5 would lead to greater voter turnout, making elections more representative. Potential proposal 6 is a fantastic idea, allowing all voters to participate regardless of party affiliation will encourage candidates to appeal to a broader electorate. I recommend giving all New Yorkers a voice in choosing their representatives. Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. I hope all six measures make it to the November ballot so that New York can decide on these important reforms. Frederick Kozlowski Williamsburg 11206



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[EXTERNAL] Jungle Primaries Put Our Democracy at Risk

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Dear Commissioners,

The push for "Jungle Primaries" so soon after the adoption of RCV is a perfect example of how to alienate an electorate. It signals that our electoral system is a playground for political theorists, not a stable process for public decision-making. Voters deserve consistency. They deserve time to learn and adapt to one set of rules. This proposal yanks the rug out from under them, creating confusion that will inevitably drive down participation. We must reject this move and reaffirm our commitment to the RCV system.

Best,

Emma O'connor

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[EXTERNAL] Don't Ignore the Data: Jungle Primaries Failed

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ATTN Commissioners:

Jungle primary reforms are a bad idea, plain and simple. They're unpopular with voters, and they've been rejected repeatedly at the ballot box. The argument that they achieve stated goals just doesn't hold up. Last year, this very concept was put before voters in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota, and it was voted down in all six states. This shows that voters, regardless of their political leanings, understand the value of political parties in selecting candidates. This commission should not waste our time and money pushing something voters clearly don't want. If you want more people to vote, stick with proven methods like even-year elections.

- Emily Connuck

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] A Vote Against Jungle Primaries

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To Whom It May Concern,

I urge the commission to remove jungle primaries from its agenda. This is a deeply unpopular reform that has been defeated every time it has faced a serious public test. The six defeats in six states last year—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—provide all the evidence necessary. This cross-partisan rejection should be a clear signal to this body. Let us not waste any more time on this issue and instead focus on proven ways to increase voter engagement, such as the strategic use of even-year elections.

- Josephine Ledda

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Name: Charlie Garfield

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a lifelong Manhattan resident, I'm writing to express strong support for all six proposals to make New York City more affordable and more representative. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. Proposal 2 would allow for incremental rezonings of the sort which aren't currently possible now through its creation of the new expedited process. I agree with the currently proposed idea of expediting projects which modestly increase housing on those sites. Furthermore, beyond what's currently proposed, I also support the expansion of this process where context-appropriate to include the addition of residential space to light manufacturing areas. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's Appeals Board would be a step in the right direction in this aspect, allowing for the overriding of a council vote when citywide electeds deem it necessary. I also support a potential expansion to five members as a change to the proposal, as Comptroller Brad Lander expressed support for during the public

comment process, including the comptroller and potentially the public advocate in such decisions as well. A unified City Map is a long-overdue step, as the current system can impose significant costs on infrastructure, housing, and other projects. Proposal 4's Digital City Map would allow processes that today take months or even years to occur nearly instantly. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. Proposal 5 is a clear step towards increasing participation in our city's democracy. On-year elections would improve the abysmal turnout that is often seen in city elections, allowing a broader segment of the population to weigh in on matters critical to our city's future. I urge the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6 as well. Over 1 million voters are currently unable to weigh into a critical part of the voting process, and indeed one which often determines the winner. As a 21-year-old, those 1 million include many friends of mine, who lack trust in the major parties but who would be active participants in the primary process if allowed. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Sincerely, Charlie J Garfield Upper West Side 10024

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Name: Susan Lerner

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Happy to provide our recent op-ed as a comment for the Commission.

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## Opinion

### [Keep NYC open primary off this year's ballot](#)

**New York Daily News**

**By L. Joy Williams and Susan Lerner**

**July 12, 2025**

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This November, New Yorkers could be asked to vote on a ballot proposal to “open” NYC’s local primaries to all voters regardless of political affiliation. The idea may sound simple, but the commission tasked with evaluating these reforms has embraced the concept without doing the important work to understand how it would function — or whether it would actually benefit voters.

Opening our primaries is an incredibly complex effort that requires thoughtful implementation, broad consensus, and a deep understanding of city voters in order to make a difference. Instead, the commission is considering putting a rushed, unfinished concept onto the ballot that risks significant unintended consequences with no clear benefit to the public.

As leaders in the fight to pass major election reforms here in New York, we firmly believe that such a significant change should not be so flippantly put to voters. We urge the commission to slow down — not because this issue is not worth considering, but because this proposal is simply not ready for a decision.

Last year, [Mayor Adams created a Charter Revision Commission](#) to examine how the city can address a historic housing shortage. They are expected to propose a series of [ballot questions asking New Yorkers to consider changes to how, when and where the city can build](#). But along the way, the commission expanded its focus to review our elections. Voters will likely be asked to decide whether our elections should be moved to align with federal elections in even-numbered years.

Opening up our primaries isn’t necessarily an issue that we object to, and amending our election system is not inherently a bad idea. But it is also an incredibly delicate process that must be done right.

In 2023, [Common Cause New York](#) issued [a report on New York’s “unaffiliated” voters](#), who represent more than a million voters in New York City and are now the second largest voting bloc citywide.

Currently, these voters are locked out of the primaries. The commission’s likeliest proposal to fix this — known as a jungle primary — would take from California and other places that have made the switch (with muddled success, to be clear) by pitting all candidates against one another in one giant primary.

The commission has said it believes this could empower unaffiliated voters to have more say in meaningful elections, but it has not seriously considered any other forms of open primaries or

heard balanced testimony about the impact of adopting different formats (spoiler alert: many academics say it has little, if any impact on turn out or other factors).

Significant changes tried elsewhere cannot just be applied to New York and expected to work without issue. The voting patterns of different communities, the history of our elections, and the recent introduction of other reforms are unlike anywhere else. Any changes to our elections must be evaluated fully, and include rigorous thought and research into how it would impact NYC's unique environment for better or worse.

Amending our primary system can still be done smartly. But rushing such a substantive change on the ballot creates unnecessary division. Many of the community-based groups, who talk to voters day in and day out, and who led previous election reform efforts, have told the commission they were unaware changes to our primaries were under consideration. Giving them more time to research potential impacts and understand what's at stake for the voters they work with would help significantly.

And even though proponents of open primaries have urged the commission to put the question to New Yorkers as soon as possible, we have nearly four years before it would make a difference anyway. New York's next municipal elections will not happen until 2029, meaning affected communities can consider the various forms of open primaries that best suit NYC's unique circumstances and build a citywide consensus that future commissions could address.

This Charter Revision Commission seems to understand that despite their best efforts, this proposal is not ready for the public. That's why they have yet to confirm whether it will appear on this year's ballot alongside other questions.

With less than two weeks until a final decision, we urge the commission not to rush this critical issue. Action to expand ballot access is good, and we commend the commissioners for recognizing the importance of including all voters in the democratic process. But when it comes to changing our elections, getting it right is far more important than doing it quickly. We've seen how election reform can be done well. Let's continue that work.

*Williams is the president of the [NAACP New York State Conference](#). Lerner is the executive director of Common Cause New York.*



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Comments: I am opposed to interference with our primary elections governance and any proposals meant to discourage primaries. If the commission's primary goal is to increase turnout, the way to do that is to go to even-year primaries, because data shows that jungle primaries fail to do so. Consider moving city elections to even-numbered years, aligned with new state law. Local participation is significantly higher in cities where local elections are aligned with presidential elections. Thank you, -- Josh Eckert-Chu, concerned voter.

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Commissioners,

I want to conclude by urging my colleagues to reject the false promise of jungle primaries. They are not a panacea for what ails our democracy. They are a distraction from the real work that needs to be done. Let's have the courage to admit that this experiment has failed and move on to a more productive conversation about how we can strengthen our democracy and increase voter participation. The future of our country depends on it.

- Hana Suhail

Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission  
Re: Opposition to the Consideration of a “Jungle Primary” System  
Delivered by Dori Dietz Blitz, Democratic Committee Member  
July 15, 2025

Good afternoon Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Luke Hayes.

I am here to express my very strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called “jungle primary” system for New York City elections. **The public has not been adequately informed or engaged, and should have been for a** change of this magnitude . It should come only after a robust, charter revision process—one that includes multilingual education campaigns, community listening sessions, expert testimony from across the political spectrum, and an extended deliberation period. What we have instead is a rushed proposal, with little explanation, little data, and little outreach—especially to voters in the communities most likely to be harmed. We’ve seen how rushed reforms, however well-intentioned, can backfire when voters don’t understand what’s at stake. Imposing a fundamental redesign of our elections without clear public demand or broad-based consent is not just misguided—it is undemocratic.

**This process undermines faith in the democratic system itself, one that I have believed in my entire life!** It sends the message that our election rules can be rewritten from the top down, without the kind of transparency and accountability that is the bedrock of our democracy. **That is a dangerous precedent**—especially in a moment when trust in democratic institutions is already so fragile.

There are ways to improve democracy in this city. But these start with listening to the people, listening to many people by garnering input across the board—not bypassing us.

For that reason, I strongly urge the Commission to reject any effort to advance a jungle primary system, and to commit instead to a public process rooted in transparency, equity, and community voice.

Thank you.

Luke Hayes

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Comments: Good afternoon Commissioners, Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Luke Hayes. I am here to express my very strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called "jungle primary" system for New York City elections. The public has not been adequately informed or engaged, and should have been for a change of this magnitude . It should come only after a robust, charter revision process—one that includes multilingual education campaigns, community listening sessions, expert testimony from across the political spectrum, and an extended deliberation period. What we have instead is a rushed proposal, with little explanation, little data, and little outreach—especially to voters in the communities most likely to be harmed. We've seen how rushed reforms, however well-intentioned, can backfire when voters don't understand what's at stake. Imposing a fundamental redesign of our elections without clear public demand or broad-based consent is not just misguided—it is undemocratic. This process undermines faith in the democratic system itself, one that I have believed in my entire life! It sends the message that our election rules can be rewritten from the top down, without the kind of transparency and accountability that is the bedrock of our democracy. That is a dangerous

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Hello, This proposal for "Jungle Primaries" must be seen for what it is: an unnecessary and damaging complication. New York voters are still adjusting to the complexities of Ranked-Choice Voting. To introduce another entirely new system now would be to invite chaos and suppress the vote. The best way to improve our elections is to make them simpler and more predictable, not to add more confusing and untested layers. Let's focus on proven solutions, like consolidating elections, and give our current RCV system a real chance to succeed. Thanks, Nina Milnes

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Comments: See attached document with my testimony regarding the Mayor's Charter Revision Commission Final Proposal 2025. These comments relate to the 4 affordable housing ballot proposals. As a general comment, I think these topics are far too complex and radical to be understood as ballot proposals. Is there a way to fast-track them through the legislative process? Proposed wording changes are included in the document below to get them into more understandable plain English, and to have consistency across the topics.

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## **GENERAL SUGGESTIONS REGARDING BALLOT PROPOSALS**

1. Each Ballot Proposal should identify where the proposal originates, for example, which NYC Charter Revision Commission is presenting the proposal (Mayor's or City Council's). It should be written in plain English, spelling out the full names of the city departments and processes when they are first used with the acronyms abbreviated in parentheses following the full name. Acronyms can be used following the first use. The problem(s) to be solved, the impact(s) of the proposal, pros and cons of the proposal should be explained simply and clearly, trying to avoid uncommon words and unnecessarily repetitive words.
2. Wherever possible, changes to the NYC Charter and governance should be done by normal legislative processes and/or NYC Rules changes. This is especially important when the public needs to be educated about the changes through public outreach and education in order to make a good decision. The right law will be more effective than a quick law.



## **BALLOT QUESTIONS RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Below are proposed changes to the wording (based on suggestion #1 above) of the Ballot Questions relating to production of affordable housing followed by some comments. I may not have understood all of the nuances of the questions and proposals.

### **BALLOT QUESTION #1**

#### **Ballot Question #1: Fast Tracking Affordable Housing**

The Mayor's NYC Charter Revision Commission proposes a two-part amendment to the NYC Charter that would create new fast track public processes for publicly financed affordable housing.

1. The amendment would create a new zoning waiver authority (The Fast Track Zoning Waiver) for publicly financed affordable housing projects administered by the city's Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA).
2. The amendment would establish an expedited public review process for applications that deliver affordable housing in the community districts that produce the least affordable housing.

**Goal:** To allow affordable housing to be produced more quickly and at lower cost, offering deeper levels of affordability and ensuring that every community adds affordable housing.

**Description:** The Fast Track Zoning Waiver would be available for projects subject to the city's Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) zoning rules. The Fast Track process would create income-restricted rental and homeownership opportunities affordable to families at lower incomes. Housing Development Fund Companies (HDFCs), entities formed exclusively to develop housing projects for persons of low income, would be eligible for the Affordable Housing Fast Track Zoning Waiver. A significant portion of these developments will be permanently affordable under MIH and the Universal Affordability Preference (UAP). The city's Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) would have a new action, the Affordable Housing Fast Track Zoning Waiver. In order to grant these waivers, the BSA must provide assurance that an approved project will be compatible with a neighborhood's existing built context and complies with the city's Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) development standards, with HPD providing verification. Generally, an applicant will be required to produce a letter from HPD or another government entity demonstrating a non-binding commitment to finance the project. When an application is filed, the BSA would be required immediately to refer a Fast Track application to the

affected Community Board and Borough President, where they will conduct a concurrent 60-day review period. They may hold hearings and may provide recommendations to the BSA. The Department of City Planning (DCP) would then have 30 days to review an eligible application and hold a final vote.

The existing Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) process is replaced by the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP), a streamlined review process for specific categories of eligible housing and infrastructure projects.

The Fast Track Zoning Waiver would also establish a new public review procedure for applications that deliver affordable housing in the community districts that permit the least affordable housing. Building on the City Council's Fair Housing Framework, every five years, the City will release a report on the rate of affordable housing permitting in each of the 59 Community Districts over the past 5 years. In the 12 Community Districts that permitted the least affordable housing, rezoning applications that are required to deliver affordable housing under the City's Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) program would have access to a new land use procedure: the Affordable Housing Fast Track Waiver.

**Impact: Part 1.** The new process shortens the time and simplifies the approval process for eligible affordable housing development, which is expected to stimulate more affordable housing development. It shortens the process by eliminating required approvals by elected officials (NYC Council) and environmental reviews. Adding residential density may impact traffic, infrastructure, schools, city services, etc. The impact will not be analyzed before getting the permit.

**Impact: Part 2.** All community districts will be required to build new affordable housing in their communities.

## **Comments on content of Ballot Question #1:**

This proposal does not seem appropriate for a ballot proposal. It is very complex, and difficult for a lay person to understand. I understand that there is a housing crisis. Ideally this would be fast-tracked as legislation. But there may be doubts that legislation as would pass quickly, as this proposal concentrates approvals for eligible new affordable development approvals in the Mayor's office.

Such extreme steps may be necessary to get affordable housing to be built. The proposal does limit the initiatives to the MIH framework and to a special category of developers. This makes it more palatable.

I would like to see more explicit wording to include adaptive reuse of good old existing buildings rather than just “new” affordable housing development in Part 1 of Ballot Question 1. I urge NYC to protect landmark districts and built environment.

Part 2 of the proposed change seems arbitrary and is essentially an undesirable quota system. Quota systems do not usually get the intended results. It could be unfair to neighborhoods that have large amounts of existing affordable housing, unless "net", not "new" affordable housing metrics are used to determine the neighborhoods with the “least affordable housing” and also the amount of space that can be developed. It is based on the NYC Council's recent Fair Housing Framework, which is a "one size fits all" program that does not realistically consider the special economics of housing development in Manhattan, the smallest, densest and most expensive area in the world (according to Wikipedia. In addition, Manhattan includes a large number of public buildings (the United Nations, government offices, colleges and universities, hospitals, cultural and entertainment venues and the Central Business District (CBD) with commercial buildings. The outer boroughs, which are far less dense, have much more available space to develop. Small tweaks to zoning will not adequately solve the affordability issue in Manhattan. MIH has made things worse in some parts of Manhattan by incentivizing tearing down existing older deeply affordable buildings to put up new luxury housing with less density and less affordability ("affordable for whom?"). This Charter change attempts to correct this deficiency with MIH, but will it create net additional affordable housing where the new amount of affordable housing is more than what used to be there?

The Fair Housing Framework does not reward or accommodate success, and it is inflexible. Should some provision be made for a time when the affordable vacancy rate rises to 5%, as an example? NYC is best when a framework is created that enables developers to respond flexibly to current market needs. As a worst case scenario, what if NYC goes into a period where there is a loss of population, some luxury buildings go bankrupt and are taken over by the city, and the city doesn't need more housing? Should the ballot proposal be repealed? What if all boroughs added 500,000 units of affordable housing across all boroughs in the first 4 years after passing the ballot proposal? Should the ballot proposal then be suspended or repealed? This is an unlikely scenario, but it illustrates the inflexible nature of the proposal.

#### **SUGGESTION:**

With The Fair Housing Framework we are fighting yesterday's war. For the new and better NYC we should be focusing more on decentralizing affordable residential and mixed-use development to the outer boroughs. Focusing more on the outer boroughs will lead to the development of several new live/work/play neighborhoods that people want today, all

within greater NYC, so that many residents will not have to travel to the CBD for work and entertainment.

The Charter proposal should include a provision and metric for when the program is successful, such as a 5% affordable vacancy rate. What should happen then?

The Charter proposal should use a combined metric of "net" affordable housing in a neighborhood, not just "new" affordable housing. The metric should take available development space into consideration.

What happens when we've done everything right or if the city loses population and there is no longer a housing crisis? Should this proposal have an expiration date when it must be reviewed and renewed if needed?

And finally, the city must enforce the existing laws to make sure that all new residential housing is not turned into short-term housing ("airBnB" law). I can't prove it, but I have the impression that some apartments in Midtown Manhattan are still illegal airBnBs.

## **BALLOT QUESTION 2: Simplify Review of Eligible Housing and Infrastructure Projects**

The Mayor's NYC Charter Revision Commission proposes an amendment to the NYC Charter to create a simplified review process, known as the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP).

The following actions would be eligible for ELURP:

- Zoning proposals that increase residential capacity:
  - In low-density residential neighborhoods (R1-R5 districts), multifamily housing would be allowed up to a height of 45 feet and a maximum floor area ratio (FAR) of 2.
  - In medium- and high-density residential areas (R6 and up), zoning changes that increase residential capacity by 30% or less.
- Sale of city property to Housing Development Fund Companies (HDFCs), the vehicle for virtually all Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)-subsidized, 100% affordable housing projects.
- City acquisition of land for affordable housing.
- Zoning (City Map) changes related to affordable housing.

- Infrastructure and resiliency projects, such as projects to prevent flooding by raising the grade of a street and to build solar panels on public land.
- Sale of small or otherwise unusable sliver lots owned by the city.
- City Map changes for affordable housing projects or to facilitate low-density housing. Today, the Charter requires a lengthy review process just to revise the City Map, delaying or preventing many affordable housing projects or low-density developments from occurring.
- City Map changes for resiliency projects, including street raisings to protect vulnerable communities from flooding, and clean-up actions in conjunction with acquisitions adjacent to mapped streets or parks.
- Site selections for resiliency, open space, and solar power to make it easier for the City to build new open space, protect flood-prone communities, or build solar panels on City-owned property.
- Dispositions for solar power on public land to simplify the process of putting solar panels on public buildings and other public land.
- Voluntary flood buyouts, and acquisitions of small or irregular sites adjacent to City-owned property for resiliency purposes to allow the City to quickly get homeowners out of harm's way in flood-prone areas, and to expedite resiliency projects across the five boroughs.
- Any other categories proposed by the Department of City Planning (DCP) and approved by the City Council in the future.

**Goal:** Stimulate affordable housing development.

**Impact:** Elimination of lengthy public review when the City seeks to buy, sell or transfer land for affordable housing and for zoning (City Map) changes related to resiliency, open space and solar power.

#### **COMMENTS:**

Changes to wording of Ballot Question 2 have been made for clarity and consistency (of department names, etc.) I may not be understanding all of the nuances.

This Ballot Question is more complex than it initially appeared to be on first reading. Again, ideally this would be done legislatively, not through a ballot proposal so that it could be discussed and understood better by voters.

I do not agree that a 30% increase in height (FAR) is “modest” for zones R6 and up. Maybe 15% could be considered modest. This will make already dense neighborhoods much denser with impacts on traffic, schools, infrastructure, city services, etc. Can these older areas handle such density? Is the City prepared to allocate some of the city-owned property in this area to schools? And to dig up the streets for infrastructure upgrades?

Much power would be ceded to the Mayor’s office, taking it from the community and City Council. I understand why these changes are thought to be necessary—it’s the housing crisis! But what happens when we’ve done everything right or if the city loses population and there is no longer a housing crisis? Should this proposal have an expiration date when it must be reviewed and renewed if needed?

Would City Council provide oversight? Would the oversight group for HPD and DCP be funded? There’s lots of room for corruption and over-zealous destruction of existing housing and good old buildings.

I would like to see explicit protections for landmarked districts and built environment.

I would like to see more explicit incentives for adaptive reuse, not just tearing down the old to build the new.

### **BALLOT QUESTION 3: Establish a Land Use Appeals Board with Council, Borough, and Citywide Voices**

The Mayor's NYC Charter Revision Commission proposes an amendment to the NYC Charter to eliminate the Mayor’s Veto power in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) and replace it with a new Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) Appeals Board, consisting of the Borough President of the affected borough, the Speaker of the City Council, and the Mayor. The Appeals Board would have the power to reverse City Council decisions on certain land use matters — but only if two out of these three democratically elected officials agree.

Impact: This proposal would affect development eligible for ULURP. It lessens the authority of the Mayor to reverse City Council decisions.

### **BALLOT QUESTION 4: Modernizing the City Map**

The City Map establishes the legally defined locations of street lines and widths, street names, and legal grades, as well as the locations of mapped parkland and public places. Consolidation of the five boroughs into New York City occurred over 125 years ago, but a unified City Map of all five boroughs has never been adopted.

This proposal would require the City to consolidate the functions of the five borough maps into a unified City Map under the jurisdiction of the Department of City Planning (DCP) by January 1, 2028. DCP would administer the City Map change process, working with land use applicants before, during, and after formal public review.

This proposal would also require the promulgation of a legally effective Digital City Map, with a city mapping action to begin Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) for approval by January 1, 2029.

**SUGGESTION:** Make this **Ballot Question 1**, as there are references to City Map in Ballot Question 3.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: James Delaney

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: See attached testimony opposing Expedited ULURP in low density areas. I am a long time resident of Bellerose, Queens, and an active participant in civic affairs and neighborhood preservation. I strongly oppose the proposal to expedite the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) in low-density areas. This proposal undermines the very principles of community engagement and transparency that ULURP was designed to uphold. Low-density neighborhoods like mine are not just zoning designations—they are living communities with unique histories, infrastructure limitations, and deeply rooted civic institutions. Accelerating the review process risks sidelining the voices of residents and community boards who are best positioned to evaluate the local impacts of proposed developments. Key Concerns: Loss of Community Oversight: Expedited ULURP would reduce the time available for Community Boards and Borough Presidents to review and respond to proposals. This diminishes meaningful public input and weakens the checks and balances that protect neighborhood character. Infrastructure Strain: Many low-density areas, including parts of Eastern Queens, already face challenges with sewer capacity, school overcrowding, and limited public transit. Fast-tracking development without



thorough environmental and infrastructure review and input from local community residents could exacerbate these issues. Precedent for Overdevelopment: By creating a “junior review” for “junior changes,” the proposal opens the door to incremental upzoning that could permanently alter the scale and livability of low-density neighborhoods. Equity and Fairness: Streamlining ULURP for modestly sized projects may seem efficient, but it disproportionately benefits developers while reducing protections for communities. The cost and uncertainty of ULURP are not flaws—they are safeguards against unchecked development. Owners in low-density areas made “the most expensive investments of their lives” with the faith in zoning and the expectation of an ongoing way of living. Recommendations: Preserve the full ULURP timeline for all zoning changes in low-density districts. Require robust environmental and infrastructure assessments before any fast-track designation is granted. Ensure that Community Boards retain full authority to review and comment on all land use proposals, regardless of size or location. In closing, I urge the City Planning Commission and the Charter Revision Commission to reject any proposal that weakens ULURP in low-density areas. Our neighborhoods deserve thoughtful planning, not rushed approvals. Thank you. James Delaney

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## **Testimony in Opposition to Expedited ULURP in Low-Density Areas**

Submitted by: James Delaney

Date: July 15, 2025

Location: Bellerose, Queens, NY

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

I am a long time resident of Bellerose, Queens, and an active participant in civic affairs and neighborhood preservation. I strongly oppose the proposal to expedite the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) in low-density areas.

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### **Key Concerns:**

- **Loss of Community Oversight:** Expedited ULURP would reduce the time available for Community Boards and Borough Presidents to review and respond to proposals. This diminishes meaningful public input and weakens the checks and balances that protect neighborhood character.
- **Infrastructure Strain:** Many low-density areas, including parts of Eastern Queens, already face challenges with sewer capacity, school overcrowding, and limited public transit. Fast-tracking development without thorough environmental and infrastructure review and input from local community residents could exacerbate these issues.
- **Precedent for Overdevelopment:** By creating a “junior review” for “junior changes,” the proposal opens the door to incremental upzoning that could permanently alter the scale and livability of low-density neighborhoods.
- **Equity and Fairness:** Streamlining ULURP for modestly sized projects may seem efficient, but it disproportionately benefits developers while reducing protections for communities. The cost and uncertainty of ULURP are not flaws—they are safeguards against unchecked development. Owners in low-density areas made “the most expensive investments of their lives” with the faith in zoning and the expectation of an ongoing way of living.

**Recommendations:**

- Preserve the full ULURP timeline for all zoning changes in low-density districts.
- Require robust environmental and infrastructure assessments before any fast-track designation is granted.
- Ensure that Community Boards retain full authority to review and comment on all land use proposals, regardless of size or location.

In closing, I urge the City Planning Commission and the Charter Revision Commission to reject any proposal that weakens ULURP in low-density areas. Our neighborhoods deserve thoughtful planning, not rushed approvals.

Thank you.

James Delaney

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Comments: I am completely against an new changes in the primary elections. I don't think that opening a primary election to every registered voter rather than Reps or Dems will not be fair and will destroy the political process. Let people register as one or another and vote in those primaries. It is confusing enough the way it is now- ranked voting. I feel my vote doesn't count.

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Name: Lorrie Pizzola

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Comments: Attached please find testimony on behalf of the New York State Association for  
Affordable Housing (NYSFAH). Thank you.

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**NYSFAH Testimony**  
**New York City Charter Revision Commission**  
**July 15, 2025**

My name is Lorrie Pizzola, I am the Policy Director for the New York State Association for Affordable Housing (NYSFAH) the trade association representing affordable housing professionals across New York City and State.

NYSFAH previously submitted detailed testimony on April 23, 2025, at the Manhattan Public Input Session on Housing and Land Use. In review of the Commission's Interim Report released on July 1, 2025, we are pleased to support recommendations aimed at making the land use system faster, fairer, and more responsive to the urgent need for affordable housing.

**RECALIBRATE THE ULURP PROCESS**

ULURP currently amplifies narrow opposition and enables "member deference" that blocks needed housing. We support reforms to rebalance the process:

- Empower the City Planning Commission (CPC) to override Council votes with a supermajority.
- Replace Mayoral veto with a transparent, line-item modification process.
- Add the Council Speaker to CPC for earlier citywide input.
- Make Council review optional.

These changes help ensure local input is considered but not used to stall housing that serves citywide needs.

**STREAMLINE SMALL PROJECTS**

We support a streamlined process Expedited Land Use Review Process (ELURP) for low-impact and small-scale projects that don't require full Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Allowing Borough Presidents to review these proposals would reduce delays and free up resources for larger efforts.

**FAST-TRACK AFFORDABLE HOUSING (≤165% AMI)**

We urge the creation of a fast-track process for affordable housing, especially for projects on public land that require no zoning change. Projects serving households earning up to 165% of AMI, including low-, moderate-, and middle-income families, should qualify, aligning with

Housing Development Fund Corporation (HDFC) and Article XI standards. These changes will reduce costs and accelerate urgently needed development.

### **PROJECT SPECIFIC ZONING RELIEF**

Granting the Board of Standards and Appeals authority to issue project-specific zoning waivers for affordable housing is critical. Relief should be based on necessity and community compatibility, without changing underlying zoning.

### **CONCLUSION**

The ULURP process is outdated and imbalanced. The 2025 Charter Revision Commission's recommendations point the way toward a more efficient, equitable system. NYSAFAH supports reforms that prioritize affordable housing, expand tools for Borough Presidents, and create faster approval pathways. We stand ready to partner with the city to make these solutions a reality.

**Contact:** Lorrie Pizzola, NYSAFAH Policy Director at [REDACTED]

- (1) **Oppose ELURP and Fast Track** – both would decrease community board influence by removing council review; as many have stated the community boards advisory votes are only meaningful when backed up by the local council members binding ability to negotiate these recommendations with a developer.
- (2) While an attempt to address fair share issues in affordable housing production, **the fast track process just doubles down on developer led spot rezonings, the weakest method of producing affordable housing since these were permitted by the MIH law in 2015.** Out of a total of 111,000 units of affordable housing constructed since 2010 (NYC Open Data HPD); these developer spot rezonings are responsible for fewer than 10,000 or 10% of the income restricted units, with the rest coming from broader department of city planning rezonings (including those prior to 2010) or as of right development including via the 421-a tax credit or other government subsidy programs. These weak numbers are not due to council member opposition or a long drawn out ULURP process (as stated in previous testimony, most of the approvals time is pre – ulurp or even pre-filing). Out of nearly 400 developer rezonings, only a handful were withdrawn prior to a city council vote due to opposition by the local council member, while I am aware of only one – the Lenox Terrace development - which was voted down by the city council after being approved by the city planning commission. This out of scale proposal would have added over 1000 units of luxury housing and subjected 1700 rent stabilized tenants to a decade of construction by a landlord already accused by tenants of being a bad actor. Moreover, as has been pointed out many times, the power to spot rezone for affordable housing has not led to certain community districts contributing a meaningful amount of affordable housing over the last 15 years. The inescapable conclusion is that when left up to them, individual developers, including non profit affordable housing developers, will hit the same neighborhoods over and over again, or prefer not to build affordable housing at the 60-80% AMI levels expected under MIH, and as a group aren't physically or financially able to generate a large volume of affordable units in a reasonable time frame (a few sites have still built nothing a decade after getting their rezonings approved, i.e. the 125 Edgewater rezoning in Staten Island where an 18 acre site is now for sale by the original developer). Even worse, although not every spot rezoning is rejected by communities, they have the potential to disrupt careful urban planning representing years of work by communities, city agencies and elected officials. When significant change is needed, **comprehensive, community based urban planning is a much stronger tool for promoting the creation of affordable housing while distributing it fairly, in appropriate locations, and with sufficient infrastructure.**
- (3) **ELURP** would not require mandatory inclusionary housing under current law (no rezoning does although it has been administration policy in the last 10 years to require affordable housing) and it is not clear that the charter amendments would require that. It would destroy any semblance of rational development patterns and



urban planning that was left after City of Yes and the 2014 MIH/ZQA amendments by **making it much easier for developers to spot upzone any and every lot indiscriminately throughout the city, possibly for 100% market rate housing**. Local elected officials would no longer be able to negotiate concessions to benefit the public, leaving only an appointed city planning commission dominated by the mayor to make all such decisions on behalf of communities and the city. It certainly wouldn't change the unequal distribution of affordable housing production where districts with uniformly low density zoning have vastly underproduced affordable housing compared to those with mostly high density zoning such as Community Board 9 Brooklyn. We have many areas of low density housing which were unaccountably zoned for high densities in the 1960's, and unlike other similar neighborhoods, we have not been allowed to preserve our existing neighborhoods even as we continue to build large amounts of housing and affordable housing.

- (4) **Oppose appeals board:** Currently the power to reverse a city council disapproval already resides with the Mayor through his veto power over the city council. Since the Mayor effectively controls the city planning commission by making the majority of appointments, a new appeals board is unnecessary for this purpose. **The power to veto council modifications is extremely troubling.** Like ELURP and Fast Track, it seeks to remove the council's and the local communities voice – but in ALL rezoning applications since the board can veto any council modifications or disapproval it wishes. **What would be the point of having the full council vote on rezoning applications at all?**

Moreover, in supposedly seeking to end the practice of “member deference” to individual council members, it replaces that with deference to ONE individual council member – the Speaker, and one borough president. What is to stop the Speaker and one borough president from blocking the city council from imposing deeper or greater affordability requirements than what the City Planning commission has requested? Adding the public advocate and comptroller as members of this appeals board hardly helps democratize this body. The public advocate already appoints a member of the city planning commission, perhaps the comptroller should as well. The borough presidents can exert greater influence on the land use process by leveraging the voices of the community boards rather than casting themselves as a lone voice in opposition to their boards. This can be done, as we suggested, by having the borough board vote on individual ULURP applications, by appointing community board members to vote on the city planning commission on a rotating basis, and by giving planning assistance to community boards to create pro active comprehensive plans.

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Comments: I am the land use chair of community board 9 in Brooklyn. Community Board 9 has passed a resolution as of the end of June and submitted testimony. Since the latest report was released on July 1 we have not met. Attached is my personal testimony regarding the latest proposals from the commission.

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Comments: Dear members of the New York City Charter Revision Commission, As Executive Director of The New Majority NYC and a former mayoral candidate for New York City, we write to encourage this commission not to recommend a switch to nonpartisan open primaries with top-two general elections. We are leaders working on voting rights, gender and racial justice issues. Our partners and our communities are succeeding with ranked choice voting as it is currently used. A top-two general election would undermine a system that is working and hand more power to outside interests who want to influence our elections. The top-two system limits choices for voters and gives wealthier candidates and special interest groups more power to influence our elections. Narrowing the field to just two choices means that campaigns and dark money groups know exactly which candidate to target, and can flood the airwaves with negative messaging. For example, Georgia's Senate runoff elections in 2020 attracted over \$500 million in ad spending. This has an immediate eroding impact on local organizing power in response to money raised, particularly organizing power of historically underserved communities. One of us has run for mayor of New York while the other works with female candidates to represent the

city. We have witnessed first-hand the benefits of running in a diverse and competitive pool of candidates. Campaigns should be about the needs of all people, not just the wealthiest or most politically connected. It is critical that our elections system supports, not hampers, the incentives for all candidates to focus on the needs of all New Yorkers. The top-two non-partisan open primaries can limit the ability of independent and minor party candidates to face voters in the general election. Our city has a rich history of successful independent and minor party candidates and we should preserve those pathways, not undermine them. Candidates fighting for our communities tend to do better in positive, issue-oriented campaigns that emphasize direct voter contact. Those are the exact campaigns incentivized by ranked choice voting, as we saw in this year's primary elections. Ranked choice voting has delivered New York City's first majority women and most diverse city council ever. A top-two system would relegate ranked choice voting to the first round only, which would limit its positive impact and limit representative power for New Yorkers. We strongly encourage this commission not to recommend nonpartisan open primaries for New York City. Instead, we offer two other reform suggestions that would maximize the positive benefits we get from ranked choice voting. First, a semi-open primary would allow independent voters to participate in the party primary of their choice. This would meet the Commission's goal of increasing participation and including the over 1 million unaffiliated voters in New York City. A semi-open primary would achieve this without undermining independent candidates, minor-party candidates, and ranked choice voting. Second, expanding ranked choice voting to the general election would give voters meaningful choices, instead of limiting to just two, while also ensuring we elect majority winners. Thank you, Ebonie Simpson Executive Director, The New Majority NYC Maya Wiley Former candidate for Mayor of New York City

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We are leaders working on voting rights, gender and racial justice issues. Our partners and our communities are succeeding with ranked choice voting as it is currently used. A top-two general election would undermine a system that is working and hand more power to outside interests who want to influence our elections.

The top-two system limits choices for voters and gives wealthier candidates and special interest groups more power to influence our elections. Narrowing the field to just two choices means that campaigns and dark money groups know exactly which candidate to target, and can flood the airwaves with negative messaging. For example, Georgia's Senate runoff elections in 2020 attracted [over \\$500 million](#) in ad spending. This has an immediate eroding impact on local organizing power in response to money raised, particularly organizing power of historically underserved communities.

One of us has run for mayor of New York while the other works with female candidates to represent the city. We have witnessed first-hand the benefits of running in a diverse and competitive pool of candidates. Campaigns should be about the needs of all people, not just the wealthiest or most politically connected. It is critical that our elections system supports, not hampers, the incentives for all candidates to focus on the needs of all New Yorkers.

The top-two non-partisan open primaries can limit the ability of independent and minor party candidates to face voters in the general election. Our city has a rich history of successful independent and minor party candidates and we should preserve those pathways, not undermine them.

Candidates fighting for our communities tend to do better in positive, issue-oriented campaigns that emphasize direct voter contact. Those are the exact campaigns incentivized by ranked choice voting, as we saw in this year's primary elections. Ranked choice voting has delivered New York City's first majority women and most diverse city council ever. A top-two system would relegate ranked choice voting to the first round only, which would limit its positive impact and limit representative power for New Yorkers.

We strongly encourage this commission not to recommend nonpartisan open primaries for New York City. Instead, we offer two other reform suggestions that would maximize the positive benefits we get from ranked choice voting.

- First, a semi-open primary would allow independent voters to participate in the party primary of their choice. This would meet the Commission's goal of increasing participation and including the over 1 million unaffiliated voters in New York City. A

semi-open primary would achieve this without undermining independent candidates, minor-party candidates, and ranked choice voting.

- Second, expanding ranked choice voting to the general election would give voters meaningful choices, instead of limiting to just two, while also ensuring we elect majority winners.

Thank you,

Ebonie Simpson

Executive Director, The New Majority NYC

Maya Wiley

Former candidate for Mayor of New York City

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Why Open Primaries Are a Bad Idea for NYC Turnout

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Hello, It's vital that we dispel the myth that jungle primaries are a panacea for low voter turnout. The data from states that have adopted them clearly indicates they have not increased participation. If the commission's primary objective is to get more people to the polls, then we must shift our focus to strategies that have a demonstrated positive effect, rather than clinging to a failed premise. California's decade-long experience with jungle primaries since 2012 provides compelling evidence. Their own turnout data shows that voter participation has stayed almost exactly the same when compared to the previous 12 years, for both primaries and general elections. This consistent stagnation is a strong indicator that jungle primaries are not a solution to low voter turnout, and we should instead focus on active, direct engagement with voters.

Lisa Anchin  
(she/her)

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[EXTERNAL] The Foundations of Engagement

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Hey,

Understanding true impact is key to effective voter turnout reform. We know with certainty that jungle primaries do not increase participation; their record is one of consistent underperformance. The proven pathway to higher turnout is the adoption of even-year primaries. Beyond this, the most significant impact on voter engagement comes from people's organizations, including community groups, unions, and political parties. These are the entities that excel at direct, personal voter contact, utilizing methods like canvassing and personalized outreach that numerous studies confirm are highly effective. Any attempt to diminish the strength or curtail the self-determination of these organized entities, especially political parties and labor unions, will inevitably depress turnout. Such initiatives appear to be an agenda to disempower organized advocacy rather than a sincere effort to expand the electorate. Our goal must be to strengthen the framework that allows these vital organizations to robustly participate and turn out voters.

Sincerely,  
Kayla Miller



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To Whom It May Concern,

The recent election in Alaska, with its historically low turnout, should be a wake-up call. It is a clear indication that jungle primaries are not the answer to low voter participation. This is not an isolated incident but part of a larger pattern that we have seen in other states as well. The data is telling us a story, and we need to listen. It is time to move beyond the debate over jungle primaries and start a new conversation about the real drivers of voter engagement.

Thanks,

Kumar Rao

Brooklyn, NY

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Location: Bellerose, Queens, NY

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In closing, I urge the City Planning Commission and the Charter Revision Commission to reject any proposal that weakens ULURP in low-density areas. Our neighborhoods deserve thoughtful planning, not rushed approvals.

Thank you.

James Delaney



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[EXTERNAL] Jungle primaries are not the answer

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Hello,

We face a clear choice: pursue ineffective gimmicks or invest in proven strategies for voter turnout. Jungle primaries are a failed concept. The evidence points toward even-year primaries as a successful structural change. Beyond that, the lifeblood of voter engagement comes from organized entities like labor unions and political parties. Their direct contact efforts are the gold standard for mobilization. Any policy designed to hamper these groups would directly suppress voter participation. Let's make the right choice and support the grassroots infrastructure that truly engages the electorate.

- Emily Albarillo

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sylvia Delaney

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Comments: See testimony in opposition to proposed NYC Land Use Appeals Board. Testimony in Opposition to the Proposed NYC Land Use Appeals Board Submitted by: Sylvia Delaney Date: July 15, 2025 Community Affiliation: Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I strongly oppose the establishment of the proposed NYC Land Use Appeals Board. While the intent to streamline or democratize the land use process may be well-meaning, the framework as currently proposed raises serious concerns about transparency, public oversight, and institutional integrity. Concerns About Accountability and Transparency The creation of an additional appeals body introduces ambiguity around jurisdiction and decision-making authority. There is insufficient clarity on how board members would be selected, vetted, and held accountable. Without robust public input mechanisms, this board risks operating with diminished community representation. Potential Undermining of Established Processes New York City's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP), while not perfect, has built-in opportunities for community boards, borough presidents, and the City Council to weigh in. This proposed board could override or dilute the voices of community-level stakeholders who are

closest to the impact of land use decisions. Risk of Politicization and Overconcentration of Power  
Land use decisions affect neighborhoods deeply—physically, culturally, and economically. A  
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guardrails to prevent conflicts of interest and political influence, particularly in high-stakes  
rezoning applications. Call for Strengthening Existing Structures Instead Rather than layering  
another board on top of an already complex system, we should invest in fortifying community  
boards and enhancing ULURP engagement. This could include expanded training for board  
members, better public education on land use issues, and ensuring timely access to  
environmental and economic impact studies. In closing, I respectfully urge this body to reject the  
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empowering community-level review in our land use processes. Thank you. Sylvia Delaney

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## **Testimony in Opposition to the Proposed NYC Land Use Appeals Board**

**Submitted by: Sylvia Delaney Date: July 15, 2025**

**Community Affiliation: Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association**

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### **Concerns About Accountability and Transparency**

- The creation of an additional appeals body introduces ambiguity around jurisdiction and decision-making authority.
- There is insufficient clarity on how board members would be selected, vetted, and held accountable.
- Without robust public input mechanisms, this board risks operating with diminished community representation.

### **Potential Undermining of Established Processes**

- New York City's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP), while not perfect, has built-in opportunities for community boards, borough presidents, and the City Council to weigh in.
- This proposed board could override or dilute the voices of community-level stakeholders who are closest to the impact of land use decisions.

### **Risk of Politicization and Overconcentration of Power**

- Land use decisions affect neighborhoods deeply—physically, culturally, and economically. A central appeals body risks privileging political expediency over local nuance.
- The proposal lacks guardrails to prevent conflicts of interest and political influence, particularly in high-stakes rezoning applications.

### **Call for Strengthening Existing Structures Instead**

- Rather than layering another board on top of an already complex system, we should invest in fortifying community boards and enhancing ULURP engagement.

- This could include expanded training for board members, better public education on land use issues, and ensuring timely access to environmental and economic impact studies.

In closing, I respectfully urge this body to reject the proposed NYC Land Use Appeals Board and instead focus on deepening transparency and empowering community-level review in our land use processes. Thank you.

Sylvia Delaney

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## Testimony Before the New York City Charter Revision Commission

Re: Opposition to the Implementation of a "Jungle Primary" System

Delivered by: Lurie Daniel Favors, Executive Director, Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evers College

Good Day Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony on this very important matter. My name is Lurie Daniel Favors and I am the executive director at the Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evers College (CLSJ). I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed adoption of a so-called “jungle primary”<sup>1</sup> or “open primary” system for New York City elections.

### **About CLSJ**

The Center for Law and Social Justice (CLSJ) is a unit of Medgar Evers College of The City University of New York. Founded in 1986 by means of a New York State legislative grant, the mission of CLSJ is to provide quality advocacy, conduct research, and advocacy training services to people of African descent and the disenfranchised. CLSJ seeks to accomplish its mission by conducting research, and initiating public policy advocacy projects and litigation which promote civil and human rights, and national and international understanding on behalf of community organizations and groups of people of African descent and the disenfranchised. Because of its unique combination of advocacy services from a community-based perspective, CLSJ is a focal point for progressive activity.

From its initial days, CLSJ has worked to defend the voting rights of Black New Yorkers and other racial “minority” New Yorkers. To this end, CLSJ has led or co-led many historic voting rights advocacy initiatives in New York City including but not limited to: the **New Majority for Charter Change** (1987-1989) which successfully advocated for voting rights provisions and other equitable initiatives to be included in the new NYC Charter; the **Majority Coalition for Fair Redistricting** (1991-1992) which worked to ensure fair redistricting for people of color in NYC. CLSJ is also a founding member of the **New York Voting Rights Consortium** (1993-present) a coalition of leading local and national voting rights organizations advocating for the protection of voters of color in the New York metropolitan area. The voting rights litigation that CLSJ has been involved in include ***Ashe v. Board of Elections***, ***Chin v. Bd. of Elections***, ***Rodriguez v. Pataki*** and ***Hayden v. Pataki***, among others.

### **Opposition to “Open” Primaries**

Under an open primary – or top-two system – all candidates, regardless of party affiliation, compete in a single primary election. Out of that contest, the top two vote-getters advance to the general election. At first glance, this approach seems neutral and may be appealing to many. The reality, however, is that an open primary system, introduced in this matter and with such

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<sup>1</sup> Due to the highly racialized nature of the “jungle primary” language, I will use the phrase “open primary” during the course of this testimony.

little community preparation and education, threatens to diminish and dilute the voices of communities of color, particularly Black voters. Furthermore, incorporating an open primary system at this time, would further serve to undermine our city's democratic values and destabilize Black voter participation.

**First: Open primaries can dilute the power of organized political communities.** For decades Black New Yorkers worked to build political power by engaging in deep organizing with political parties. The current closed primary system allows communities with shared values and interests to select candidates who reflect their shared priorities. An open primary, by contrast, allows a fragmented and crowded field to split the vote, potentially locking out the very communities that have fought so hard to win representation.

This would not be the first time for a negative outcome like this to manifest after the introduction of an open primary system. In states like California and Washington, where top-two primaries have been implemented, communities of color often find themselves with no candidate of choice on the general election ballot. When multiple candidates from one community run, they can split the vote and be eliminated—even if their community constitutes a majority of voters in that district.

It is also quite curious – *in the most negative of senses* – that this commission would seek to weaken Political Party power in elections by introducing the specter of open primaries, now that *Black voters and other voters of color* have become increasingly the base of the Democratic Party in New York City and across the country.

Open primaries would also add countless “unaffiliated” voters – people who opt out of the primary election system – by allowing them to suddenly participate in partisan primaries. That too will dilute the influence of Black voters in New York. It should also be noted that *any* effort to diminish Black voters’ influence in local elections will also trigger pre-clearance with New York’s essential John Lewis Voting Rights Act.

**Second: Too much change; too little preparation.** Adding open primaries – after NYC just embraced rank choice voting – would essentially add another new and confusing process that upends the way we do elections *again*. As noted more fully *infra*, New York City just began incorporating rank choice voting within the past four years. As an organization dedicated to voter outreach and education, it has been an uphill battle to ensure that New Yorkers from our communities have the education they need in order to meaningfully engage with the ballot under this new system. New Yorkers need time to get used to one reform before having additional, unnecessary reforms forced into the electoral space.

**Third: Open primaries suppress participation, particularly among working-class and low-income voters.** Research shows that turnout in nonpartisan primaries tends to be lower, especially among voters who are not engaged in high-information elections or who rely on party affiliation as a key tool for understanding candidate platforms. This creates barriers to participation that disproportionately impact Black, brown, immigrant, and young voters—those who already face structural challenges to voting and representation.

**Fourth: Open primaries is a solution in search of a problem.** As noted *supra*, New York City recently made a major change to its electoral system when it adopted ranked-choice voting



(RCV), which was approved by a wide margin of voters in a citywide referendum. RCV allows voters to express more nuanced preferences and promotes more inclusive campaigning. Instead of undermining that recently implemented reform, we should give it time to work and expand civic education around it—especially in underrepresented communities.

**Fifth: Open primaries in NYC at this time would favor wealthy candidates and voters to the detriment of working class and poor NYC residents.** Implementing an open primary would roll back progress by once again concentrating political power in the hands of wealthy candidates who can self-finance, reduce ideological diversity, and silence grassroots voices that have historically used party primaries to organize for change.

Wealthy New Yorkers already dominate political and economic life and play an outsized role therein. The party primaries are one of the few places where poor, working class and historically marginalized voters can even the score. This proposal to do away with primaries is an attempt to once again tilt the field in the direction of the wealthy and well-known. Open primaries make it easier for the uber rich to buy the seats and politicians they want – instead of political parties choosing their candidates, any candidate can just choose their political party and use outside money to achieve an electoral victory, to the detriment of poor, working class and voters who are otherwise kept out of the mainstream.

**A better way forward:** If this commission is serious about empowering votes, Commissioners should strongly consider consolidating elections so that they take place in even-years. We currently have a system that asks voters to come to the polls roughly every 5.5 to 7 months between multiple primaries and the general election. At least by consolidating elections to even years, voters would have time to understand how their votes shape New York City outcomes and would be able to more meaningfully engage with the civic process.

I urge this Commission to reject any proposals to move New York City to an open primary system. Let's protect and strengthen the hard-earned gains toward political inclusion, not erase them.

Thank you.

Lurie Daniel Favors, Esq., Executive Director  
Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evers College

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Name: Sylvia Delaney

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: See attached testimony in opposition to proposed NYC Land Use Appeals Board.

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[EXTERNAL] No jungle primaries

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Dear Commissioners,

Primaries are held for a reason - for voters of a particular party to vote on the candidate they want to represent them. It gives them a chance to have spirited debates about the direction of their party. Non-partisan or jungle primaries will encourage well-funded spoiler candidates to muddle this important process. Non-partisan candidates are welcome to run as independents in the general election, but the primaries are not for them. It is a process between the political parties and their voters. Please do not change these rules.

Sincerely,

Zachary Boger

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Proposal 5 is an easy and efficient way to increase voter turnout.

Proposal 6 is also a great idea because the current primary rules prevent participation from New Yorkers outside of major parties.

Overall I'm happy to see these ideas and believe that all 6 should be on the upcoming November ballot.

Thank you for your time.  
Shonel Rahim  
Brooklyn 11235

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Attention Commissioners,

I am deeply skeptical of any push for jungle primaries, and the data supports this caution. These reforms are consistently unpopular. Look at the failure of ballot measures in six states just last year: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This is not an isolated event; it's a trend. Voters understand the stabilizing role that political parties play. This commission should acknowledge this reality and drop the subject. For a real impact on voter engagement, we should be looking at proven methods like even-year elections, not unpopular experiments.

Thanks,

Daija Brunson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matthew Weinshenker

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I write to express my deep opposition to replacing NYC's primary system with jungle primaries. New Yorkers recognize this proposal for what it is: an attempt to sideline the political parties that allow many thousands of us to participate robustly in the process. This proposal seems to mainly be favored by a minority of moneyed interests who are unhappy with the outcome of this particular primary season. However, this outcome was entirely due to the strength of the winning candidate and the weakness of the opponent. Those unhappy with the outcome should work to find better candidates, not to foist an unpopular jungle primary system on us which we rejected 20 years ago, and which was also rejected in 6 of 6 states where it was on the ballot last year.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Abigail Meola

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: I think that an open primary should be on the ballot in the Fall. It is consequential that our elections produce outcomes that are representative of the electorate, and by limiting the primary elections we are excluding younger/minority voters who do not register with a specific party. In addition to the expanded access, it would allow voters to support candidates from any party, and then thoughtfully choose between the two front runners in the general election.

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[EXTERNAL] Jungle Primaries are not Open Primaries

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Dear Charter Commission Members

Political parties give people a framework for organizing around shared ideas and beliefs and effectively competing for political power. This organized approach is vital because, in its absence, the political arena becomes dominated by individual wealth, charisma, or media presence, rather than the collective will of the people. The party label—(D), (R), (C), or (WFP)—is a shorthand for a comprehensive set of values and policy positions, giving voters a quick and reliable way to understand candidates' stances on issues like social welfare or national security. Why dismantle the infrastructure that allows for broad-based participation and informed decision-making, tilting the scales towards money over genuine representation?

Further, top-2, run-off elections are NOT open primaries. Open primaries are when parties open their primaries to registered voters who are not enrolled in a party. This is the change we should be making, not a 2-winners-take-all pre-election that reduces our choices in the main general election.

Thank you,  
Diana Finch

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[EXTERNAL] The Link Between Weak Parties and Low Engagement

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To Whom It May Concern,

A strong party system provides the competition of ideas that is essential for a healthy democracy. Parties are forced to develop and articulate comprehensive platforms that address the country's major challenges. This process of platform-building and public debate helps to educate voters and clarify the stakes of an election. A political landscape composed solely of independent actors would lack this coherence, resulting in a more fragmented and personality-driven discourse. Parties provide the structure needed for a substantive, issue-based debate, which is fundamental to informed self-governance.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Sacks



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Name: Gary Giordano, District Manager, Queens Community Board 5

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Chairperson Buery and Members of the New York City Charter Revision Commission: In response to the Charter Revision Commission Interim Report, dated July 1, 2025, I am submitting comments on behalf of Queens Community Board 5. Please see the attached Testimony to the New York City Charter Revision Commission.

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## TESTIMONY FOR THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION July 15, 2025

Dear Chairperson Richard R. Buery Jr. and Members of the Charter Revision Commission,

I write to you as the District Manager of Queens Community Board 5, on behalf of our Community Board. The following matters are of special importance regarding the Charter Revision Commission Interim Report, dated July 1, 2025:

### Question 1: Fast Tracking Affordable Housing

This section states that "By creating a broader, shorter and simplified action, the Fast Track Zoning Action would allow more affordable housing developments to obtain relief through BSA". Within this Question 1, as stated on page 7 of this Interim Report, the following provision is essential: "To receive a zoning waiver, an applicant would need to demonstrate that an eligible project is consistent with neighborhood character." The importance of not overwhelming communities with buildings that are considerably larger than the existing housing cannot be underestimated. Another critical provision on page 7 of this section states: "Once an application is filed, the BSA would be required immediately to refer a Fast Track application to the affected Community Board, where it would have a 60-day review, just as it does today."

Regarding ULURP, page 8 states: "this procedure would include the same 60-day opportunity for Community Board review as exists under ULURP today." This provision is critical, so that community input is maintained, considering that Community Boards consistently conduct public hearings regarding applications to the Board of Standards and Appeals and the City Planning Commission.

A concern is that "to speed review, the Borough President's advisory review period would run concurrently with the Community Board. Following the Community Board and Borough President, the City Planning Commission would have 30 days to review an eligible application and hold a final vote." This provision seems overly strict and would limit the ability of the Community Board to advocate their position with the Borough President. It would also put extensive pressure on the City Planning Commission to make too quick a decision. What if the City Planning Commission receives an extensive number of proposals in a short period of time? The same is true for the BSA.

QUEENS COMMUNITY BOARD 5

TESTIMONY FOR THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION  
JULY 15, 2025

Question 2: Simplify Review of Modest Housing and Infrastructure Projects

On page 9 the proposed provision: "Modest housing proposals that increase residential capacity by no more than 30% or allow housing with a standard height no taller than 45 feet." While this seems reasonable in some lower density districts, in a community of primarily 2-story one and 2-family homes, allowing a 45-foot-tall building could allow double the density.

Summary

It is essential to preserve neighborhood character with any housing applications. People purchased homes in lower density communities because they do not want to be in overly crowded conditions. This is especially true in the outer boroughs and for families.

It is also important to respect the views of the local council members regarding proposed developments in the communities they represent.

Your attention to these issues is needed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Giordano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" being more prominent.

Gary Giordano  
District Manager



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OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER  
BRAD LANDER

**Testimony of Brad Lander, New York City Comptroller  
& 2025 Democratic Primary Mayoral Candidate**

Mayor Eric Adams 2025 Charter Revision Commission  
Monday, July 7th 2025, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to testify. I'd like to thank Chair Richard Buery, Vice Chair Sharon Greenberger, Secretary Leila Bozorg, the Commissioners, and Alec Schierenbeck and the Commission staff for convening this hearing.

I come to you just days after the 2025 Democratic primary for Mayor, in which I was, as you know, a candidate. My testimony this evening is formed strongly by that race, in two key ways.

First, from beginning to end, I focused aggressively on housing affordability, which has been the work of my whole career. And so did all of the other candidates. New Yorkers are desperate for homes they can afford.

**So I'm proud to be here tonight to strongly support Proposals 1 through 4.**

Second, while the June election did not go exactly as I had mapped it out, I'm proud of the campaign I ran. I ran as a Democrat, in the Democratic Primary. I lost fair and square. I'm grateful to have been part of a history-making race that saw the highest turnout in a local primary election since 1989.

A diverse electorate of nearly one million New Yorkers showed up. 556,000 voted for Zohran Mamdani, who I proudly cross-endorsed—just like Ranked Choice Voting was meant to encourage. And many of those voters had *never* cast a ballot in a primary before; indeed, registration surged in the final days before the deadline.

We thoughtfully debated serious ideas about what sort of message and approach the Democratic Party candidate should put forward in November, to govern our beloved city going forward.

I lost. Andrew Cuomo lost. Zohran Mamdani won, and he will be the Democratic nominee for Mayor in November. That's democracy, as we have long practiced it here. But now, it appears that some billionaires who didn't get their way want to change the rules.

**So I'm also here this evening to strongly urge this Commission to leave its proposal to eliminate party primaries – like the one we literally just had – off the ballot.**

Taking a step back: I'll admit, when this 2025 Charter Revision Commission was announced, I was skeptical—and for good reason. I took Mayor Adams at his word when he launched the 2024 Charter Revision Commission, with a stated mission to strengthen the City's fiscal framework and bring greater transparency to the budgeting process. I offered serious recommendations in good faith. But that Commission twisted one of my recommendations into a misleading proposal, threw it together with other

drivel, and trivialized the Charter Revision process. So I approached this year's Commission with skepticism.

I'm thrilled to admit that you've proven me wrong. This Commission has taken its mandate seriously. As you were tasked, you have put forward a bold vision for inclusive growth that could make a real difference in tackling our city's housing crisis. The housing and land use proposals are the most significant we've seen since the 1989 Charter Commission.

I'm proud to support Proposals 1–4. They offer a real opportunity to build a broad coalition for the inclusive growth we need to fix the housing shortage. These proposals aren't just about building more homes—they help address long-standing issues around fair housing and equity.

By modernizing how the City plans for its future, and by aligning capital investments with community needs, we can take a more strategic, thoughtful approach to tackling the infrastructure challenges in our neighborhoods—like climate resiliency, access to good jobs, open space, as well as strengthening and preserving the cultural and community institutions that people treasure. These proposals move us closer to the kind of comprehensive, long-term planning I've been fighting to bring to New York City for years. Together, Proposals 1–4 offer a path toward building the city of neighborhoods that people love, and can afford to call home.

Let's be clear: getting these proposals approved by voters won't be easy. As we've seen with City of Yes, the Commission will have to do the hard work of listening and building trust—especially in the outer boroughs—to get this across the finish line.

That's why it's exciting that there is a broad potential coalition for inclusive housing growth—not just to support Proposals 1–4, but to work together in the coming years to put them to work.

I think it's significant that when asked by *The New York Times* for one thing about which he had changed his mind, Democratic Nominee for Mayor Mamdani spoke about private sector, mixed-market housing growth. At this moment, we have the potential for a truly broad coalition for the inclusive housing growth we need to build a genuinely affordable city.

That was the mission assigned to this Charter Revision Commission, and you are on the cusp of accomplishing it. However, if you also place on the ballot a proposal to do away with partisan primaries, just days after such an inspiring partisan primary, I fear you will undermine your mission badly.

Proposal 5 is a good one. There's no denying that even year elections will help boost turnout.

But tossing in a proposal that would end party primaries, of the sort that New Yorkers have utilized for generations, and upend how we run elections—just weeks after a historic race that folks across the country have been watching as a part of the larger debate about the direction forward for the Democratic Party—is a mistake.

This is only the second citywide cycle using Ranked Choice Voting, and it's working: it's boosting turnout, encouraging coalition-building, and giving voters more voice.

Supporters of top-two primaries claim they'll boost turnout, but the data doesn't back that up. In addition, given that 40% of Democratic primary voters in New York City are Black, the top-two primary proposal under consideration risks diluting Black political power in direct violation of the Voting Rights Act.

Worse, whatever the reality—and I don't doubt the motivations of the members of this Commission—coming when it does, it will be seen as a craven attempt to undermine the results of this election and claw power back into the hands of people like those who funded Andrew Cuomo's SuperPAC.

This is an important point: party primaries have their issues, to be sure. Political parties are not pristine institutions, and I've spent a lot of my career fighting them. But if you eliminate party primaries—in which candidates, community organizations, labor unions, political clubs, and other civic groups have an opportunity to shape parties' platform and approach—you won't, sadly, wind up with some kind of Athenian democratic nirvana, in which each every individual will conduct their own deep research. You'll wind up with a political landscape ripe for being dominated by moneyed interests, who can spend unlimited sums in an effort to shape the field.

There are other appropriate changes that could be made at the State level to boost access and turnout without eliminating party primaries. For example, I would support an effort to allow people to change their party registrations a good deal closer to the election, rather than in February, long before people are paying attention.

Finally, I worry that proposing to rewrite the election rules now risks undermining this Commission's serious effort to tackle the city's affordability crisis. While there are many other aspects of City government that you might have sought to address – procurement delays, fiscal stability, the CCRB, civil service reform, corruption – you were given a clear and urgent mission. You've done a great job by focusing on that mission: the proposals you've put forward on housing and land use amount to some of the most thoughtful and promising reforms we've seen in decades. I urge you to stay focused on this urgent mission, and not jeopardize it.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify this evening.

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] A Failed Concept

From: Matilda Curley <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to add my voice to the opposition against jungle primaries. This reform has been tested, and it has been rejected by the public. The results from last year's elections in six states—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—are a testament to its unpopularity. Voters clearly value the role that political parties play in our democracy. For this commission to advocate for such a system would be a mistake. I urge you to redirect your focus to proven, effective reforms like the implementation of even-year election cycles to boost voter engagement.

Sincerely,

Matilda Curley

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] A Message to the Commission re: "Jungle" Primaries

From: Mitchell Baron <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello,

I am writing to urge the commission to end any and all consideration of "jungle" primaries. This system is unpopular, and its track record is one of consistent rejection by voters. The failure of this measure in six states last year, including Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota, provides definitive proof. The public values the role of political parties in our democracy. This commission should respect that view and abandon this proposal. Let us instead focus on reforms that are known to work, like consolidating elections to even-numbered years.

Best,

Mitchell Baron



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] A Solution in Search of a Problem

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To Whom It May Concern,

The argument for jungle primaries often hinges on the promise of increased voter turnout, a promise that has not been fulfilled. The data from Alaska is a recent and stark reminder of this reality. Their 2024 primary, held under a new open system, saw historically low participation. This outcome undermines the entire premise that this type of reform is a key driver of engagement. We must acknowledge this failure and pivot our focus toward strategies that have a real chance of success in bringing more citizens into the democratic process.

Sincerely,

Thomas Muccioli

Sunnyside, NY 11104

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] A Waste of Time and Taxpayer Money

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Commissioners,

I urge this commission to recognize the reality of public opinion on jungle primaries. It is a deeply unpopular reform. The evidence is recent and clear. Last year, it was on the ballot in six different states, and it failed in every single one. Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota voters all said no. This is a powerful, cross-partisan statement. It is time to listen to the people and abandon this idea. Let's work on proven solutions, like shifting local elections to even years, to make our democracy stronger.

Thanks,  
Terri Ridout

Terri Ridout  
Traditional Animator. Fine Artist. Awesome Dork.

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Against open primaries

From: Sam Feldman <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Good afternoon,

I believe political parties play an important organizing function in our democracy, and I write in opposition to the proposal for open primaries. I believe this measure would make New York City elections less democratic and more susceptible to outsize influence from the wealthiest few. I ask that you allow parties to retain their historic role in our city and avoid making hasty changes in pursuit of unclear benefits.

Best,

Sam Feldman

Brooklyn, NY

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] An Ineffective Approach to Turnout

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Commissioners,

I urge you to reconsider the push for jungle primaries. This electoral system is not only unpopular but has been consistently rejected by voters who value the traditional role of parties in vetting candidates. The evidence is undeniable. Just last year, this exact proposal failed in six different states: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This widespread dismissal sends a clear message. This body should focus its efforts on proven methods to increase voter engagement, like promoting even-year elections, rather than wasting resources on a system that the public has already turned down.

Thanks,  
Eric Cruz

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Charter Commission Warns on Turnout

From: Fridays for Future NYC <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello Commissioners,

"Jungle Primaries" would not be a mere adjustment; it would fundamentally re-imagine our primary system, making our recent adoption of Ranked-Choice Voting redundant. We haven't even given RCV, approved in 2019, the opportunity to demonstrate its full potential or for voters to fully integrate it. This rapid succession of major electoral reforms is unsustainable. It will undoubtedly lead to voter fatigue and confusion. We need to allow our current system to establish itself first.

Thanks,

Helen Mancini

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Commissioners: Please reject "jungle primaries" in NYC

From: Ximena Frankel <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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NYC Charter Revision Commission NYC Charter Revision Commission NYC Charter Revision Commission,

To whom it may concern from the Charter Revision Commission:

I'm writing as a New York City resident to express my opposition to the current proposal establishing an top-two open primary system for city elections.

A top-two open primary, otherwise known as a "jungle primary," will decrease voter participation by forcing voters to make a choice between two candidates, potentially of the same party, during the general election. This leaves voters without a meaningful choice.

It also disadvantages grassroots, community-backed candidates by making them compete in a massive primary field, which are often very expensive, and splits the vote making it harder for these candidates to break through.

A top-two open primary will discourage grassroots challengers from working-class, diverse communities from running for election. The goal of a primary election system should be to increase participation from voters and candidates from all walks of life, not to let billionaires buy our elections.

Arguments in favor of the proposal state that this primary system would increase voter participation in local elections, but the research presented by the Charter Revision Commission's own preliminary report contradicts that claim.

California's switch to an open primary top-two system actually saw a decrease in voter turnout for midterm and presidential primaries in that research. California has also seen consistently low primary turnout over the last decade, especially for communities of color.

Given this evidence, putting this "jungle primary" system to a vote on the November ballot without meaningful input from the public, especially without consideration for other forms of semi-open or open primary systems, is undemocratic at best.

I ask the Charter Revision Commission to reject this proposal and leave it off the November general election ballot until there is significant research into other primary systems with meaningful consideration and input from the general public.

Thank you.

Ximena Frankel



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Consolidation, Not Complication

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Hello Commissioners,

If our goal is truly to improve voter turnout, then introducing "Jungle Primaries" after just implementing RCV is a step in the wrong direction. These increasingly complicated systems are not historically proven to boost participation. What does work is simplifying the process and making elections more predictable. Consolidating our elections to even-numbered years achieves this. Let's focus on practical, proven methods for engagement, rather than layering on more intricate, untested systems.

Sincerely,

Anne Sobala



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Jungle Primaries Serve the Few, Not the Many

From: Holly Harwood <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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To Whom It May Concern,

The link between the current push for jungle primaries and the past efforts of billionaires like Mike Bloomberg could not be clearer. It is a time-tested strategy for undermining organized labor. The goal is to create a political environment where unions cannot effectively challenge the agenda of the wealthy elite. This agenda includes privatizing public assets, cutting services, and suppressing wages. Recognizing this historical pattern is key to understanding the true threat this proposal represents and why it is so critical that we mobilize to defeat it.

Best,  
Holly Harwood

Best,  
Holly Harwood

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Keep Our Public Services Strong

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Dear Commissioners,

The ongoing dialogue surrounding jungle primaries reveals a clear agenda to diminish the influence of working people. It is a consistent pattern that these proposals are championed by billionaires, who view strong labor unions as impediments to their objectives of privatizing public services and weakening government agencies. The commission examining this proposal notably lacks any representation from labor or working people, which is deeply troubling. As Josh Greenman detailed in *Vital City*, the actual aim is to limit labor's influence, not to genuinely increase voter turnout. The idea that American workers possess "outsized influence" in politics is a complete fantasy, given the profound economic disparities. The Democratic primary is one of the few places where the collective voice of working people can still challenge the overwhelming influence of money. This proposal directly threatens that crucial balance of power.

Sherée

Sherée Gibson (she/her)

Education, Politics, Advocacy that's my jam!



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No on open primaries

From: Donna Schneiderman <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello, Please, this commission should not pursue jungle primaries. Voters have spoken loudly against them, consistently rejecting these reforms. They simply don't achieve their stated goals. When Mayor Bloomberg tried this in New York in 2003, it was dismissed by 70-30%. Last year, it failed in six more states: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This consistent rejection, across the spectrum, shows that voters understand the value of political parties. Don't waste time and money on a proposition so clearly unpopular. Focus on what works for turnout: even-year elections. Thanks, Donna Schneiderman Drach

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] No to Changing Primaries

From: Martha Bryant <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

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Dear Commissioners, As a registered republican, I support closed primaries. Separate primaries ensures that the candidate will represent some semblance of my political values. Especially since New York has so little Republican representation. Opening the primaries up to all voters would further ensure that the best party candidate's vote would be diluted by left leaning fanatics.

Sincerely yours,  
Martha Bryant

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Open Primary proposal

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Dear Members of the Charter Revision Commission,

I'm writing as a New Yorker who considers myself an independent thinker — someone who values fairness, competition, and a strong democracy. While I am a registered Democrat, I am at heart an unaffiliated voter. I registered as a Democrat to vote in the Democratic primary, but I have, at times, voted Republican or not at all. Yet, I have serious concerns about the proposal to adopt a top-two primary system in New York City.

This proposal is being rushed forward without meaningful engagement of voters like me. I understand and share the goal of improving turnout and participation, but this approach is the wrong way to achieve it. There are other proven methods to accomplish this, like expanded voter education, better community outreach, and reforms that increase trust and transparency. These methods address voter turnout in general, not only that of the unaffiliated voters. But none of these solutions have been explored in this process.

Additionally, there are other types of systems to include unaffiliated voters in primaries that are better suited for New York City. For example, an election system that preserves party primaries but allows unaffiliated voters to choose a party ballot on primary day is one that New York City should look into. This is not being explored.

Changing the way we vote is not something to rush. It demands thoughtful, transparent deliberation with real community input. Democracy is too important to get wrong. Pushing

through a complex change like this, with limited public understanding or support, risks further disengaging voters, especially in communities of color and groups that aren't politically engaged. Then, once this proposal is on the ballot, as has happened in other states, New Yorkers will be bombarded with misinformation and disinformation that will discourage some from voting on the proposal. The result will be a high ballot drop-off rate on the question, and in even fewer people determining the outcome of this important and impactful change. It is not prudent that our election system be changed in this manner.

Given the potential impact of this proposal, I would like to ask you not to move forward with this proposal and instead initiate a more inclusive dialogue. Let's explore alternative solutions that can strengthen our democracy and increase voter participation in New York City.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I appreciate your dedication to serving the people of New York City.

Sincerely,

Michael Jones, Bronx, NY

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Opposition to Jungle Primaries

From: Shawna Morlock <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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To whom it may concern,

I want to state for the record my opposition to jungle primaries. Jungle primaries are a solution to a problem that doesn't exist. There is absolutely nothing stopping existing competing major party members, third party registrants or unaffiliated voters from participating in our primary system as it stands. If a member truly identifies with the professed values and goals of a party, they are able to register with that party. Additionally, if they do not happen to share the Party's values and goals, but would like the party to support candidates that are more aligned with their own, the process to support candidates and vote in the primaries is easily-accessible. To allow those wholly unaligned with a party to influence their candidates is undemocratic and antithetical to the will of voters and should be prohibited.

This is not a reform that enjoys public support. Quite the opposite. Last year, voters in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota all had the chance to approve it, and they all declined. This widespread rejection is a powerful signal that the public values the role of political parties in the electoral process. This commission should take that signal to heart and abandon this proposal. Your energy would be better spent on proven strategies like even-year elections.

Warmly,

Shawna Morlock

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Our Democracy, Our Choice: No Jungle Primaries

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Attention Commissioners,

The proposed shift to jungle primaries is a transparent maneuver by the wealthy to diminish the political power of labor. This has been a consistent objective of billionaires, from Mike Bloomberg's past efforts to current advocacy. Their aim is to clear the path for widespread privatization of public services, such as education, and to weaken essential government agencies. The current commission, notably lacking any representation from labor unions or working people, reveals a clear bias towards powerful financial interests. Josh Greenman's insights in Vital City confirmed the real motivation: to limit labor's influence, not to enhance voter turnout. The idea that American workers, after decades of struggling against corporate dominance, possess "outsized influence" is absurd. The Democratic primary is one of the few remaining avenues for collective action to counter the power of the elite. This proposal threatens to eliminate that crucial counterbalance.

- Julia Steele, BK district 13 constituent and mother of two New Yorkers



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Party Strength and Electoral Participation

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Hello,

The argument that non-partisan elections or "jungle primaries" create more choice often falls short when considering their impact on voter turnout. The reality is, almost half of all voters whose Party doesn't have a candidate in an election choose to sit out. This clearly indicates that voters rely on parties to present viable options that align with their values. When this clarity is absent, engagement drops. Such systems, far from increasing choice, can actually eliminate choice for voters by making it exceedingly difficult to identify a candidate who truly represents their core beliefs, leading to disengagement rather than empowerment.

Sincerely,

Kacey Stamats

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Preserve RCV: Reject the "Jungle wax Boy Primary"

From: Alejandra Roma <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Hey,

Why would we consider making our new Ranked-Choice Voting system obsolete before its impact can even be measured? "Jungle Primaries" would not be a minor tweak; it's a complete rewrite of our primary elections that would invalidate the will of voters who approved RCV in 2019. This move would send a message that electoral reforms are fleeting experiments, eroding trust in the democratic process itself. We need to demonstrate a commitment to the systems we implement, allowing them time to take root rather than constantly digging them up.

Thank you,

Alejandra Roma

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Protect Our Primary, Protect Our Progress

From: Brooke Chaffee <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hey,

This initiative to implement jungle primaries is a clear tactic by billionaires to undermine the power of organized labor. Such systems make it easier for financial influence to dictate electoral outcomes, rather than allowing political parties to represent and nominate candidates from their base. This directly threatens the ability of labor unions to advocate against the privatization of public services and against policies that weaken government agencies. The argument that "public sector unions" and other "interest groups" have an outsized influence is a false narrative designed to justify this power grab. Wealthy individuals already hold disproportionate sway in political and economic life.<sup>2</sup> The Democratic Party primary is a crucial avenue for working people to balance this influence. This proposal aims to further tilt the field towards those with significant financial resources.

Best,

Lauren Chaffee

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Rejecting Billionaire Takeovers in nyc elections, 89St  
tenants testimony comment

From: 89th Street Tenants Unidos Association <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Dear NYC Charter Revision Commission:

On behalf of nearly 220 families of the 89th Street Tenants Unidos Association, we are expressing deep concern with the current proposal about jungle primaries among those who prioritize the well-being of working people. This represents a direct assault on the labor movement, which has diligently fought for every right and benefit currently enjoyed. The billionaires advancing this initiative understand their objective perfectly: they seek to dismantle unions to facilitate the privatization of public services without opposition.

The lack of any labor voice on this commission is unacceptable. Josh Greenman's analysis was accurate – this is about reducing labor's power, not about increasing turnout. For decades, the scales have been tipped against American workers. The Democratic primary offers a rare opportunity to rebalance that power. This proposal, which seeks to further entrench the dominance of the wealthy, must be opposed.

Sincerely,

Andrew Sokolof Díaz, MPA  
Cofounder, Copresident,  
Leadership Committee,  
89th Street Tenants Unidos Association

  
#UnitedNOTDisplaced  
#UnidxsNODesplazadx

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Rejecting Counterproductive Reforms

From: Matthew Cain <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Commissioners,

A common-sense approach to increasing voter turnout begins with proven strategies. It is empirically evident that jungle primaries do not succeed in boosting participation. A far more effective and data-backed reform is the implementation of even-year primaries. Moreover, the foundational role played by labor, community, and political organizations in driving turnout is undeniable. These groups are uniquely positioned to engage voters directly, using methods like canvassing and personalized member outreach that countless studies confirm are highly successful. Any measure that aims to weaken the organizational capacity or the self-determination of these vital groups would inevitably result in lower turnout, not higher. Such proposals seem to prioritize weakening organized political power over genuinely expanding the electorate. If our true aim is to maximize participation, then supporting and strengthening these organized groups in their efforts to turn out voters is paramount.

Best,

Matthew Cain

Matthew Cain

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he/him/his

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Say No to Unpopular Reforms

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To Whom It May Concern,

The argument for jungle primaries is fundamentally flawed because it ignores the will of the people. Voters have shown that they do not want this system. The failure of ballot measures in six states last year—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota—is a clear indication of this. This widespread rejection is a powerful statement. This commission should not be in the business of promoting policies that lack public support. Instead, it should be championing proven methods to increase turnout, such as even-year election cycles.

Thanks,

Ljuba Castot

Ljuba Castot (she/her)

Krtv Kulture LLC

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Stop Jungle Primaries: Listen to Voters!

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Hello,

The idea of jungle primaries is a bad one because voters consistently reject it. These reforms are simply not effective at achieving their stated goals. Last year, this was on the ballot in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota, and it failed in all six states. This demonstrates that voters, regardless of their political affiliation, understand the value of political parties in candidate selection. This commission should not waste valuable resources on an unpopular proposition. If the goal is to increase voter turnout, stick with what is proven to work: even-year elections.

Thanks,  
Bo Scarim

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Bo Scarim  
they/them pronouns



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Testimony on 2025 Elections proposals

From: Lewis Sterler <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Moving NYC Municipal elections to even years couldn't possibly be more misguided or counterproductive.

The notion outrageously and erroneously conflates gross turnout with actual participation by an engaged electorate.

Consider the number of offices and candidates with which voters must acquaint themselves in a peak even year:

Governor/Lt. Governor, State Controller, Attorney General, United States Senator, United States Representative in Congress, NY State Senator, NY State Assembly Member.

That's seven different contests to consider, before the possible addition of judgeships and, in primaries, party positions like judicial delegates State and County Committee members and District Leaders.

That already amounts to more federal and state issues and candidates than a reasonably well educated, well-read voter can be expected to fairly and thoroughly evaluate in one election cycle.

Now add city elections in the same year:

Mayor, City Controller, Public Advocate, Borough President, District Attorney (a state office often elected in odd years,) and City Council Members. That's six more sets of candidates, and a panoply of local issues added to the mix. And in a City Primary with Ranked Choice Voting added you'd be piling up a set of factors to be considered that would cross the eyes of a political science professor.

The results of this sensory overload for the average voter might still increase gross turnout, but it can't possibly help them make informed decisions and their attention to important down ballot



contests will suffer greatly.

Want proof? Look at the results of the recent primary, Council District by Council District. You'll notice a tremendous drop off of total votes cast for the office that most closely represents neighborhood voters compared with those for Citywide Offices. Indeed, you'll find that many cast votes only for Mayor.

Pile City elections on top of State and Federal and you'll certainly discover that, in terms of actual voter engagement, more is indeed less.

But wait! Is the goal really to save money by conducting fewer elections?

Don't count up those savings yet. To run the more complicated combined Federal/State/Municipal elections would likely require the Board of Elections to hire many more personnel:

Clerks to manage the long lines of waiting voters caused by the extended time each will take in the privacy booths considering and marking their multi-page ballots (such a primary will require at least three ballot sheets - I believe that two is the most that scanners have had to handle to date.)

Technicians to unjam the scanners clogged by those multi-page ballots.

Conclusions: Cost savings will not be as great as proponents will claim, and any increase in gross turnout will be at a gross sacrifice in participation by engaged voters.

Now, regarding Open Primaries:

Despite the bleating of voters who choose not to enroll in a party, no registered voter is excluded from voting in any primary election held in the district in which they reside.

Those who feel excluded merely have to pick a party whose candidates they wish to help choose and enroll in that party by the lawful deadline prior to the primary in which they wish to participate. They need not swear fealty to the public policy positions generally espoused by that party, nor to vote for that party's candidates, nor even to remain enrolled in that party after casting the particular vote(s) that impelled their enrollment. Indeed, they can change their party enrollment for each and every regularly scheduled election to vote to select a different party's candidates - as long as they do so by the lawfully established deadline.

Now, entreating the State Legislature to move that deadline somewhat closer to the date of the subject election, if successful, would add even more flexibility to party-hop by individuals who prefer to have no D or R or C or WFP, etc. on their voter registration, but that's not the demand. Proponents of open primaries want to be able to walk in on primary day and, with little or no prior

consideration, put their stamp on a party's choice to compete in the general election.

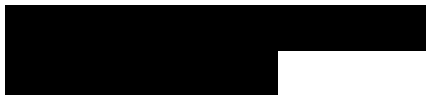
As an enrollee of one of the major parties, though I don't always vote for all of that party's candidates in general elections, I resent the intrusion into the selection of "my" party's candidates by individuals who can't be troubled to pick which party they want to affect at least a reasonable time in advance. If keeping their voter registrations blank of party enrollment is so vitally important to them, they can wait to vote in the general election or circulate a petition to place a candidate of their own on the ballot as an "independent." Or they can move west to New Jersey or north to Massachusetts and vote in their open primaries, at the last minute, to their hearts' content.

Of course there are practical considerations that cause New York to remain one of the 13 states with closed primaries. Voters enrolled in a party whose candidates have been chosen by party leaders or unchallenged petitions could, in an open primary, actually attempt to sabotage the other party by voting for the candidate perceived as weakest against the already chosen candidate of the party to which they actually belong. An open primary would also force a candidate for a particular party's nomination to try to deliver their campaign message to the entire electorate - a highly expensive and daunting task at which the wealthiest candidates would have a great advantage. The present system allows skilled, principled candidates a fairer, more reasonable chance of attracting sufficient votes from among a party's enrolled voters to work their way onto the general election ballot.

With the substantial majority of New Yorkers content with this ultimately more democratic system, it would be folly to indulge the narcissism of those who demand a seat at the table at a "party" for which they refuse to be troubled to send a timely RSVP.

Thank you.

Lewis R. Sterler



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Testimony

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Hello,

The push for jungle primaries constitutes an attack on democratic processes, specifically designed to diminish the power of organized labor. This strategy originates from the ultra-wealthy, who seek to dictate the political landscape through financial means. They do not favor robust unions that advocate for fair compensation, benefits, and public services. Instead, they desire a system where their vast resources can effectively purchase political offices, circumventing the critical role of political parties in candidate selection. The assertion that workers' organizations possess "outsized influence" is a direct affront to decades of struggle by working Americans against immense corporate power. This initiative is about control, not progress, and it must be resisted.

- Alex Liao

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Case for Strong Political Parties

From: Aine Chalmers <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hello,

The argument for robust political parties is fundamentally an argument for organized, collective power over disorganized, individual influence. Parties provide the structure for diverse groups to coalesce around shared principles and advocate for them effectively. In their absence, our political system would become a free-for-all, dominated by charismatic personalities and wealthy benefactors rather than coherent ideologies. This would be a profound loss for representative democracy, which depends on the ability of ordinary citizens to band together and make their voices heard in a structured and sustainable way.

Best,

Áine Chalmers

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Clarity Provided by Party Designations

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Commissioners,

I was born and raised in New York City and participated in nearly every primary election for which I was eligible.

I first became eligible to vote in 1982, and at that time, primary elections in New York City had not yet become as diverse as they are now in ways that give equal opportunity for residents in New York City to join a political party, volunteer, or otherwise become involved in grassroots attempt to qualify to run for political office.

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New York's system allowed for anyone interested to become involved, the primary election system via which membership in a political party allowed regular New Yorkers to become familiar with electoral politics and become involved precinct by precinct and neighborhood by neighborhood.

There is a certain transparency in knowing which party a candidate is affiliated. Primaries in which no party affiliation is listed would tend to benefit those who want to hide their party affiliation and utilize access to political action committees and major donors to fund their campaigns.

Also, in New York City, be it wise or not, at times, power brokers like to run candidates with last names that sound like a candidate via name only. As an example, I reside in Washington Heights, where the majority of residents are Latinx, Dominican, Spanish speaking and tend to self-identify as heavily Democratic, liberal, and progressive.

In NYC, there is a clear demarcation between the politic of Democrats, Republicans, Independents, Working Family Party, etc. Many residents know what various parties represent and the policies they tend to embrace which may or may not align with a resident's views.

Embracing a system in which party affiliation is not listed is a less than transparent way for those who might beholden to interests that do not align with what New Yorkers tend to embrace by party affiliation.

In other words, from where I sit, the attempt to get rid of Party Designations is an attempt to disempower local political organizations that tend to know their neighborhoods and the interests of their local residents because party structures allow for residents to become involved at every level in a manner in which residents can align themselves with not only their own self-interests but larger interests that would tend to embrace solutions that a resident supports.

I encourage you to leave party designations associated with political candidates in place.

They provide both political clarity and grassroots established institutions by which residents can have their voice heard.

Kindly,

Tony (Anthony) Glover

Tony Glover |

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Most Effective Get-Out-the-Vote Strategy

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Hello,

The decline in voter turnout is a complex issue, but one contributing factor is undoubtedly the weakening of party structures. Electoral systems that create a barrier between voters and a clear party choice contribute to disillusionment. For many, voting is an expression of partisan identity. When that identity is not reflected on the ballot, the motivation to participate wanes. Restoring the central role of parties in presenting clear, distinct choices is a crucial step toward re-engaging millions of voters who currently feel that the political system does not speak to them.

Best,

Bree Campbell



Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The People's Choice: Not Jungle Primaries

From: Robin Tainsh <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov

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Attention Commissioners,

The idea of jungle primaries is simply not what voters want. These reforms consistently fail to achieve their stated goals and are routinely rejected by voters. Just look at last year's results: it was on the ballot in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota, and it failed in all six. This demonstrates that voters, across the political spectrum, understand the value of political parties. This commission should not waste our time and money on an unpopular proposition. If the goal is to increase voter turnout, stick with what is proven to work: even-year elections.

Sincerely,

Robin Tainsh

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] The Truth About Unaffiliated Voters and Turnout

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Commissioners,

Jungle primaries do not increase voter turnout. They do not lead to a more engaged electorate. And they do not address the root causes of low voter participation. Why are we still talking about them? Let's move on to a more productive conversation about the real solutions to the problem of low voter turnout.

Thank you,  
Erin Adams

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Understanding the Opposition to Jungle Primaries

From: Kevin LaCherra <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Hey,

I urge this commission to scrap any plans for jungle primaries. Voters have made their dislike clear, rejecting these reforms time and again. They are not effective. Last year, it was on the ballot in six states - Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota - and it failed in every single one. This is a clear signal that voters, across the political spectrum, understand the value of political parties. This commission should not waste our time and money on an unpopular proposition. If the goal is to increase voter turnout, stick with what is proven to work: even-year elections.

Thanks,

Kevin Lacherra

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Voter Choice and Party Representation

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Hello,

We often hear criticisms of political parties, but let's be realistic: they are an integral part of how voters make sense of a complex political world. The party affiliation listed next to a candidate's name—(D), (R), (C), or (WFP)—is an incredibly efficient way for voters to infer a candidate's position on a wide range of issues, from environmental regulations to immigration reform. This is not about blind allegiance; it's about practical decision-making. Removing this vital signal would force every voter to become a political pundit, meticulously researching every individual candidate's specific platform, which is an unrealistic expectation. This would inevitably lead to reduced voter engagement and a less informed electorate, proving that parties, despite their flaws, are essential for widespread participation.

Sincerely,

Michael Schwab

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Why Are They Afraid of Working People?

From: Laura Orin <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Attention Commissioners,

The Democratic primary is a critical battleground where working families can challenge the dominance of corporate wealth in politics. The jungle primary proposal is a calculated attempt to disarm working people in that fight, leaving the field open for candidates bankrolled by the rich and powerful. It strips away the power of collective endorsement and replaces it with the brute force of massive campaign spending. This would effectively end the primary as a meaningful democratic exercise and turn it into a coronation for the candidate with the most money.

Thank you,  
Laura Cruz

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Why Internal Party Democracy Matters

From: Jack MacCarthy <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Dear Commissioners,

Political parties function as essential filters in our democratic process. They sift through potential candidates, identify viable contenders, and present them to the public under a banner of shared values. This filtering process is vital for preventing the ballot from being flooded with an overwhelming number of candidates, many of whom may lack serious intent or a coherent platform. By structuring the competition, parties make the act of voting more manageable and meaningful for the average citizen. Without this function, our elections would be far more chaotic and less decisive.

Best,

Jack MacCarthy

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Why Jungle Primaries Don't Increase Turnout

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Hello,

Voters have made it loud and clear: we do not like jungle primaries. These reforms are ineffective and are routinely rejected. Mayor Bloomberg's attempt in New York in 2003 was dismissed 70-30%. Last year, it failed in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and South Dakota. This widespread rejection shows voters' appreciation for political parties. This commission should not waste time and money on an unpopular proposition. If the aim is to increase turnout, stick with proven methods like even-year elections.

Thanks,  
Sina Choi

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Your Vote Matters: Oppose This Scheme

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Commissioners,

The very concept of jungle primaries is designed to benefit candidates with significant financial backing, often at the expense of those with strong community ties or labor support. This method dilutes the power of political parties to select candidates accountable to their base, instead allowing external money to dictate who advances to the general election. This poses a direct threat to municipal labor unions, which are pivotal in defending public services against privatization. The absence of any labor voice on the commission is a critical oversight. The assertion that "public sector unions" have "outsized influence" is a narrative frequently used to justify efforts to weaken collective bargaining. The wealthy already exert immense control over our political and economic life.<sup>3</sup> The Democratic primary is a vital space for working people to unify and push for their interests. This proposal aims to undermine that essential mechanism.

Thanks,

Charlotte Bush



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amos Posner

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Comments: Stop trying to change the system of ranked choice voting because some powerful people don't like who the majority of people clearly chose.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sadie

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker, I have to speak out against Eric Adams proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through just to win an election, is a pointless and political power grab by Eric Adams. There has already been a primary and switching to yet another primary is naked political maneuvering. It is a waste of city time, energy and funds. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Best, Sadie Murray

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Eternity

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of working class New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Eternity

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Taylor Smeltzer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Taylor Smeltzer

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ryan Quinn

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a Queens resident, I urge you to reject any provision that includes a jungle  
primary. This is a rash idea by a mayoral administration trying to hold onto power. The people  
want ranked choice voting.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Darby D

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Darby David

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Paul Sailer

[REDACTED]

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Paul Sailer

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nicholas Prior

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nicholas Prior

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mihail Karamanolev

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mihail Karamanolev

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexander McKinnis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alexander

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Sumulong

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I voted in my first primary this election year, because RCV finally made me believe my vote could matter. Throwing out RCV in favor of a jungle primary would be so discouraging to voters like me who would see that only the well-established and well-known politicians would have a chance to win in the primary. It would become equal to the "voting for the lesser evil" scenarios we see play out on a national level. RCV is great for democracy and it would be a great loss for NYC to do away with such a progressive and innovative voting system that finally empowers New Yorkers to get out and vote for the candidate they believe in most. NYC voter turnout is finally on the rise in just 2 cycles of RCV. Please do not push us backwards. Thank you, Sarah

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carolyn Cryan

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Carolyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Felicia Soderberg

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Felicia

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joseph Palmeri

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Will Larche

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Ranked choice voting is the best option for our democracy. Do not remove it. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Aaron Thomas

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Eric Adam's proposal to switch New York to a "jungle primary." The mayor is clearly trying to force this through without public consent, despite overwhelming support for ranked choice voting. It's a personal vendetta that will diminish the voices of New Yorkers, depress turnout in elections, and is a transparent and depressing power-grab by our deeply embarrassing and embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate and sad. Voters chose the current system. Please respect the will of the people of New York and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you so much for your time.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Malcolm Pelletier

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: New Yorkers do NOT want jungle primaries. Ranked-choice voting allows our voices to  
be heard more clearly and empowers voters. People all over the country are fighting for  
ranked-choice, and New Yorkers do not want to lose it!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: MR

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, MR

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ava Adams

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, [Your name]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kim Pratt

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I'm writing today as an "unaffiliated" voter against the current open primary, top-two election reform proposal. As it is currently proposed, it comes across as a negative comment on the results of the most recent democratic Mayoral primary and the concept of RCV. Both of which had record breaking turn-out from the demographic you want to stimulate. Now is not the time to make changes that are going to come off as cynical and partisan. And this proposal is not as researched as it should be, since it doesn't address either voter turn out (as Oscar Pocasangre, a senior data analyst and political scientist, testifies - there isn't evidence that this approach increases turnout) or providing more voter choice (since in the general election it would actually reduce the number of candidates). The real problem isn't being addressed. The two major parties aren't engaging the voters. Independent voters aren't part of the primaries because they either disagree with the platforms of the parties or don't have confidence in establishment leadership in listening to their concerns. Members deciding to ignore the vote of their party and running

"independently" makes a mockery of the primary process. As does the fact that the other parties didn't even have primaries. Why is the city paying for these private groups to have their internal nomination process at all? What we need is a better, more transparent, egalitarian (stripped of dark money) method of putting candidates on the general ballot and then RCV in that election. Please continue to research our city's options for increasing access to the ballot and increasing voter turn out. I urge you against putting this proposal on the ballot this year. Continue to refine it for another year.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

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[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is trying to force through without public consent, will decrease youth voter turnout, and ensure that only "party establishment" candidates can win elections. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system just because Eric Adams can't take no for an answer. Please respect the people's voice and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sol Ehrlich

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Isabelle

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Isabelle

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sunaina Rao

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hiiii.....soooo - Eric Adams is trying to get rid of Rank Choice Voting. If you have a second to drop a note today, here's a link  
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Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sunaina



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jasmine kitts

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I request that this commission reject Eric Adam's proposal to switch NYC to a jungle primary. This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alejandro Santos

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because corrupt Eric Adams is desperate. Respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alejandro S.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kanwaldeep Sekhon

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Seth Borden

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, I am a resident of Manhattan's Hell's Kitchen neighborhood and am a member of Manhattan Community Board 5 as well as chair of its State Licenses and Permits Committee. I am not expressing the opinion of CB5 or the committee, but am rather expressing my personal opinion. I strongly support Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 for the reasons I outline below. ----- I find Proposals 1-4 to be thoughtful and effective in starting to tackle the affordable housing crisis, which I think needs to be urgently prioritized: Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, taking a helpful step toward resolving the intolerable current situation in which deeply affordable housing projects are put through bureaucratic hoops that increase costs without meaningfully improving outcomes. The fact that it has origins in proposals by organizations I respect, such as ANHD, bolster my support. Proposal 2, implementing ELURP, is a fantastic idea that prevents time being wasted on small rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. The sum impact of enabling these small changes citywide has the potential to make a meaningful difference.

Proposal 3 is sorely needed to help resolve a problem other residents and I are seriously concerned about: that the current process does not account for boroughwide and citywide needs, allowing too many good projects to be blocked, particularly in wealthy neighborhoods which are more able to block housing they don't want, hurting the city as a whole. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations. On Proposal 4, I was frankly surprised to find that a unified City Map is not already in place, and think the one outlined in the proposal is a step in the right direction, improving processes to drive down costs without negative impact. ----- Proposals 5 and 6 would make New York City's democracy stronger: Proposal 5 addresses an issue I have been confounded by since I arrived here and adopted New York as my home: that we choose to spend more money and guarantee lower voter turnout by having local elections in odd years. In a city with vibrant politics and where we have already pioneered excellent reforms such as the implementation of ranked-choice voting, I have always found this unacceptable. Moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, improving our democracy. Proposal 6 would mean primary elections would produce candidates who match the preferences of a broader swathe of New Yorkers, rather than partisans who turn out in primary elections. I am a proud Democrat, but do find it problematic that anyone who is not is essentially shut out of elections by not being able to vote in the only election that currently matters in most years: the Democratic primary. I congratulate the Commission members on their excellent work in putting together these measures, and ask that they put all six on the November ballot. Sincerely, Seth Borden

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dorothy Blitz

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: To who it may concern - As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dorothy Blitz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Heather Kaiser

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Heather Kaiser

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rita Meade

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are! Thank you, Rita

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lydia Rumowicz

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I am writing to please urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to get rid of Ranked Choice Voting for upcoming elections. The removal of something like this should be voted on via public ballot, and Eric Adams is avoiding that because he knows that the people of New York City would vote to keep it. Ranked Choice Voting allows for everyone's vote to truly count, and removing it would dampen the voices of black and brown people who are already subject to so many voter suppression tactics. Ranked Choice Voting was used without issue in the democratic mayoral primary, and it is not a coincidence that Adams is trying to do away with it after a candidate he does not like won by a large majority. There is no reason to do away with this system, and any changes to the way people can vote should be voted on by the people. Thank you, Lydia Rumowicz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Bryan Foster

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to a mayor-launched charter revision commission, mere months before he is voted out of office. Mayor Adams has no mandate to alter the policies and governing documents of this city, and in particular an attempt to undo ranked choice voting and negate the gains in cooperative campaigning our representatives have made would be nakedly anti-democratic.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julian Goldhagen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Julian

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Darin Saito-Gultom

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Darin Saito-Gultom

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lynn Wiser

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lynn Wiser

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Zall Hirschstein

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: To whom it concerns, I urge you to reject the proposal put forth by Eric Adams to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Our mayor is trying to force through this change without public assent. It will silence New Yorkers who are already systematically ignored and, and depress youth turnout. It is also clearly a last-ditch power-grab. I urge you to respect the will of the people and leave our primary system alone. Thank you, Zall Hirschstein

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Candace Rustin

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Candace Rustin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Penelope Elliott Hays

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Penelope Hays

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Samantha Van Doran

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Samantha

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Terra e

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Good evening, As a New Yorker and CUNY student who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. It's clear that the only reason the mayor is requesting this change is because he and the democratic establishment were embarrassed by the recent election results. He is behaving like a child who knocks over the table after losing a game of monopoly. And his childish, vindictive actions will have bad consequences for the state of democracy in our city. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. Sincerely, Terra E

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Meagan Odette

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I hope this message finds you well. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please leave our primaries as they are and allow democracy to follow its' own process. Thank you, Meagan Odette

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elizabeth Ortiz

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Subject: Oppose the "Jungle Primary" Proposal Hello, As a New Yorker who believes in fair elections and real democracy, I urge you to reject Mayor Eric Adams' proposal to implement a so-called "jungle primary" system in New York City. This proposed change — being pushed without meaningful public input — threatens to silence the voices of Black and Brown communities, reduce youth voter turnout, and consolidate political power in the hands of one individual. This is a reckless attempt by an embattled mayor to reshape our electoral system for his own gain. Our city deserves better. Please stand with the people of New York and preserve our current primary system. Thank you, Elizabeth Ortiz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carrington Morris

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Carrington Morris

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel Webster

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Daniel Webster

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nicole Shrader

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Select Written testimony July 15th Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nicole Conrad Shrader

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elizabeth Goetz

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Elizabeth Goetz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ross Miglin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ross Miglin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Meryl Salzinger

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Meryl

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Caleb Sah

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Caleb

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Maria Kalliakos

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a jungle primary. This change which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Brown and Black New Yorkers, depress youth turn out in our elections and is a transparent power grab by our embattled mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Maria Kalliakos.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Karis Rogerson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I love closed primaries featuring Ranked Choice Voting. I believe that the latest RCV for democratic primary was a great way to show off the will of Democratic voters in NYC, and changing it would be a betrayal of constituents' right to choose.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Adrian Secord

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Adrian Secord

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Curtis E Shappee

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Mayor Eric Adams' latest bid to wrestle Ranked-Choice Voting away from New York City voters reeks of political opportunism: a puzzling move from a man who once rode waves of reform only to pivot faster than a gyro-spinning hot dog stand when the political winds shift. Critics see a MAGA-style flip-flop worthy of auditioning for The Apprentice—especially given his cozying up to Trump, including a White House sit-down right after a DOJ investigation mysteriously evaporated under a Trump-appointed prosecutor regime. It's almost as if Adams sniffed the scent of a presidential pardon, realized Trump likes him better than Biden, and decided his own voters were collateral damage in a self-serving power grab. Tearing up voter choice in the name of "my re-election," not democracy? That's less policy, more parody—and oh-so-entertaining for political satirists.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Celina Siegel

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Sincerely, Celina Siegel 11226

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rebecca Erwin

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rebecca Erwin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Isaac Greenawalt

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I wanted to reach out as a concerned citizen and as a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections. I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Please! Thank you, Isaac

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

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Phone:

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andrew Scott

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Ranked Choice Voting needs to stay!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Liam Jeffries

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. This move is pathetically desperate, and New York City cannot afford to undemocratically upend its election system simply because a candidate did not like the result. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Liam Jeffries

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Samuel Keaser

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Samuel

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Maxwell Doyne

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: History will find it so obvious how youre only attempting to change this voting law after an establishment guy lost. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Max

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julissa Sanchez

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Julissa S.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jessica hodgson

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jessica

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Batina Bamba

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Protect Rank Choice Voting, the mechanism that helped elect Eric Adams should not be erased in order to boost him over a victorious DSA candidate. Mamdani won fair and square because he's honest, he's got a track record for caring about what average New Yorkers feel and think and because he has a troop of young people who believe in their capacity to build a better future free from phobias and foreign fascism. This is our New York. New Yorkers must be heard.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Erica Fink

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hi, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Erica Fink

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jesse Reed

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jesse Reed

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dylan Warner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I urge you to say no to Eric Adam's proposal to change NYC's ranked choice primary system! Ranked choice voting is the most democratic option we have, allowing everyone's voices to be heard and to find candidates the most people truly support. Please ensure a strong democracy remains in NYC, and say no to Eric Adams!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shoshana Salzberg

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, My name is Shana salzberg. I've been living in this city for most of my adult life. Please reject Eric Adam's proposal to change the charter. It will diminish the voices of vulnerable New Yorkers. Let's preserve democracy and leave primaries alone. Thank you for your time

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andrew Goldstone

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Dear members of the commission, I am a Manhattan resident, and I am writing to urge you to reject Mayor Eric Adams's proposal to alter the New York City primary election system. Our current Ranked-Choice Voting system is a far more democratic system than Adams's proposed "jungle primary," which is clearly intended as a power-grab following a primary election whose results Adams dislikes. But that primary was a successful demonstration of the democratic potential of RCV, which allows for people to choose their preferred candidates without fearing that they will "waste" a vote. Please preserve this important advance for democracy in the city. Thank you. Andrew Goldstone [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Miriam Calderone

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS'S PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, will depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power grab by our embattled mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Miriam Calderone

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Richard Leigh

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Please do NOT change New York City election primaries from the current ranked choice system (which we have only been able to use for one year) to a "jungle primary," in which only the top two vote getters (from either party) go against each other in the actual election. Ranked choice voting produced very interesting results this year, and should be used for at least three or four more years to get a solid idea of how it has changed voting and whether it should be kept. Changing to a "jungle primary" with zero public discussion and consideration is simply wrong, no matter who suggests it. -Richard Leigh

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: David Noven

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I think ranked choice voting is a really good thing for New York. Frankly, I wish every election was ranked choice. It allows me to vote for who I want without having to think about who has the best chance to win. It is a huge success, in my opinion. It's easy too, and has made me pay more attention to elections. Thank you for your time. David Noven

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Olubunmi Fashusi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Olubunmi Fashusi

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Caleb Schumacher

[REDACTED]

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Caleb Schumacher

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emily Scott

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emily Scott

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ananya Chaudhuri

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ananya

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Y Rosen

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Y. Rosen

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Neil Mehta

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julius Tajiddin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Open Primaries The Commission has stated that it continues to consider whether the City's "closed" primary system should end. Right now only registered Democrats can vote for Democrat candidates in the Democratic Primary Elections. And registered Republicans can only vote for Republican candidates in the Republican Primary Election. The proposed reform under consideration would be to create an all-candidate, all-voter contest, where the top two candidates would compete at the general election. What about Rank Choice Voting? Wouldn't that have to be appealed? I mean we've only had RCV twice. But for the Commission to not even present anything regarding RCV makes it harder to give an intelligent comment. All I can say is, it's an issue worthy of debate that can't be properly addressed in this forum at the present time.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Diego Santana

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Diego Santana - New Yorker who believes in democracy

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jonathan Forte

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: The people voted overwhelmingly for Ranked Choice Voting. Surely when the people chose so overwhelming for a policy their will should not be overturned so easily. Not that the politics are the most important part of this debate, but things did not go well for those that overruled the will of the people to allow Michael Bloomberg and that one cohort of Council members to get a third term and no one else. When is the last time Christine Quinn was considered a viable candidate for any office. Before that vote she was the heir apparent to the Mayoralty.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Sosalla

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah Sosalla

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jon Harper

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections and cares deeply about their fairness, I urge you to REJECT Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, is purely a power grab by the current mayor. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jon Harper [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kristia Watkins

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: To the Charter Revision Commission, I'm writing as a New Yorker deeply committed to democratic representation and fair elections. I urge you to reject the proposal to eliminate ranked choice voting and replace it with a so-called "jungle primary." This proposed change would undermine political representation in our city, particularly for communities of color and younger voters, who have benefited from ranked choice voting's ability to amplify diverse voices and reduce vote-splitting. Ranked choice voting has empowered more candidates to run and win outside of traditional power structures—it is precisely this democratic openness that this proposal threatens. The move to a nonpartisan "top-two" primary system would concentrate power in ways that reduce voter choice and weaken the ability of communities to elect candidates who represent their interests. There is no compelling evidence that voters want this change, nor that it would improve our elections. Instead, it appears designed to consolidate political power at the expense of grassroots democracy. I urge you to respect the will of the electorate who adopted

ranked choice voting and to reject any backdoor attempt to reverse that decision. Sincerely,  
Kristia Watkins

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jessa Dickinson

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jessa Dickinson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nancy Jiang

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nancy Jiang

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joni Shapiro

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I'm writing because it's my understanding that the mayor's office is supporting a measure to replace our ranked-choice voting system with open primaries. I am completely against this decision. We recently saw ranked-choice voting work to great effect in a primary that saw record turnout. This proposed alternative would keep the chaos of tons of candidates but without the coordination and cooperation between like-minded campaigns that helped build political movements instead of unite voters.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tim Murphy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a 35-year New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I am writing to urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL for a "jungle primary" for NYC. No! This change, which the mayor is obviously trying to slip through without the public knowing or consenting, will handicap the voices of New Yorkers of color, decrease youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tim Murphy (Ridgewood Queens 11385)

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tabassum Rahman

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tabassum Rahman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kristin Temple

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kristin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anna Spack

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Anna

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nicole

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nicole Ferguson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christine S

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I strongly oppose switching NYC to a jungle primary system. This proposal undermines core democratic principles by potentially silencing minority voices and reducing meaningful choice for voters. Our current primary system ensures all parties can present their candidates and platforms to the electorate, protecting the fundamental right of political association. A jungle primary would concentrate power among well-funded candidates while diminishing representation for diverse communities. Liberal democracy requires robust party competition and clear ideological choices. I urge the Commission to preserve our current electoral system that protects both majority rule and minority rights.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: madison zaccagnino

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: DO NOT get rid of ranked choice voting. Ranked choice voting is a very clear and fair way to choose a mayor that benefits every constituent in the five boroughs. Eric Adams is AFRAID. He cannot be permitted to find yet another way for New Yorkers voices to not be heard & in turn for him to be benefited. Do not get rid of ranked choice voting. KEEP RANKED CHOICE VOTING.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rachel Brammer-Shlay

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rachel

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexander Michael Ferrando

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alexander Ferrando

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christopher Galarza

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Christopher Galarza

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Richard Mazzetti

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hi, I strongly urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch to a "jungle primary". Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Richard Mazzetti

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kai de la Cruz

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kai

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tanya Kraemer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: In regards to the questions posed by 2025 New York City Charter Revision Commission Releases Interim Report with Potential Housing, Election Reforms as a resident of the city of New York Bronx County (City Island) I say NO to all three questions posed. Stop trying to serve special interests by providing "developer work arounds" that would fail to preserve character and communities. We said no to the city of Yes." And we are saying no to special developers interest that provide work around. No means No. Serve the people not developers, not big money.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tanya Leet

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tanya

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Bruce Trigg

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I am a New York City voter and I oppose the Mayor's plan to change the election laws.

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Subject:

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jennifer Rubinshteyn

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jennifer Rubinshteyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tsion Tmariam

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tsion Tmariam

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jenn Cole

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: For the love of all that is holy, NYC needs to maintain rank choice voting. Voters approved it. Period. End of. A mayor that has lost favor with the voters trying to end rank choice is the epitome of hubris. NYC democrats want Mamdani. And we need to see the end runs for what they are. Not what the voters want. Not democracy. But an unpopular mayoral candidate trying to save his own ass. Nope. Nope. Nope.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Margaret S Scott

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Margaret S. Scott Brooklyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: JEFFREY NATT

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jeff Natt

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: brooke materia

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Brooke Materia

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Simon

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Hannah Chazin

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who believes that the recent mayoral primary was a democratic success, I am writing to urge you to reject Mayor Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." The mayor is trying to force this change through without public consent. It is a bad idea — it will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers and depress youth turnout in our elections. It appears to be the actions of a sore loser for whom the current system didn't provide the outcome he desired. New York City cannot and should not upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Hannah

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Wilda Waldo Williams

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Wilda Williams

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Laura Ceng

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I am a New York resident who recently voted in the June local primary. Rank choice voting made me able to vote aligned with my values for a set of candidates I believed best aligned with what people wanted. Rank choice voting makes elections more fair and allows people to vote in their actual best interests instead of just for the "lesser of two evils". It instates more confidence for people in our voting system. I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a non-partisan, top-two, "jungle primary". It seems pretty clear that Adams is trying to force this through without giving the public time to understand and respond to this. New York City's election system is meant to support democracy, and giving every new yorker a chance to vote in their best interests. Getting rid of rank choice voting and partisan primaries would benefit Eric Adams but not the people of NYC. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Laura Ceng

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jagdeep Davies

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hi! I urge you to reject the proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are! Thank you, Jagdeep Davies

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Paige Levy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Paige Levy

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joseph Kohlmann

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. I additionally want to note that ranked choice voting has resulted in much higher quality candidates and political coalitions within the NYC Democrats, rather than the same old winner-take-all methodologies that are so toxic to our local politics. Ranked choice voting is the present and is already enabling a better, brighter future for our city. I strongly encourage the commission to protect ranked choice voting. Thank you, Joseph Kohlmann

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Agnes Scotti

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I am a born and bred New Yorker and I want ranked choice voting in the general!!!!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sean Johnson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dalton Stephens

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dalton Stephens

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jeremy Florence

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jeremy Florence

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amanda Carlyle

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Amanda Carlyle

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Earl Dax

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Earl Dax

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gillian F Ramos

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gillian Ramos

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chloe Sobel

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Please do not get rid of ranked-choice voting! It is so much better and fairer than a jungle primary. It transformed the campaign period into something with so much collaborative potential between candidates and we have no need of jungle primaries.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Max Murphy

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thanks, Max

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kay Gabriel

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I urge you to reject the proposal for so-called "jungle primaries" - which will suppress the votes of Black and brown New Yorkers, suppress youth turnout and strangle our democracy.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carol Beach

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Dear members of the Charter Revision Commission, I'm a New Yorker who believes that free and fair elections are the bedrock of our democracy, and that local elections are where we as citizens have the best chance to make our voices heard. As such, I urge you to REJECT Eric Adams's proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Mayor Adams is clearly trying to push this unjust change through without public consent. This proposal will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers and depress youth turnout in our elections. We can't let our leaders destroy a system that works the second that it no longer serves them personally. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Carol Beach

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael Ernst

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject disgraced mayor Eric Adams's proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." The mayor - whose corruption and general mismanagement of the city should have already disqualified him from continuing service - should not be able to force through such a change without public consent, especially when the change is so obviously contrary to the interests of thousands of New Yorkers like me who proudly voted in the Democratic Party primary this year. Is it a coincidence that Adams is pursuing this change after his own egregious and criminal behavior effectively barred him from running in a mainstream political party? This is, without a doubt, a cynical and shameless power-grab by our beleaguered mayor. New York City need not upend its election system simply because Eric Adams wishes to maintain his illegitimate grip on power. Please respect the will of New Yorkers like me and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sameer Merali

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sameer Merali

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kevin Dillo

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Eric Adams wants to cheat and get rid of ranked choice voting - a true loser - keep it

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: William Warren

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a recent New Yorker, I am writing to urge you to reject Eric Adam's proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, is clearly a power grab. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Ranked choice primary systems are better in every way, especially for allowing a wide variety of voices and views to be heard. Do New York a favor and don't even consider this absurd proposal Thank you for your time, William Warren

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tanya Verghese

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Not only is this a blatant and self-serving move, it weakens NYC as a democracy and as a bastion of civil rights. The results of the elections were the will of the people of New York, and can and should never be nullified by a cowardly and grasping man.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michelle de Vera

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello Charter Revision Commission, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Rank Choice Voting is a shining example of how we can have different voices represented and allows for true democracy in our city. We get more interesting candidates that represent the people through this process. Additionally, it allows for more people to get excited about the process. I urge this commission to reject Eric Adams' proposal to get rid of RCV. Thank you, Michelle de Vera

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rebecca Walaszek

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Maya Priya Huq

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Absolutely DO NOT get rid of ranked choice voting! This is a DEMOCRACY, just because you're upset Zohran won the primary does not mean you get to DISMANTLE IT. (He would have won anyway, and this isn't about him!) DO NOT TOUCH RANKED CHOICE VOTING.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kristina Valada-Viars

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of marginalized New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. His decision to do this only after he is dissatisfied with the results of this year's primary and to not bring it to the table when he won the 2020 by ranked choice voting and not raise his concerns when it could have been brought to the people on a 2024 ballot along with his other charter revisions is a transparent retaliation to the voice of the people. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,  
Kristina Valada-Viars

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lily L

Email:

Phone:

Comments: To the Charter Revision Commission, I'm writing as a New Yorker deeply committed to democratic representation and fair elections. I urge you to reject the proposal to eliminate ranked choice voting and replace it with a so-called "jungle primary." This proposed change would undermine political representation in our city, particularly for communities of color and younger voters, who have benefited from ranked choice voting's ability to amplify diverse voices and reduce vote-splitting. Ranked choice voting has empowered more candidates to run and win outside of traditional power structures—it is precisely this democratic openness that this proposal threatens. The move to a nonpartisan "top-two" primary system would concentrate power in ways that reduce voter choice and weaken the ability of communities to elect candidates who represent their interests. There is no compelling evidence that voters want this change, nor that it would improve our elections. Instead, it appears designed to consolidate political power at the expense of grassroots democracy. I urge you to respect the will of the electorate who adopted ranked choice voting and to reject any backdoor attempt to reverse that decision. Sincerely, Lily  
from Brooklyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kyle Studstill

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hi, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kyle Studstill

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alex Suskind

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alex

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Samantha Schechter

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Samantha

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Palak Bajaj

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Palak Bajaj

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Megan Buskey

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Megan Buskey

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tito Maresca

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tito Maresca

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel Hickman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Daniel Hickman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Judah Firestone-Morrill

[REDACTED]

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Ranked-choice voting has instilled a new hope in and engagement with the political system — the record turnout numbers from last month's primary speak for themselves. At a time of widespread civic disillusionment, overturning the historic achievement of RCV would not just be an affront to the voters (and candidates) it empowers in future elections, but would also be a flagrant violation of the 75% of voters who voted to adopt the system in 2019. I'm 18. I've been involved in local politics for several years now, and it is truly remarkable how much

ranked-choice voting has revitalized the civic culture of this city. I am just one of so many young New Yorkers who have been inspired and galvanized by such a landmark democratic reform, a sentiment shared by New Yorkers of all ages. So please, I implore you, REJECT Eric Adams' anti-democratic proposal, and defend one of the greatest innovations in NYC elections in recent memory — and the overwhelming majority of New Yorkers in support of it. Thank you, Judah Firestone-Morrill

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Weronika Wyparlo

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Weronika Wyparlo

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mali Zaken

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker and advocate for climate resilience, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects - especially solar systems and battery energy storage. Climate change is already impacting our city with more extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge the Commission to

ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Let's not let red tape stand in the way of climate action. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Mali Zaken

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julia Discenza

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Julia Discenza

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christian Long

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Christian Long

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Janet Goldner

Email:

Phone:

Comments: No to an open primary in New York.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ryan Hall

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ryan Hall

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Edward Schneider

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, The current occupant of the mayor's office, Eric Adams, is trying to do away with our much beloved ranked choice primary system in favor of a "jungle primary," without the consent of the governed. Don't let this happen!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amber Quinones

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Amber

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jakob

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jakob

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jacinda Tran

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who cares about the city and its people, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent is a transparent power-grab by our embattled, authoritarian Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate to maintain his seat. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are, which reflect a more a democratic process than that proposed by Adams.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Max Nichols

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Max

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Skylar Grilliot

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Skylar Grilliot

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lauren Phillips

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Maya Landy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Please vote against jungle primaries. Rank choice voting encouraged voter turnout,  
and made people feel like their vote and voice mattered more.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexander Echevarria

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." It is simply not right. This change will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julie Swoope

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Julie Swoope

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alec Story

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alec Story

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christian Rutledge

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Christian Rutledge Brooklyn, NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alec Story

[REDACTED]

Phone:

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christian Rutledge

Email:

Phone:

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael J Nam

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports democracy and fair elections, I demand that you REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout, and is a transparent power-grab by the embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system yet again simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mike Nam

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anne Meredith

[REDACTED]

Phone: Reject "Jungle Primaries"

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Anne Meredith

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Josie Bettman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, Against the backdrop of Trump's agenda, NYC must continue to stand as a haven of solace and promise of a future. Ranked choice voting offers exactly this hope for the continued life of democracy in this country in crisis. We deserve to have our voices heard. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gi Josephine Trafficante BETTMAN

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matt Covey

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Matt Covey

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nick Dehn

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nick Dehn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shraga Czin

[REDACTED]

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you and have a great day! Shraga Czin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Patrick Bauer

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Patrick Bauer

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shekh Habib

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Shekh Habib

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Robin D'Costa

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Robin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Baggs Eastwood

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah Baggs Eastwood

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ashby Gentry

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ashby Gentry

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Megan Chase

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I am writing in regards to Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." In an effort to uphold true democracy and fair elections, I believe to approve this proposal would be a great disservice to many of our New York City residents. This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. This change could also lead to two candidates from the same party being the only choices on the general election ballot, which could leave many NYC Residents feeling they aren't properly represented by the general election candidates. I also worry that candidates will feel pressured to pander their responses to important issues in order to appear more appealing, only to change stances when in office. I firmly believe that if you were to change our primaries, you would be doing a great disservice the individuals who you promised to represent. I strongly urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a

"jungle primary." New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Megan Chase

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexandra Tell

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alexandra Tell

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Noah Kulwin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: To Whom It May Concern, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Noah Kulwin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: christine carey

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Christine Carey

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Haley I Schwartz

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Haley Schwartz 3rd generation NYer

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gareth Chase

Email:

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gareth Chase

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Will Foley

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Will Bronx

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Asa Mendelsohn

[REDACTED]

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Asa Mendelsohn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rachel Isreeli

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rachel

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Adam Baran

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a lifelong New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Adam Baran

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Zarina Salt-Sanjana

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Zarina Salt-Sanjana

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Patrick Smith

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Good evening, I am asking you to reject Mayor Adams' proposal of switching the city to a non-partisan or jungle primary. I believe the non-partisan primary will hurt democratic and fair elections, and diminish the voice of the voters. Please respect the will of the voters, not our mayor who is about to be replaced. Sincerely, Patrick Smith

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Charles Lewellen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: To whom it may concern, I am writing to express my concern about the proposal to implement a "jungle primary." While I want to see more voices included in primary elections, I believe that Rank Choice Voting has been an incredibly successful initiative. It has fostered a better campaign environment and increased turnout. We cannot upend our political systems because they do not favor people attempting to hold on to their own power. Thank you for your consideration.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shireen Khan

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kimberly Ann Webster

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I have family in California where they have the jungle primary and it has been problematic there and I would not like to see it come here. I do applaud the efforts to bring in unaffiliated voters but there are other ways to do that without upending the whole party primary system. I worked as a poll worker for the first primary with RCV and voters needed a lot of education about it. This year voters were a bit more familiar but there is still a long way to go and the last thing we need is to change everything again. RCV is a great system and we are just starting to see the positive effects on politics in NYC, let that play out and do not change things now.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alan Saly

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: This is about Eric Adams' move to end Ranked Choice Voting. I completely disagree.  
RCV makes elections more fair because it allows each voter's choices to be more fully expressed.  
The Mayor needs to listen to the people -- not try a back door maneuver because he wasn't  
personally benefitted by RCV. Leave the system as it is. Alan Saly Sunset Park

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Grace H Lile

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: To the Commission: As a New Yorker who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Susan Rinkunas

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City from ranked choice voting to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are: Ranked choice. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rocio Cervantes

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rocio Cervantes

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Britney Mak

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julia Bartholomew-King

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. As an election worker I was able to witness people's satisfaction and ease with the ranked voting system. Please don't change the system to benefit Adams and Cuomo. Thank you, Julia Bartholomew-King

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emma Claire Foley

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Mayor Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change is being considered with needless haste without public consent. Switching our primary system will further silence the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections—all in the name of a power grab by a Mayor who has well earned New Yorkers' frustration and disapproval with his actions. New York City cannot afford to undemocratically upend its election system at one person's whim. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emma Claire Foley

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Louis Levy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Louis Levy

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Celine Schmidt

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a blatant power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Celine Schmidt

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Caitlin Wells

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Caitlin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Samantha Norris

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Samantha Norris

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jamie Diamond

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jamie

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ian Motley

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Hannah Harts

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Hannah Turner-Harts

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lisa Harrison

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a long-time New York City resident, I urge you to REJECT Eric Adams' proposal to replace our fair and democratic primaries with a "jungle primary" system. This is clearly a power grab by a notoriously corrupt Mayor and Trump lackey. And he would do this without public consent. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,  
Lisa

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Juan arbelaez

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Philip Alcabes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Philip Alcabes Bronx,NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lena Sradnick

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lena

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dale Corvino

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of working New Yorkers, depress youth turnout, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend his its election system simply because the current and deeply unpopular Mayor Eric Adams is desperate. Respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. The timing is enough to tell anyone that it is a bad-faith attempt. Thanks~ Dale Corvino

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: stephen frias

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, stephen

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chloe Murtagh

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Chloe

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Milo Keller

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Milo Keller

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alix Rule

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to  
REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Please respect the  
will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alix Rule

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: shairi turner

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a voter and lfe long new yorker I urge you to REJECT mayor Adams attempt to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." It is not fair to work against the will of the people and play dirty tricks. New York chose Zohran and Adams and friends have to play by the rules like everyone else. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anonymous New Yorker

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gabriela V

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gabriela V

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sam Hollands

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, - Sam

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christina Sparacio

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Christina

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nazia Rahman

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nazia

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kirby Shultz

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kirby

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amalia Restivo

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Amalia Restivo

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dwayne Neckles

Email:

Phone:

Comments: The trends show that 'affordable' isn't affordable. This Charter Revision, by removing the City Council's ability to vote down rezonings, will just continue the 30-year trend of working-class New Yorkers being pushed out. The issue isn't slow approvals — it's that what's getting approved doesn't actually meet the needs of working-class and low-income New Yorkers. Without real affordability protections and anti-displacement measures, this revision won't solve the crisis. It will accelerate gentrification and make things worse.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kevin Lorica

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kevin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emily Porter

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emily Porter

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alice Huang

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Timothy Lewis

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. Holding a jungle primary in June will insure that our top two candidates will likely be selected by a small sample of voters, which will limit the options for independent voters in the general election. They will double down on one of the worst qualities of our current electoral process, that our candidates for office get chosen by a small sample of voters instead fo the electorate as a whole. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Jungle primaries will harm democracy in New York. Sincerely, Tim Lewis



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chester Poon

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Chester Poon

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chi Anunwa

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a longtime New York City resident who is passionate about democracy and civic engagement, I urge the Charter Revision Commission to REJECT the proposal to adopt "jungle primaries" for our municipal elections. This change, which is being pushed through without much approval from or notice to the general public, will weaken the power of grassroots electoral campaigns in our city and further tilt the bias in our electoral system in favor of big money and the wealthy. I call on the Commission to respect the will of the voters and reject this proposal, which is clearly a desperate attempt by our incumbent mayor to remain in power.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Donna Bruschi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Donna Bruschi

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joe

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City CANNOT afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Joe Pfister

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sophia C. Kurtze

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sophia C. Kurtze

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kathleen McEneaney

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kathleen McEneaney

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andy Laucet

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to the old election process. This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will turn our city back to the politics of the past which are divisive and a free for fall. This is a clear power-grab by our Mayor who although benefitted from the system wants to allow future candidates that with big donors control our elections. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Andy

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mike Fiedler

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mike

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Philip Bjerknes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Commissioners, I am a New York City resident and voter committed to protecting our democratic process. I strongly OPPOSE MAYOR ADAMS' ATTEMPT to impose "jungle primaries" on our city. This radical change, which is being rushed without meaningful public input and consensus, represents nothing more than a cynical maneuver by a Mayor under federal investigation to game the system in his favor. Our city deserves better than having its electoral system dismantled for one politician's survival. Please honor the voters' wishes and preserve our current primary system. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Diya Vij

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Diya Vij

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tiffany James

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change should not occur without public consent. It will empower the richest candidates, not the best candidates. It will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers and depress youth turnout in our elections. This is the opposite of democracy. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tiffany James

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Fleet

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: To allow Eric Adams to eliminate ranked choice voting almost immediately after his weeks of vitriol against democratically nominated candidate zohran Mamdani is a level of cartoonish villainy even you lot shouldn't attempt. Please remember that, while the CIA also loves to overturn elections they don't like the results of, New York is neither the rest of America nor a Central American sovereign nation. You do not fuck with us. Warmly, Someone who's taxes pay your mortgage

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sergio Preston

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hi, I am writing to urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Ranked-choice voting is working, and the mayor's attempt to force such a policy without public consent will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections. This is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor that New York City cannot afford merely to appease Eric Adams' desperation. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sergio Preston

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matt Lisiecki

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Matt Lisiecki

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amanda Melhuish

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Ranked choice voting in closed primaries is working for everyone. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shekh Habib

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Shekh Habib

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rachel Calnek-Sugin

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, [Your name]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Thomas Wilson Jardine

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Members of the Charter Revision Commission, Hello, as a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I strongly urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of New Yorkers, particularly Black and Brown New Yorkers, will depress youth turnout, and is a transparent power-grab by Adams. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate to hold onto power. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Sincerely, Thomas Wilson Jardine

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rebecca Kao

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I am writing to the commission as a New York voter who supports real democracy and fair elections. I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of marginalized New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by a deeply unpopular Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emily Hecht

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker (zip code 10464) who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emily

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Laura Esner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Laura Esner, LMSW

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: L B

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I urge the Commission not to do away with closed primaries and RCV. RCV has made me a better-informed, more engaged civic participant, and brought out record numbers to the polls. I like that candidates have to listen to one another and stop treating politics like a game when in fact it's what dictates everyday New Yorkers' quality of life. And voters need to know the party of the person they're voting for. It just smacks of pettiness and betrayal that the charter would be changed at this juncture, in this context, when the people have spoken loud and clear that they need affordability and decency over corruption.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jaimini Vyas

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Hannah Michels

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Hannah

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Clifford Carr

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I am writing in opposition to Eric Adams' proposal to end ranked choice voting. We switched to RCV for good reason. Over the course of two election cycles, it's elected both centrist and more radical candidates, tracking voters' preferences - aka, exactly what a primary should do, and exactly why we switched to it in the first place. It would be unacceptable to keep cycling through different voting mechanisms in the hopes of guaranteeing a particular outcome, particularly in a moment like this when our democratic institutions are so fragile. Yours, Sarah Hamerling

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brian sweeney

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker and Bronx resident who regularly votes and find ways to invoke myself in local politics, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." The man is a criminal, and any of his policies are as a result suspect. It's a transparent power-grab by our Mayor. New York City cannot afford to destroy its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Brian Sweeney

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Paul Greenfield

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker and advocate for climate resilience, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects - especially solar systems and battery energy storage. Climate change is already impacting our city with more extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge the Commission to

ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Let's not let red tape stand in the way of climate action. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Paul Greenfield [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tabassum Rahman

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rosy Yeasmin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Erica Taliento

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Erica Taliento

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Becca Muffler

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, It has come to my attention that Mayor Adams wishes to replace ranked choice voting. This is a measure I absolutely cannot stand for. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. I have never been prouder to vote in primaries than in NYC's RCV primaries. I firmly believe that they let the voices of the people truly shine and that this initiative intentionally squashes them. Don't give in to corruption and sore loser-ship[.]New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Becca Muffler

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Arnelle Nonon

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Arnelle Nonon

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Aditya Mukerjee

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a third-generation New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. New Yorkers overwhelmingly approved RCV in 2019 and any attempt to undermine that is a direct affront to democracy.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Madeleine Elfenbein

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I'm writing to say how much I value the current ranked choice voting system, which is restricted to registered party members. I fear that the proposed revision to make our system an open primary would gravely undermine the democratic functioning of our city's electoral system. I therefore urge you not to adopt an open primary system.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matthew Maroon

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Matthew (resident of 10016)

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nicole Martin

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a current Brooklyn resident, I'm writing to express my strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. From 2010 to 2023, New York averaged about 22,000 new homes each year—less than a third of 1920s rates. With demand far outpacing supply, just 1.4% of apartments are vacant, rents are rising seven times faster than wages, and record numbers of our neighbors are sleeping in shelters or on the street. Though I hope to remain a New Yorker, the extent of the housing crisis here has prompted me to reconsider my commitment to staying in the city on several occasions. Proposals 1-4 will create some important pathways toward more housing and a more affordable New York for all. I strongly support Proposals 1-4 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of

displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations—not just the narrowest political interests. A unified City Map is a step in the right direction, since the current system can impose significant costs and time on infrastructure, housing, and other projects. Proposal 4's Digital City Map would allow processes that today take months or even years to occur nearly instantly. Proposal 5's motion to move local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full population of our city. Sincerely, Nicole Martin Bedford-Stuyvesant 11238

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: skylar kolocotronis

[REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kristen Ewing

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anonymous New Yorker

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rebecca Coyle

[REDACTED]

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rebecca Coyle

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nicholas Francisco Alban

[REDACTED]

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nicholas Francisco Alban

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel Toretsky

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Daniel

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dami Kafi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dami

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lillian Hammam

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Continue rank choice voting. I believe that it is the most democratic way for New  
Yorkers voices to be heard.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Vincent Trivett

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Vincent Trivett

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Naomi Vazquez

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Naomi Vazquez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nathan Lamm

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hi, As a New Yorker concerned about democracy, I urge you to reject the Mayor's proposal to switch the city to jungle primaries. This change does not have the backing of the public. Ranked choice primaries work just fine! He himself got elected as a result. This corruption of democracy by our corrupt mayor must not be allowed. Thank you, Nathan Lamm

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Avery Hays

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Avery Hays

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Noah P

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. There is no good reason to make this change after the normal primary in June has already happened; it does not serve anyone except for Eric Adams. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: JOHN A BAUMANN

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, John Baumann

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: John M Ramirez

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, John M. Ramirez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: J Florentz

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Please, in the name that is all that is fair and righteous, preserve rank choice voting in New York elections. Just because the mayor is desperate is no reason to adopt regressive election processes. Ranked choice voting is the fairest way to elect officials that NYrs want, without bias for incumbents or those with dark money corrupting the system. IVF anything, ranked choice voting should be expanded to all elections.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mikaela Winters

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mikaela Winters

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jennifer Yang

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jennifer Yang

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: David Blythe

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I oppose efforts by Eric Adam's to make any changes to the Democratic Primary process in NYC. The recent primary shows how well the current process works. Thank you, David

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ted Rabinowitz

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I'm writing in support of continued Ranked Choice Voting and against so-called "jungle primaries." Having lived in Los Angeles/California, I know how easy it can be for faceless dark money organizations to manipulate jungle primaries. I suspect this is why Eric Adams is advocating for it. Enough is enough. RCV is preferred by more than 70% of New Yorkers. Removing it risks damaging the legitimacy of our elections.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Paloma Lara

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: NYers fought for ranked choice voting and our elections. Jungle primaries would shift power towards candidates with significant financial resources or name recognition, making it more challenging for grassroots movements and candidates with limited funds to compete effectively. We want to live in a more democratic City, not a more Trumpian one.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Peter Martin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Peter Martin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Constance Tate

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I AM WRITING IN SUPPORT OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING (RCV). IT'S THE FAIREST WAY TO DETERMINE ELECTION RESULTS, AND SHOULD NOT BE TERMINATED JUST BECAUSE ONE CANDIDATE DOESN'T LIKE THE RESULTS. IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE USED IN THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kevin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kevin J.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gayle Myerson

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gayle

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katie Pinchasick

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Katie

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dylan Jeronimo Kennedy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I support all the changes endorsed by the commission regarding land use! As a young renter I am badly hurt by the housing crisis and think City of Yes is great but we still need many more apartments. In particular, we should absolutely fast track affordable housing projects.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Krystal David

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Krystal David

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tina Banerjee

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, TB

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jesus Cervantes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I am writing to ask you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. The current party system with rank choice voting is a much more empowering system for voters to have more flexibility in their votes and encourages people to explore more candidates. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jesus Cervantes

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gabe Weiner

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gabe Weiner

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Colby Somerville

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Colby Somerville

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mason O'Brien

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will especially diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress important youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City will not upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Mason

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Adam Robisnon

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Best, Adam

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Linda Kahn

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Ranked Choice Voting is the most democratic and efficient process to select our elected officials. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Linda Kahn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marla Wilson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Beau Glazier

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Beau Glazier

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Harriet Hoffman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Harriet Hoffman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Saint De La Rosa

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Saint De La Rosa

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel MILLMAN

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a voter registered in Brooklyn, please reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City from ranked-choice to a "jungle primary," which will diminish the voices of voters, depress youth turnout and seems to be a strategic power-grab. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Daniel Millman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mike Hollis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker (in Sunnyside, Queens) who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mike Hollis

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Karem Penalo

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to dismiss the proposal introduced by Eric Adams to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our disgraceful Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate to do so in an attempt to serve his interests and that of those who finance him. New York City just saw its most active primary for mayor, in which a record number of people casted votes. Please respect the will of the people, who voted with an overwhelming majority to introduce ranked choice voting, and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Karem Penalo

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sunny Yellen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: If the top two vote-getters proceed to the general election, open primaries would eliminate the ranked choice voting system, which New York voters now understand. Open primaries would diminish the power of Black and Brown voters, depress youth turnout, and undo the progress made by recent electoral reforms. This doesn't feel like progress. I'm also worried about the role of money in politics. Cuomo was the #2 vote getter in the last primary. Huge amounts of money were spent on his behalf and he parlayed name recognition to get votes even from people who hadn't had much opportunity to hear his policies, since he dodged election forums. Money has already perverted the electoral system.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gigi

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I am a staunch proponent of ranked choice voting. This is an incredible tool for democracy in our city, and I'm not surprised, but disgusted, that Adams' establishment is trying to derail that process. That someone is losing their own political battle should not stop NYC from brining is strong political leaders.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Adam McMahon

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Good afternoon, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dr. Adam McMahon Assistant Professor of Political Science

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Timothy Fei Truong Jr

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, I'm writing in enthusiastic support of all six proposals now under consideration. Collectively, they promise to ease our housing shortage and make New York City's democracy more inclusive. Proposals 1 & 2 Centering affordability and shortening the land-use approval timeline will spur construction—especially of smaller apartments that ULURP currently stifles. Proposal 3 By harmonizing local input with city-wide planning objectives, this measure will help ensure that new development benefits all New Yorkers. Proposal 4 Updating our land-use procedures is long overdue; this measure would streamline a system that has grown opaque and outdated. Proposal 5 Aligning election schedules will boost turnout and yield outcomes that better reflect the will of New Yorkers. Proposal 6 Allowing every voter to participate in primaries, regardless of party enrollment, will push candidates to appeal to a wider electorate and give all residents a real voice in choosing their representatives. Thank you for the chance to comment on the 2025 Charter revisions. I urge you to place all six measures on November's ballot so New Yorkers can decide on these vital reforms. Timothy Fei Truong Jr Flushing 11355

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carol E. Rosenthal, Esq.

[REDACTED]

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Comments: I am a New York City land use law specialist and practitioner (over 35 years): a prior associate counsel at the Department of City Planning; and an adjunct clinical professor of law at NYU. I write today in my individual capacity, to focus the Commission's attention on the need for modifications to the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure as it affects the special permit process. THE ISSUE. A few weeks ago, I attended a City Council Zoning and Franchise subcommittee hearing. The council members asked excellent questions on the multi- site zonings. However, in addition to the rezonings, I sat through a schedule that included an application for four tables for an outside café sidewalk, and some other similarly micro-applicable matters. There were no questions. I thought about how we spend Council's time and government resources-- and make even small development proposals costly and uncertain. While many special permits from the past five years are sought in conjunction with a rezoning or text change applications, others are standalone applications. These include applications for parking waivers for a single building, allowing ground floor retail use, plaza design waivers, rear yard waivers, and adding a floor or two to an as-of-right warehouse. One must ask: is it efficient or necessary for a legislative body

overseeing 8 1/2 million people and approximately 8.38 billion square feet of land in 51 council districts to have hearings on what is essentially a single storefront or some parking spaces? And moreover, a matter affecting less than a tenth of one block in one of the 51 community districts? Could this not be better decided by the City Planning Commission or Chair, based on the applicant meeting specific standards or conditions identified in the permit text? The proposals circulated to date address important affordable housing and other government issues in a thoughtful manner, seeking good government solutions. But why only housing and only a few of the ULURP actions? Economic development, efficiency, not-for-profit services, and good government generally is important to municipal growth and functioning, and a willingness of its citizens to make investments. Special permits affecting housing -- and also small businesses and development generally -- that are narrowly focused and apply micro-locally should not be tied up in years of review and face the uncertainty of a Council call-up. In the 1989 Charter revisions, it may have been intended or hoped that the "optional" city council call-up would mean that the Council would only call up projects that included issues affecting large areas or were of some City-wide interest. Instead, many are called-up for full review. THE PROPOSAL. Special permits which only affect a small area of land, and have no larger impacts should be exempted from a full ULURP review and end at City Planning, saving Council time and resources for matters that affect a larger area. Thus, special permits that are (1) for bulk waivers or solely ground floor use waivers (keeping the review for other "use" waivers); (2) that are not for "large scale development projects" as those are defined in the zoning resolution; and (3) do not trigger an environmental impact review (or EIS ), should not be subject to a seven-month process and full council review. They could go through the ELURP-type process; alternatively, Council call-up would not apply to the exempted applications, and the community and borough president review could be the collapsed 30-day period. The findings and conditions for those special permits have been vetted though a full review process for text changes, which are legislative; the individual special permit is to determine if the facts of the specific site and application meet the findings, which is administrative. The exempted special permits should be administratively decided, with finality at the Planning Commission, as is done in many other localities. Local review and advice through the 30-day community board review would be part of the process. I urge the Commission to consider expanding the proposal to exempt the special permits described above from the full process. Very truly yours, Carol E. Rosenthal

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matthew Bambach

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Matthew Bambach

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jenna Kohls

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: When I tell friends and relatives in other cities about NYC's voting policies, they're always so impressed and jealous, irrespective of their political opinions. It's one of the few shining examples we have left in this country of functioning democracy, please don't get rid of it just because it worked and gave the nomination to the most popular candidate. Closed primaries combined with RCV removes the idea of 'spoiler' candidates and allows people to actually vote their conscience instead of trying to pick a lesser evil. Without it, the voice of anyone who doesn't support the top two candidates is essentially ignored. It forces people into voting based on who they think \*can\* win instead of who they actually WANT to win. This isn't a form email, I'm writing truly and genuinely out of dismay at the idea that the city I love might so quickly reverse the progress made by electoral reforms just because the current mayor is a sore loser. Please, regardless of your opinions on any one candidate, respect the will of the people. Especially at a time when the federal government is doing its absolute best to dismantle democracy, let NYC stand firmly against that instead of capitulating.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anna Winham

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Anna Winham

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Regina Goetz

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Regina Goetz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Megan McNeice

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elizabeth Ferrando

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Elizabeth Ferrando

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Name: A. Colby

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Johnny Rivera

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to  
REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Please respect the  
will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Patrice M Scinta

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Patrice Scinta

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Bis

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I urge you to respect the will of the people and REJECT disgraced mayor Eric Adam's proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled, corrupt Mayor. New York City should not upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is clearly desperate. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jeremy Gottfried

[REDACTED]

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jeremy Gottfried

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brett Alazraki

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Brett Alazraki

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sara Kotzin

[REDACTED]

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Comments: I am writing as an avid voter to urge the commission to continue with ranked choice voting. This past primary was evidence that the system brought more engagement with voting and more fairness and chance of representation.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anire Kim Amoda

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Meg Jones Wall

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Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a long-time New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I  
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to run in. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,  
Meg Jones Wall

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Samuel Gass

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Samuel Gass  
  
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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sami Sikanas

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Eric Adams proposal to switch New York City from primaries with ranked choice voting to an open primary. This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent because he's upset with his losing trajectory, will deepen the distrust New Yorkers have in politics and elections and further depress turnout. Ranked choice voting didn't work out for Adams, but it works for us, the voters. No one is asking for this change, except a bruised Eric Adams claspig at straws. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sami Sikanas

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christopher O'Brien

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Chris O'Brien

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jolene Halzen

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I want to ensure that primaries continue to use Ranked Choice Voting. In 2019, New Yorkers voted for Ranked Choice Voting, and the support was clear with 74% of the vote being for ranked choice. Ranked Choice Voting up lifts the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, allows for lesser known mayoral candidates to get some votes, encourages cross-endorsement, and increases youth turnout in our elections. Please respect the will of the people vote from 2019, and whatever happens, keep Ranked Choice Voting intact. Thank you, [Your name]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Grace Brody

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Grace

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Adi Wallach

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Adi

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Saman Rouhani

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Saman Rouhani

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mandeep Minhas

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I urge you to reject Mayor Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, without public consent, will diminish the positive outcomes from RCV that benefit communities of color and increase turnout.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ari Bloom

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ari Bloom

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ryan Duggan

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change is clearly designed to weaken the power of political groups that have opposed Eric Adams. Additionally, it will weaken the power of all political parties and reduce their ability to take action on behalf of their supporters, including the Democratic Party, of which Eric Adams is supposedly still a member. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ryan Duggan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sami Diaz

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a born and raised New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, you must REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. We fought long and hard for ranked choice voting — don't let Eric Adams set us back to square one. The people have spoken. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, [Your name]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andrew Arrabaca

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Andrew Arrabaca

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Antonella Ansani

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Antonella Ansani

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Herschel Uchitelle

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is a desperate bozo. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Herschel Uchitelle

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Claire

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Please do not switch from ranked-choice voting! This allows me to be more involved  
in the election process and better choose the candidates that I want to support as a New York  
City resident.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: James Rayman

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." From my view, Eric Adams is only proposing this change because of the results of the recent Democratic primary, where the winner got overwhelming support from left-of-center New Yorkers, but is hated by the moderate Democratic establishment. If Eric Adams was truly concerned with disenfranchisement stemming from the closed primary system, he'd propose an open primary system like that of Texas, where parties have their own primary, but voters don't have to be registered with a party to vote in their primary. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and steer clear of the jungle primary system. Thank you, James Rayman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: John S. Betts

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, John Betts

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brendan McEntee

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Brendan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kimberley Hill

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kimberley H.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Thomas Sanabria

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. I am sick and tired of corrupt politicians changing the rules whenever they lose. Thank you, Thomas Sanabria

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christopher O'Sullivan

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, COS

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jennifer Kline

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I am a New Yorker who supports and engages in true democracy and fair elections. I urge you to REJECT the PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: ADAM CHASEN

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Adam Chasen

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shaun Fedrick

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Shaun Fedrick

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rebecca Lane

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hi there, My name is Rebecca. As a New York resident of 20 years, who has never lived in New Jersey, and who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. I mean, come on. This is just a transparently undemocratic ploy by a desperate politicians. Enough shenanigans. Thank you, Rebecca June Lane

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Claire Beresford

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Claire Beresford [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jake Verbiest

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jake Verbiest

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexandra Casanave

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New Yorkers deserve to have our voices heard, and Adams' proposal will threaten our voice in our democracy. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Sincerely, Alex Casanave

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Jones

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emma Webley

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emma

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Celso Garcia

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I did not get to speak at the meeting in person or zoom. I wish to table these provisions because everyone was not able to speak at the meetings. I believe this charter commission should not submit anyone of the proposals because there was improper procedure and a rushed process to put this ballot measures this election. I believe there should not be open primaries because this would allow people with big money to dilute the vote of the voters by putting candidates on the ballot that may not intend on running or are celebrities to garner more votes and take them away from real accounts. The housing proposals are wrong and go around the community boards and limit input from the community for the sake of developing faster projects instead of what the community wants.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Natalie Sheridan

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Natalie Sheridan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gregory Herrera

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by an embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gregory Herrera

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Naomi Young

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. It's disheartening to see such underhanded displays when it is clear that the electorate is ready for a change as evidenced by Zohran's primary win. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Naomi Young

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Isaac Anderson

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Isaac Anderson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Adam Boese

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Adam Boese

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kobe Lee

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kobe Lee

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Heidi Schubert

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, -Heidi

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Leonard

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah Leonard

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Maria Frausto

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: This is a testimony against what is being proposed for development in the  
neighborhoods, regarding land use and affordable housing.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Max Helfand

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because one man has decided he didn't like a particular electoral outcome. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Max Helfand

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Aidan Ferrell

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I am a Brooklyn resident concerned with the state of democracy. Democracy has been under attack across the country since the MAGA movement came to prominence, but now it is under attack within New York City by its own mayor. The useless and delusional Mayor Eric Adams in a desperate move of political opportunism has proposed to switch New York City back to a nonpartisan primary. I urge you to reject this proposal, it is an actively malicious move that threatens to damage the voices of marginalized New Yorkers, depress the vote of the youth, and needlessly constrain democracy. Do not indulge this man in his proposition and leave our primaries alone. Thank you, Aidan Ferrell

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Scott Goldberg

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Scott Goldberg, MD

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Timothy Lyle

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, TSL

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Miles Edwards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Miles

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matthew Williams

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I do NOT support jungle primaries in New York City. In the two cycles in which we have used ranked choice voting, we have seen the importance of coalition building prior to election day. As a result, it has lessened the animus so consistently seen in modern politics with its incentivization of cross endorsements. It is unfair to change the rules so quickly after the establishment of rcv because certain political actors did not like the outcome it provided them. Thank you Matt Williams

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Hadee Harb

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I am a New Yorker who wants free and fair elections. The move by Eric Adams to switch to a Jungle Primary three months before the primary is a blatant attempt at a power grab that diminishes the voices of not only minority voters but also young people who have come out in unprecedented numbers to vote. Eric Adams must not be allowed to cheat and rewrite the rules just because the cards are not in his favor. We must not change a system that the PEOPLE voted into place. At a time where New Yorkers refuse to abide by kings REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL and please respect the will of the people of NYC who voted to institute RCV for a more equitable democracy

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: June Reich

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, June Reich

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elizabeth Whitman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker born and raised here in the City who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. We already went through this before, when we decided on ranked choice a few years ago. And Mayor Adams won the first election with it, and it didn't bother him then. This is blatantly hypocritical. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brennan Lowery

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." New Yorkers already voted, resoundingly, to implement RCV, and it has resulted in the highest voter turnout in a Democrat primary in the history of our city. The system works. This change being proposed, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Brennan Lowery

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marika Bailey

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who votes in every single election, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." How dare the mayor attempt to force through a change to election procedures without public consent? I am both shocked and disappointed in this blatant act of chicanery. This change would diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab. Mayor Adams should be ashamed of himself. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because one man is upset at the outcome. This would be an undemocratic overthrow of the form of elections chosen by the people of New York City. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, [Your name]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elizabeth Wilson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Elizabeth Wilson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Winona Packer

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Winona

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ingrid Apgar

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hi there, As a white New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections (and as a person who expects my elected representatives to do the same), I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch NYC to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. NYC cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is scared. I demand that he respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, [Your name]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Naomi Azulay

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I am a NYC voter who was an independent for many years, and because of our closed primary system, was forced to affiliate with the Democratic Party. So I am a firm believer in non-partisan elections. I am in support of both open primaries to allow independent, non-alliliated voters to participate as equals and also a firm supporter of RCV. The Charter Commission should in no way overrule the voters in undermining RCV. I do support a proposal of the first round of voting being both ranked choice and an open primary, and then the top two or three candidates facing a run off. I do not support the Commission placing any proposal on the ballot that undermines the system of ranked choice voting, which New Yorkers voted for and are just getting the hang of how to use it to express their voting preferences.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sunyoung

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sunyoung

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jeremy Lloyd

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Comments: Hi! As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jeremy Lloyd

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jessica Bardsley

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jessica

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Madison Fabber

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Robert Freedman

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Robert

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Reuben Gelley Newman

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Reuben Gelley Newman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lisa Anselmo

[REDACTED]

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Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Lisa Anselmo

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mimi Bhatt

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to  
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power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system  
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primaries as they are. Thank you, Mimi

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Danny Battista

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: The following is testimony as delivered to the Charter Revision Commission hearing on July 7, 2025 in Harlem. My name is Danny Battista. Lifelong New Yorker, called the city home for 20 years now. I had the opportunity to address you at a hearing on Staten Island in April, and have watched and listened carefully to these proceedings both before and since. I am an unaffiliated, independent voter. I'm here to fully affirm my desire and support for this commission to advance a proposal to New York City voters to move to non-partisan primaries with a top two result as you have described in your recent report. I can appreciate the commission's expressed concern about it possibly being an inhospitable environment for a debate about primary reform given hotly contested races this year. However, I feel compelled to simply say: there's no time like the present. This matter need not wait any longer. And I don't believe there'll soon be some well illuminated and unobstructed runway to avoid an unduly polarized debate on the issue. It is our democratic process of self-governance that has been unduly polarized by, among other things, the closed partisan primary experiment. As a gay man, I've had my rights, my morality, and my very humanity debated publicly - often viciously - my entire life. Legislated. Subject to

the rulings of courts. Through this ongoing process, I've experienced both defeat and deep heartbreak at times, and the overwhelming joy and triumph as progress leaps forward, often in an instant, after years - decades of work. Warnings that my having equality somehow diminishes or threatens other people's rights or lives, or will cause harm and havoc - are familiar to me. Calls for delay, more study and analysis, or time for people to get more comfortable with the prospect of adopting something perceived as new or different - however just or right - are familiar to me. It's not the right time. Maybe people just aren't ready. Maybe better to wait and see. Don't go there because there's all these other issues that people may be more consumed with to really care, or to be moved to earnestly consider. One day... For those of us who dare to dream of a more fair and equitable world, for a better way of doing things - to borrow and bend a legal maxim: equality delayed is equality denied. I have great faith in my fellow fair-minded New Yorkers of all political stripes and no political stripes to understand what is at stake here, and to consider the potential proposition fairly, sincerely, and independently of races that are underway, or whatever particular political circumstances happen to exist here in 2025.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Leah Thomas

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. RCV makes me feel like my voice matters in an increasingly chaotic country where it feels like democracy is diminishing. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Leah Thomas

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Paul McRandle

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I'm a longtime New York City resident and voter and am appalled to hear of Mayor Adams efforts to end Ranked Choice Voting. I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,  
Paul

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emma

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emma

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Belkis Gonzalez

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. New York City has been my home for 4 decades and I am an employee of the City of New York. I am deeply invested in defending democracy and fair elections in our city. Please take a stand to protect the will of the people and preserve ranked-choice voting in our primaries! Thank you, Belkis Gonzalez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Frank Ruiz

[REDACTED]

Phone:

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexandra Fitzpatrick

[REDACTED]

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alexandra

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jeremy Silverman

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS??? PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a ???jungle primary.??? This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jeremy Silverman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kirsten Cave

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kirsten

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nicole Ferguson

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Phone:

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Usame Gunes

[REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Evan Kravitz

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Comments: Hello, Please reject Eric Adams terrible proposal to change nyc primaries. The current  
primaries are the most democratic they've ever been and Eric Adams is making a desperate  
crooked power grab

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shane Thompson

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Shane Thompson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Hannah Malach

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Hannah Malach

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Summer Johnke

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Summer Johnke

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Summer Johnke

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Otto Altmann

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I'm planning to live in this city for decades, so I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects - especially solar systems and battery energy storage which will enable our city to be more resilient to the affects of climate change and help reduce the future severity of the issue. Climate change is already impacting our city and affecting our lives. To prepare for the unavoidable reality of this, as well as to make our energy more affordable, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. That's why I strongly support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. NYC is poised to be a leader in a space that will only increase in global relevance, and solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or

vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge the Commission to ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Let's not let red tape stand in the way of NYC's continued growth and success. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Otto Altmann Alphabet City

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kristen Bar

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mohammed Rahman

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mohammed Rahman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jonathan Farbowitz

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." I voted for the original proposal for ranked choice voting because I knew that it could bring better choices to our elections. This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jonathan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Megan Culton

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate and corrupt. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Megan Culton

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ashton Skinner

[REDACTED]  
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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ashton Skinner  
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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Laura Myerson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Laura Myerson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ashleigh Crowther

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Commission, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, is anti-democratic and will diminish the voices of New York voters, depress youth turnout in our elections. New York City should NOT change its election system just to suit Eric Adams' personal agenda. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries the way they are. Thank you, Ashleigh Crowther Brooklyn CB-9

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

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Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. I was delighted when NYC instituted ranked-choice voting, and have been sure to research candidates so I could have my ranked-choice vote all ready for election day. Thank you, Nancy Kunz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tatiana Santiago

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tatiana Santiago

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Solange

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a fourth generation Haitian New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Solange

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alisa Jimenez

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alisa

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Moacir P. de Sa Pereira

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Moacir P. de Sa Pereira

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Austin Sandhaus

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Austin Sandhaus

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Paola Trejos

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Greg kalvin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Ranked choice voting should stay in place in New York. Mayor Adams should make as  
few decisions as possible related to future elections given his compromised authority as mayor.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kristin Fayne-Mulroy

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kristin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julie Seager

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Julie

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Erin Baiano

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Erin Baiano

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Leila Jutton

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Leila Jutton

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brian St Prix

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I would like ranked choice voting to continue and I believe that it is in the best  
interest of our state to continue with the best evaluator of candidates.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Patrick Bauer

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Patrick Bauer

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Devan Aptekar

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I have heard that Eric Adams, a mayor whose administration has been riddled with obvious well-documented corruption and who is personally beholden to Donald Trump as he scrambles to duck federal charges, is currently trying to change our primary voting system??? Is this ridiculousness even true? If it is, I would like to register my utmost opposition to his proposal. I was born and bred in New York City, attended NYC public schools, and still live and work in the city. Please REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Major electoral changes pushed by Eric Adams need to summarily dismissed. Thank you, Devan Aptekar

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of (especially Black and Brown) New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Michael

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julia Ting

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Julia Ting

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Salvatore Laimo

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Salvatore

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rff frau

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: That's a NO to city of Yes.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Beth Henderson

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Beth

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lourdes Vela Arias

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Please do not usurp the democratic process which New Yorkers voted for. It's critical we respect the voices of the 74% of New Yorkers who voted in favor of ranked choice voting. It would weaken our democratic system if we were to change the very system which upholds us as the beacon of democratic values around the world. Please keep ranked choice voting, regardless pressure!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Morgan peters

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Morgan Peters

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Georgia Gerber

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent and in the face of democratic exercise, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shanshan Jiang

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I'm writing in support of the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge the Commission to ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Let's not let red tape stand in the way of climate action.

Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Mary (Shanshan) Jiang Lower East Side

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kyle Bronko Carlson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kyle Carlson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: David Jimenez

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hi I'm a big fan of ranked choice voting because it maximizes the power of every voter. The math proves this out. With regard to closed primaries, I think a party should be able to nominate their PARTY nominee based on the will of the members in the party. Why should some random person have a say who is going to be the standard bearer of a political party they have no affinity to?

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Maia Reumann-Moore

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Please say NO to Eric Adams' proposal to eliminate ranked choice voting in favor of "jungle primaries." Not only is this clearly politically motivated following Adams' poor performance in Democratic polls (and consequent withdrawal from the Democratic primary) after multiple instances of corrupt behavior, it also takes away the voice of New Yorkers who voted to switch to ranked choice voting in the first place. Mayor Adams' proposal is undemocratic and unfair to New Yorkers. Decisions about important electoral processes should be made by New York voters, not by a corrupt mayor who is nearing the end of his term. Thank you, Maia Reumann-Moore

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kirsten Bakstran

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kirsten

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Yue Wang

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello CRC, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, YUE WANG

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joseph Thomas

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Joseph Thomas

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Laura Lema

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. Reminder that overwhelmingly 74% of New Yorkers voted for RCV in 2019- overturning it would be a direct affront to democracy. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people, our democracy, and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Laura Lema

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carol J Hansen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I am NOT in favor of the (3) proposed changes to NYC zoning laws.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Claire Dillon-Semple

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of New Yorkers, decrease turnout in our elections, and is an obvious power-grab. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are! Thank you, Claire Dillon-Semple

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexander Sassaroli

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I am a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, and I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Removing ranked choice voting, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. Ranked choice voting is very popular and New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alexander Sassaroli

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shea Dean

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are!!!! Thank you, Shea Dean

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gregoire Pierre

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Grégoire Pierre

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Bernice Gordon

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I cannot urge you strongly enough to not allow Eric's Adams proposal to switch New York City's mayoral election to a jungle primary. Such an action should require public consent, which it doesn't and only serves his personal ends. It would be a travesty if it were allowed.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Owa G Brandstein

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Owa Brandstein

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Molly McLaughlin

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Molly McLaughlin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ishani Ghosh

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ishani Ghosh

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: TJ Watson

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Nobody likes Eric Adams... and it's going to stay that way, because he does stupid shit like this all the time. Please make him stop.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nalini Ramanathan

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nalini

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chris

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, and thanks for reading. I have reviewed the charter report and feel it's necessary to ask that you remove the "Top-Two" version of the Open Primary presented in this document. When the report tries to suggest that money in politics will have no effect on the outcome, it references a state (Alaska) that has a top 4 methodology. It fails to make a comparison to any other state using a top two method. For a variety of reasons, I oppose the top two method presented in this report. Allowing more candidates to join the general election, as we have always had, will allow for more voices to be heard. I would support Open Primaries if it allowed a greater number of candidates to advance to the general . However I am also satisfied with the current method of RCV we currently use. Thank you for the consideration.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: David Ruder

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I would urge you to reject the Mayor's proposal for so-called jungle primaries. We are just getting into the good part of ranked choice voting! It's a great system and it will benefit democracy in NYC to keep it and expand it. Jungle primaries would erode democracy and favor oligarchs. No power grabs from Mayor Adams! Sincerely, Dave Ruder

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ankita Dewan

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ankita

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Philip Alcabes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Philip Alcabes Bronx,NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ryan Asbury

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Do not do away with democratic primaries in favor of jungle primaries. I do not support that and don't believe it's a democratic or fair process to elect a public official.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Penny Babel

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: To Whom It May Concern. It is vital that Eric Adams be prevented from singlehandedly taking away ranked choice voting and closed primarys. This is not only an exiting mayor but a disgraced one whose escape from indictment and prosecution were dubiously achieved. It would be the height of misconduct to allow this person to intervene in the rights of voters in what is clearly one more effort to favor his interests before the needs of any other New York resident.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emanon Von Feldt

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emanon Von Feldt

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Don Reinert

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Don Reinert

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Graham Gale

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, NO NO NO to "jungle primary"! Eric Adams couldn't be more transparent with this attempt to continue to tamp down democracy in our fair city -- his desperation is palpable... and cringe! We fight hard enough in the democratic primary, don't make us fight you FOR the democratic primary! I think there has been a clear demonstration that new yorkers are sick and tired of Adams' bullshit, this is no exception. REJECT THIS PROPOSAL!!! Thanks, Graham

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Hannah Diamond

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Ranked choice voting is so important. It let's us truly have a choice instead of having  
to rally around someone we aren't excited about.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Stephanie Walker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Stephanie

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joseph Spiro

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Joe Spiro

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Adam Conner-Sax

[REDACTED]  
Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Adam Conner-Sax

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: James Feldman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: I urge the commission to reject proposals to abandon ranked choice voting. This method is used with great success all over the world. It is just beginning to show results towards New Yorkers being better represented. To abandon it now makes no sense, but does empower those who wish to thwart the will of the electorate.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emily Conklin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emily Conklin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lauren DelFavero

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lauren DelFavero

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michelle de Vera

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello Charter Revision Commission, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Rank Choice Voting is a shining example of how we can have different voices represented and allows for true democracy in our city. We get more interesting candidates that represent the people through this process. Additionally, it allows for more people to get excited about the process. I urge this commission to reject Eric Adams' proposal to get rid of RCV. Thank you, Michelle de Vera

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Richard Custodio

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hey there - as someone who has long supported ranked choice voting, it has been great to see New York adopt this for the Democratic primary. Specifically, it was great to see candidates form alliances and build coalitions based on positive change, as opposed to needing to fight one another for voters. The cross endorsement of multiple candidates this election season was a great example of this, and made me feel proud to be a New Yorker! I'm super disappointed, but honestly not surprised, to see Mayor Adams attempt to remove this. This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thanks and happy to chat more on this, Rich

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Fatema

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Fatema

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Karim Kaylani

[REDACTED]

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Karim Kaylani

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rachael Wong

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." I believe that this change would harm New Yorkers ability to have a mayor that represents their needs, forcing them to choose between options deemed politically palatable by establishment parties. Instead New Yorkers should be able to choose a mayor that best represents their values. This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sophia Blakeman Vazquez

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: If you get rid of the rank choice voting, you are infringing on the peoples rights due to your own dissatisfaction with the results of the election, in other words, you are trying to steal the election from future candidates that you do not like. The city has spoken of you don't like it tough nuts.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mubashir Saleem

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Members of the NYC Charter Revision Commission, I'm writing to express my opposition to the potential ballot proposal for open primaries and jungle primaries. Our city's recent adoption of the successful and popular ranked choice voting system and public finance campaign program is undermined by this Commission's proposal recommendation for open primaries and jungle primaries. Your Commission was not convened to address changes to our city's electoral system, which already encourages strong participation from voters. Special interests can and will spend enormous sums to game open and jungle primary elections, weakening the role of matching funds approved by voters to encourage fair elections. Additionally, open and jungle primaries would suppress the right for duly registered political party members to use the ranked choice voting system to elect the best candidate for their party. It's clear that it would not benefit the city's electoral system to eliminate the role of primary elections within political parties and diminish the power of grassroots donations in favor of special interests. I strongly encourage the Commission to withdraw the open and jungle primaries ballot proposal. I must emphasize that i am not in favor of a closed primary system and i understand

the Commission intent in opening the political process to a increasingly diverse electorate but if we wish to approach electoral reform, we should do so in a manner that is enables the addition of additional parties and not limit reforms into reinforcing a consistent two party system that is increasingly losing popularity with a larger swath of the electorate. Reforms such as PER(Proportional Representation) i am sure can address the goals that the Commission is seeking to approach. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sean Spada

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sean Spada

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Olivia Ratliff

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rudi Weinberg

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Members of the Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding potential reforms to strengthen democracy in New York City. I am writing to strongly support two proposals: Extending Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) to federal elections held in New York City, and Mandating special primaries, rather than party leader appointments, to fill legislative vacancies. Both reforms would make our elections more democratic, representative, and transparent. 1. Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) for Federal Elections New York City voters overwhelmingly approved Ranked-Choice Voting in 2019 for local primaries and special elections. The system is popular, easy to use, and empowers voters to express their full preferences. It has improved civility in campaigns and ensured that winners have broader support. Now, the city should take the next step by adopting RCV for federal offices (Congress and U.S. Senate) in elections held within New York City. Legal Authority The city has the legal right to adopt RCV for federal elections conducted within its borders. The U.S. Constitution gives states (and by extension localities empowered by state law) the authority to determine the "times, places, and manner" of elections. As long as the system complies with federal law (e.g.,

equal protection and the Voting Rights Act), localities can implement RCV. In fact, other jurisdictions already use RCV for federal elections: Alaska used RCV in its 2022 U.S. House and Senate races. Maine has used RCV for U.S. House races since 2018 and U.S. Senate races since 2020. RCV is clearly permissible for federal contests under both state and federal law. A citywide implementation would not require an act of Congress or a state constitutional amendment. Why It Matters New York's congressional primaries are often held in safe seats where the winner of the primary effectively determines who goes to Washington. Yet in crowded fields, a nominee can prevail with just a small fraction of the vote. RCV ensures that the winner has majority support, discourages negative campaigning, and avoids spoiler dynamics. Furthermore, RCV would help elevate underrepresented candidates in crowded fields and lead to more consensus-driven representation.

2. Filling Vacant Seats Through Democratic Primaries Currently, when a City Council or State legislative seat becomes vacant mid-term, party leaders (via the county committee) select the nominee for a special election. This practice excludes voters from the nomination process and concentrates power in the hands of a few insiders. Instead, the City Charter should be amended to require special primaries to select party nominees in all special elections for legislative seats, including the City Council and state legislative offices within the city.

Why the Status Quo Is Undemocratic The current system allows a small number of party insiders — sometimes as few as a few dozen county committee members — to handpick the next elected official in one of the most diverse and populous cities in the world. In some boroughs, this process has led to accusations of nepotism and machine politics. Voters deserve the right to choose their representatives. Especially in one-party districts, the county committee's choice often becomes the de facto winner, disenfranchising the broader electorate.

A Better Way: Special Primaries New York City should follow the lead of states like California and Washington that use nonpartisan or open primaries in special elections. At a minimum, city law should mandate that parties hold primaries to determine their nominees when a vacancy occurs — just as they do during regular election cycles. Holding a short, well-publicized special primary allows grassroots candidates a fair shot and gives voters a meaningful say in the future of their representation.

Conclusion These two reforms — extending RCV to federal elections and requiring primaries to fill vacant seats — would ensure that New Yorkers have a stronger voice in their democracy. They promote broader participation, greater transparency, and more representative outcomes. I urge the Charter Revision Commission to consider both proposals for inclusion in the next ballot measure. Thank you for your time and your dedication to strengthening our city's democratic institutions. Sincerely, Rudi Weinberg

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Layla P

[REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent after Zohran Mamdani's victory, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. I have lived in NYC for 14 years and ranked choice voting is one of the best things about this city. I can't imagine going back. Thank you, Layla

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Conor Tomás Reed

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Conor Tomás Reed

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Catherine Harris

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, [Your name]

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Name: Rahee Nerurkar

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rahee Nerurkar

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Owen Rucker

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Owen Rucker

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rosy Yeasmin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rosy Yeasmin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Thomas Worden

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Thomas Worden

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Name: Tyler Moloney

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tyler Moloney

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Reema Hijazi

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Please REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Ranked choice incentivizes cross-campaign collaboration, and we want more of that, not less. A "jungle primary," which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Isaac Lee

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Isaac Lee

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Name: Rezwan Islam

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: KEMP BALDWIN

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kemp Baldwin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anna Cenicerros

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Anna

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emma Manis

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emma Manis

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Maryam Siddiqui

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate to improve his outlook in the next election. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Maryam Siddiqui

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mara Pandolfo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a native New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS's PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jake Waksbaum

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jake Waksbaum

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joelle Berman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Joelle

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Griffin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Griffin Shute

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Stoop Nilsson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Stoop Nilsson Brooklyn, NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: A. Gustin

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: James Paul

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Changing the way we vote in primaries after more than 70 percent of people voted for ranked choice voting is disgusting. Eric Adams is corrupt and doesn't act for the people of our great city. This would destroy the voting power of marginalized groups and should not be allowed to happen. James Paul, Lifetime resident of NYC

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joshua Smith

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Joshua Smith

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel Cathie

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change is clearly undemocratic and takes away the system New Yorkers overwhelmingly love. As a New York democrat, I do not have many options in the election cycle to make my voice truly heard, and it's hard to have a candidate who represents my views to get any traction if they are not explicitly endorsed by a handful of key decision makers. Thanks to ranked choice, voting has changed that for the better, and allows for more diverse viewpoints and candidates! I finally feel like my vote counts because of RCV. I just don't understand why you would want to take that away from us young people when we're finally inspired to get involved in our democratic process. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dan Cathie

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jacqueline Turof

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jacqueline Turof

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Camden Goetz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: No jungle primary! Keep ranked choice voting, reject Adams' proposal.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Harrison Lingren

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch NYC to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power grab by our Mayor. NYC cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Harrison Lingren

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Eric Brelsford

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I'm a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, closed primaries, and ranked choice voting. Please reject Mayor Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change is clearly a power grab from an unpopular mayor. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Eric Brelsford

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Talk

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Talk

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brit Fryer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Brit Fryer

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chaya Ovits

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Zoe Gioia

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Zoë Gioia

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matthew Weinstein

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please do not attack our democracy by removing ranked choice voting.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: David Wheatley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, David Wheatley

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Janet Hendrickson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. The ranked choice primaries allow the people to express their will. Please do not remove this. as a new New Yorker, this is part of what I love about living in the city, and ranked choice democracy will keep me living here. Thank you, Janet Hendrickson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tamar Cohen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, [Tamar

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael Acampora

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Michael Acampora

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Judith hunter

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are, great! Thank you, Judith

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sophie

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sophie

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Karishma Chari

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Karishma

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael Price

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Michael

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alex Alvarez

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alex Alvarez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Valentina Osorio

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Valentina Osorio

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ashley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: This is foolishness. Eric Adam's changing the rules just because he lost or didn't think  
he could win is not something we should tolerate. The people chose ranked choice and ranked  
choice they shall have!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sophia Holtz

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a born and raised New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sophia Holtz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christopher Robert Kennedy-Nuñez

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Christopher Robert Kennedy-Nuñez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elizabeth Ford

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a nonpartisan "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Elizabeth Ford Brooklyn, NY 11217

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jenaveve Hunter

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jenaveve

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Stephen Biegner

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Holly Dowell

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I am writing as a concerned New Yorker, urging you to reject Eric Adams's proposal to change our current primary system (ranked-choice voting) to a "jungle primary." This change would upend a democratically enacted policy, disregarding the choice made by thousands of New Yorkers to promote fair, productive elections. A "jungle primary" would diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers and depress youth turnout for elections. This transparent power-grab reflects Mayor Adams's unpopularity. Please respect the will of the people as voted and retain ranked-choice voting as is. Thank you, Holly Dowell

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Yagnia Guzman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jasmine cordero

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who votes in both the primary and general elections we need Rank Choice Voting to exercise our options. Voting for different candidates helps me conduct my own research on different policies that is the most or to the least effective. I am also able to talk to others about their own options and it is important. Rank Choice Voting gives voters like me options.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Bryan Murphy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, [Your name]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amr Kotb

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I find the advent of a "jungle primary" to be undemocratic. Ranked Choice Voting gives a voice to the voiceless and helps ensure all New Yorkers receive the same opportunity and value to their votes.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Frank Marino

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please keep the party primaries and ranked choice voting. Reject Adams proposal for  
jungle primaries. I support keeping the primaries as they are now. This is democracy and what  
people voted for. Thank you Frank Marino Resident of Staten Island

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Juhi Gulati

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker and advocate for climate resilience, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects - especially solar systems and battery energy storage. Climate change is already impacting our city with more extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge the Commission to

ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Let's not let red tape stand in the way of climate action. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Juhi Gulati

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jack Trowbridge

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a lifelong New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' "JUNGLE PRIMARY" ELECTIONS PROPOSAL. Firstly, this change is a transparent, vengeful power-grab from a mayor who betrayed the Democrats who elected him. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate to cling to power and relevance. Secondly, New Yorkers have and deserve to keep an election system where the MAJORITY OF VOTERS DECIDE THE OUTCOME. In "jungle primaries," candidates receiving even as low as 20% of first-round votes can be allowed to advance. This system would SHRINK, not expand, the people's voting power. Thirdly, as an independent-minded voter, I know that "jungle primaries" DO NOT help turn out independent voters; studies have already shown this. Encouraging voter registration and expanding Ranked Choice Voting to general elections would ACTUALLY help independent New Yorkers, not capitulating to Eric Adams' cowardice. Lastly, changing our election system without consulting voters will DISENFRANCHISE New Yorkers

of color, especially in Black and Brown communities. The city must continue connecting with these communities about elections and Ranked-Choice Voting, not yank the rug out from under them so soon into the transition to Ranked-Choice Voting. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank You, Jack Trowbridge

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rebecca Orleans

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. I love ranked-choice voting. It's the first time I've ever felt that my vote actually mattered. Thank you, Rebecca Orleans

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Spaventa

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah Spaventa

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Olivia Fingold

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Olivia

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Maya Ewart

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker, I implore you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to end ranked-choice voting. This proposal is not in the spirit of democracy or fair elections. If passed, this change would NOT benefit New Yorkers — it only benefits Eric Adams. Leave our primaries the way they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cindy Martinez

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Cindy Martinez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Hannah Costel

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Hannah Costel

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matthew Smith

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Matthew Smith

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emily Braverman

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nathaniel Joselson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I strongly oppose Mayor Adams proposal to take away ranked choice voting in primaries. We fought hard to get to a ranked choice voting system where I as a voter can vote according to my values, and support as many candidates as I think will work for me and a city I want to live in. This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. I strongly urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Thank you so much, Nathaniel Joselson



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Naomi Sharlin

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Naomi Sharlin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amy Traub

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Spencer Blinski

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Spencer Blinski

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: David Tieu

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, David Tieu

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael Rickicki

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mike Rickicki

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joseph van der Naald

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello; I am a New Yorker and resident of Ridgewood, Queens. I am writing to express my disapproval with Eric Adams' proposal to take New York City backward democratically by switching New York City to a "jungle primary." The mayor is obviously attempting to force this change through without public consent, which will serve to diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. In support of true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Adams' proposal. Thank you, Joseph van der Naald

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Haley O'Haleck

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Haley O'Haleck

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: William Travis Hallenbeck

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, William Travis Hallenbeck

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joe Graham

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hi, my name is Joe Graham, a 5 year resident of NYC. I feel strongly that this stupid attempt at instituting a jungle primary system in NY is a naked attempt by the Adams administration to lessen the impact of ranked choice voting which made a difference in Zohran Mamdani's historic victory in the Democratic primary for mayor. New Yorkers have only just begun to understand how to vote within a ranked choice voting system. Attempting to change the system again will only serve to confuse voters further. I strongly urge that the City reject this proposal.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Corinne Kessler

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Corinne Kessler

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kumar

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kumar

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alex Nagler

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alex H. Nagler

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Pat Schlegel

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I urge you to reject the proposal for so-called "jungle primaries" in New York City and instead support allowing anyone (not just registered members of a particular political party) to vote in any party's primary election.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chika Ekemezie

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Chika

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Veronica Chan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm writing as a concerned New Yorker who deeply values our democratic process and believes every voice should be heard in our elections. I'm troubled by Mayor Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary" system. This isn't just about changing election mechanics—it's about protecting the progress we've made in ensuring all communities have meaningful representation in our democracy. Our current primary system, especially with ranked-choice voting, has given voters more choice and allowed diverse candidates to compete on a more level playing field. Moving to a jungle primary would be a step backward that could silence the very communities who have fought hardest to make their voices heard. I'm particularly concerned that this proposal comes at a time when our city faces so many pressing challenges that deserve our elected officials' full attention. Rather than changing the rules mid-game, we should be focused on addressing the real issues facing New Yorkers—housing, public safety, economic opportunity, and rebuilding trust in our institutions. I urge you to stand

with your constituents and oppose this proposal. Our democracy works best when we strengthen participation, not when we create barriers or confusion that might discourage people from voting. Thank you for your time and for representing our interests. I look forward to your response on this important matter. Sincerely, Veronica Chan Prospect Heights, Brooklyn Resident



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lior Appel-Kraut

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lior

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Fred Blair

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Fred Blair

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Susan Yohn

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I'm writing to object to Eric Adams' attempt to change the system of voting that we are currently using in our city primaries. The candidates this year did a great job of educating the public about how to use ranked choice voting. The turnout for the Democratic primary -- the highest in many years - suggests that many of us appreciate the opportunity to rank the candidates, to show our preferences. This is democracy in action. The "jungle primary" strikes at the system of political parties. I, for one, choose my party based on how closely their policies mirror my concerns and my ideals. I appreciate having primaries in which we have the opportunity to weigh several candidates. Republicans can have their own primary, and then in the general election candidates from all the parties compete against one another. Our current system is just in second election. Let us just stick to this system for several more election cycles to see how things develop. I resent that a mayor who is simply upset that he is losing can come along and shake up a system that was voted upon by New Yorkers just 5 or 6 years ago. Let's

give our choices a chance. Sincerely, Susan Yohn



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tony

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexander Satloff

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alexander

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julius Tajiddin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Additional comment on Question #4 I shot some important footage on Sony 3/4 in tape. I later learned and so did everyone else, the shelf life was short. Then I learned that after 20 years the tapes could be so fragile that I could lose a lot of the information on the tapes. I was told to transfer the tapes to Beta and digital immediately. And you know what? I still held on to the 3/4 in tapes just in case.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Astrid M. Aune

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. If the Mayor feels that there are communities who are disenfranchised by the change to RCV, the solution is to work more proactively to do voter outreach and education, not to overturn a properly implemented, fiscally responsible, and effective system. Please reject the repeal proposal. Thank you, Astrid M. Aune

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Vlad Ionescu

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, would serve to silence my voice as a high earning tax paying small business owner (5 employees) in Manhattan. I do not want this. Please respect the ranked choice voting desires of this great city. Thank you, Vlad

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Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-4122004 CRC Contact Form -  
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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andrew Romanov

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Members of the Charter Revision Committee, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of all New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and act as a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Andrew Romanov

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dione Lomando

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Good afternoon, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I  
urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This  
change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish  
the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a  
transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its  
election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people  
and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dione Lomando

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: James Blue

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, James Blue

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carl Wojciechowski

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Sincerely, Carl Wojciechowski

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: John Colpitts

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, John Colpitts

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ghazal Ghazi

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ghazal Ghazi

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexandra Lis-Perlis

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams refuses to lose an election like a gentleman. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ashleigh Zoda

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elaine Gamolo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I recently moved to New York, after being born and raised in NJ for 28 years. I was very excited to vote this past primary using rank choice voting (rcv). It felt insightful to acknowledge that politics and elections aren't always black and white, and to be able to put my count towards several candidates that shared the same vision for the city as me and looked towards a better future was empowering (and not just the lesser of two evils!). I am a big fan of RCV. I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Elaine G.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lynne McCullough

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please don't let Mayor Adam's' desperation to remain in power convince you to change our primary system to 'jungle primaries'. It's going to depress the vote, make elections even easier to swing, and minimize the voice for our black and brown New Yorkers. Especially as a reaction to the results of this specific democratic primary.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marisa Macias

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Marisa Macias

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lily Hoyda

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lily Hoyda

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jackie Sumsy

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jackie Sumsy

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexandra Hilgart

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Veronica Olivotto

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Veronica

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Winona Packer

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Winona

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Fermin Cuanelt

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to  
rejecr Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the  
mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of a  
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cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please  
respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carlos Reyes

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: The proof that Ranked Choice Voting is working to give more New Yorkers the voice they deserve IS the reason Eric Adams wants to get rid of it. Why are the PLAYERS always given carte blanche to run roughshod over our elections?

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Deanna Baris

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, is a transparent anti-democratic power-grab by our current Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Deanna Baris

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sonya Sobieski

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sonya Sobieski a middle aged white lady who is not afraid of the subway

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jason Wan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jason Tinheng Wan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jennifer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emma Gordon

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of New Yorkers, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emma Gordon

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Hiram Yunque

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Connor Guy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a Brooklyn resident who supports fair elections and letting the people choose, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled and corrupt Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Sincerely, Connor Guy

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Stephen Faillace

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Stephen Faillace

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katarina Medakovich

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Priya Mulgaonkar

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Priya Mulgaonkar

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anthony Alfieri

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I'm writing to urge the Commission to reject Eric Adams' proposal to eliminate ranked choice voting. I very much appreciate the way that RCV has changed the tenor of campaigning to reduce the vitriol and encourage common ground between candidates. It made for a more civil process and allowed voters the ability to better hear candidates concerning policy nuances. I understand Mayor Adams is upset about something or other but I honestly don't understand why anyone would pay any mind to a corrupt scumbag like him. The only appropriate thing to do is sweep him into the dustbin of history, or better yet, Rikers Island.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: René Georg Vasicek

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Ships ahoy! As a writer in NYC who supports democracy & fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Listen to the People! Leave our primaries as they are! This change, which the mayor is trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black & Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. NYC cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Thank you, René Georg Vasicek, JD, MFA

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Noah Petzinger

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Noah Petzinger

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kit Pyne-Jaeger

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kit Pyne-Jaeger

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael Cisco

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Michael Cisco

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel DeBonis

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Daniel

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ronan Tuggle

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ronan Tuggle

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Barbara

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cathy

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Cathy Brooklyn, NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Charlotte Bush

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Charlotte

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ben Lerude

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, It's come to my attention that there is an effort to do away with ranked choice voting and switch to a jungle primary model. Please reject this effort! Though more involved, ranked choice voting provides a very useful and activating method for voters to express more nuanced preferences in the primary. The proposed change to a jungle primary, which our current mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers and depress youth turnout in our elections. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thanks, Ben Lerude

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joan Greco

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a lifelong New Yorker I urge you in the strongest possible terms to REJECT the Eric Adams proposal to eliminate ranked choice voting. Ranked choice voting allows each voter to vote our true preferences without fear of wasting our vote. It is a far more democratic and representative system than the old method. The engagement, excitement and high levels of participation in this last election are evidence that the ranked choice voting system inspires voters. I think some people wish these inspired voters would go away - those are the people who want to end RCV

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Xamayla Rose

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a long-time resident of New York City and an avid voter, I am opposed to the current form of open primary being considered for implementation. My statements are clear and simple. When we make changes to our election laws and systems, designed to enfranchise people. We must do our due diligence to conduct proper community education on the matter and collect statistically relevant feedback from stakeholders who are representative of the populations most impacted. In this case, Black, immigrant, and other marginalized voters. anything less than this is blatant disregard for democracy.. Xamayla Rose

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lawrence Dreyfuss

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kiara Colome

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kiara

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Simon Kapler

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Please DO NOT eliminate ranked choice voting. This only minimizes the voice of New Yorkers in choosing their representation. It would be undemocratic and shameful to do away with this system that has been a unique and valuable part of NYC's political community.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Juliet Cangelosi

Email:

Phone:

Comments: To the Charter Revision Commission, I'm writing as a New Yorker deeply committed to democratic representation and fair elections. I urge you to reject the proposal to eliminate ranked choice voting and replace it with a so-called "jungle primary." This proposed change would undermine political representation in our city, particularly for communities of color and younger voters, who have benefited from ranked choice voting's ability to amplify diverse voices and reduce vote-splitting. Ranked choice voting has empowered more candidates to run and win outside of traditional power structures—it is precisely this democratic openness that this proposal threatens. The move to a nonpartisan "top-two" primary system would concentrate power in ways that reduce voter choice and weaken the ability of communities to elect candidates who represent their interests. There is no compelling evidence that voters want this change, nor that it would improve our elections. Instead, it appears designed to consolidate political power at the expense of grassroots democracy. I urge you to respect the will of the electorate who adopted

ranked choice voting and to reject any backdoor attempt to reverse that decision. Sincerely, bJuliet  
Cangelosi

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Thomas B

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Thomas B

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Name: Thomas B

Email:

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tim McEniry

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Commissioners, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tim

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nicholas Tolbert

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the ashamed and fearful mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a shockingly transparent power-grab by our disgraced mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nic Tolbert

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah Meyers

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jordan Sidfield

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Don't end Ranked Choice Voting! It's honestly so much more democratic than any  
other form of voting and gives people more of a voice!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marco Caporuscio

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Marco C

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Adam Kwapich

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Adam Kwapich

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sean

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Charter Revision Commission Members: I write today regarding the proposal to once again upend the NYC voting process by opening primaries. While this proposal raises multiple substantive concerns, as a preliminary consideration, it seems reckless at best to pose such a sweeping change when it is currently impossible to decouple such a proposal from its primary advocate--our five-times-indicted alleged criminal current mayor, Eric Adams. One struggles to engage in a good-faith discussion on the relative merits of the closed versus open primary systems when one of the few things both Democrats and Republicans seem able to agree on is that our incumbent mayor, through his own unparalleled corruption and incompetence, has managed to find himself without a home in *\*either\** party this election season. Surely, it is no coincidence that this paragon of venality should choose the year of his own de facto exile from the existing parties as the moment when he might suddenly find himself inspired to push for a "reform" which would uniquely benefit someone in his exact position. It would seem that one benefit of the status quo, therefore, is some fundamental semblance of vetting against exactly the type of graft our current mayor is alleged to have brought to the mayoral office, and for that



reason, I would strongly advise that any deliberation on this issue be postponed to a later election with less obvious baggage impeding any reasonable discourse on the subject. Moving to the merits, as noted above, the closed system provides a system of accountability and vetting that has clearly already shown its value in this very election. Looking beyond Adams, the closed primaries have allowed voters with a range of perspectives to have their say. I have lived in states where disenfranchisement has been a very real concern, so suggesting that it is an issue here--in a city where I get every ballot sent right to my door and I can register online in minutes to vote for whichever party I want--is an argument that fails to move the needle for me. As we see in this very mayoral election, there are many voices in this city, and there appears to already be an unprecedented ability for independent/non-affiliated candidates to have a chance. The secret ingredient seems to be money, sadly, but an open "jungle" primary would surely only exacerbate such concerns. While I readily acknowledge that the case for open primaries is not entirely without merit, I would ask again that such a decision be deferred until it can be decoupled from the clearly self-serving person proposing it in bad faith. Decisions like these deserve to be aired out and discussed in a free and fair process, and I fear that the current circumstances would serve as a bar to such critical discourse. Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: David Diaz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, David Diaz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andrew Faas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Andrew Faas

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Linda Raftree

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I was very sad to hear about the idea of switching New York City to a "jungle primary." From what I have seen, the mayor is trying to force this through without public consent, and it would diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers and depress youth turnout in our elections. This is a transparent power-grab by the current Mayor, who is flailing under charges of corruption and who is willing to sell out the City to the current federal administration. New York City should not upend its election system due to Eric Adams's whims and desperation. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Bishal Das

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Bishal Das

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: M Brett Murphy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, M Brett Murphy

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tricia Marchese

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tricia Marchese

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Margo Warnock

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Margo Warnock

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Bianca R Draud

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Bianca R Draud

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Laura Sanchez

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Laura Sanchez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ryan Sears

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ryan Sears

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Josh Woods

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Josh Woods

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cody Fitzgerald

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Cody

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lauren Bednor

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. In addition, New Yorkers only just recently introduced ranked choice voting. Changing the election system again will cause confusion and lower turnout, weakening democracy. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lauren Bednor

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Leah Pavlik

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, Eric Adams is attempting to alter the way New Yorkers participate in democracy because of his absolutely tanked approval rating and Cuomo's embarrassing performance in ranked choice voting. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by this embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Leah Pavlik

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chad Carter

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Chad Carter

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Benjamin Kabak

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers and other minority voters and depress youth turnout in our elections. It is a transparent power-grab by our embattled and scandal-ridden Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Benjamin Kabak

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Liana Brower

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Liana

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Toby Youngman

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Toby Youngman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brittany Mignanelli

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Brittany

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Benjamin Prickett

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Benjamin Prockett

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Benjamin Schaffzin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: To whom it may concern, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New Yorkers are becoming more and more comfortable with ranked choice closed primaries each cycle, and it allows for a far more inclusive voting and campaigning process than other municipalities. I know of many in this city who wanted to vote for more than one candidate, and switching the format of primary elections now would only serve to further disengage voters and those who are trying to engage with the process in good faith. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you for reading my comment, Benjamin Schaffzin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elisabeth Smith

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. All my best, Elisabeth Smith

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ryan Mannion

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ryan Mannion 10028

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Travis Malekpour

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Travis Malekpour

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexander dong

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alex

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katya Barmotina

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Katya Barmotina

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Astrid Wentworth

Email:

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a jungle primary. This change which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Brown and Black New Yorkers, depress youth turn out in our elections and is a transparent power grab by our embattled mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Astrid Wentworth.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jeff Seal

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Jeff Seal

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Merrite Johnson

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Merrite Johnson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Concerned Citizen

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carol Skyrn

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thanks!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rachel Altvater

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Undoing Ranked Choice Voting is an affront to New Yorkers and to democracy. Ranked Choice helps broaden the field of candidates, reflecting all of our city's needs. It also allows voters to feel secure voting for candidates with what they perceive to be lower odds as well as a combination of candidates spanning important issues. It is unwise to take away this option, especially as a direct result of losing to another candidate by a landslide.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sahm Schiller

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you Sahm

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: John Lee

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Good afternoon, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate and sad. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, John E. Lee

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Phyllis Eckhaus

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Phyllis Eckhaus

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shirley T Fang

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Ranked choice voting will also provide every day New Yorkers a better opportunity to express their preference for 2nd and 3rd candidates in a field with very few good options. Thank you, [Your name]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emily Qualmann

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emily Qualmann

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Diego Quezada

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Diego Quezada

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Karl McCool

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Writing as a New Yorker, I strongly urge you to reject Eric Adams' absurd proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary" — a change which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the voters and leave our primaries alone!



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: LaChelle

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, LaChelle Watson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Danielle Ouimet

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Ranked choice voting is the most common sense, democratic option. To do anything else is a waste of time and money, and is an insult to the democratic process.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Audrey White

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Audrey

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Judith Rachel Bloch

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Protect voter choice in the Democratic Party primary in New York City. Protect the right of voters registered with a party to choose the leaders of that party and its candidates in general elections. Protect ranked choice voting in all party primaries. Reject the Eric Adams ploy to silence the choices of tenants and workers, the vast majority of New Yorkers, who have registered as Democrats and voted in the Democratic Party primary by eliminating ranked choice voting within party primaries and replacing it with a jungle primary embracing candidates of every political stripe.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Natalie Spittler

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Natalie Spittler

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lindsey Goetz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please defend ranked choice voting. Do not let Eric Adams eliminate it just because it  
is a threat to him.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rachel Anderson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rachel Anderson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tim Cavale

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tim Cavale

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: michael mccaughley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Michael Cabral

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Olivia Treynor

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Olivia

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kawtar Aaddi

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kawtar Aaddi

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael Ramirez

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Michael Ramirez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gabriel Young

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gabriel

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Arianna Diaz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers like myself, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ariannna

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kelly Chan

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kelly

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Casey McCabe

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Casey McCabe

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marcella Bencivenni

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Sincerely, Marcella Bencivenni

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christine Zeiger

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carlos Medina

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Carlos Medina

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Violet Lucca

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Removing ranked choice voting would be yet another strike against democracy. At every level of government, our elections are fueled by money. Ranked choice voting allows all communities, many of whom are overlooked by their own representatives, a chance to be heard. (While I enjoy some privilege, I know for a fact Donald Trump doesn't care about me.) RCV also gets younger people involved in the process and enthusiastic about politics. Through debate about which candidate(s) we prefer, we cut through the easy TV or social media slogans. By ranking candidates, we can express a variety of concerns. We can show what our values are. Removing RCV would be a huge step backward. NYC leads the nation (and sometimes the world) in terms of culture and economics; why not continue to lead the way electorally? (Yes I'm sad I couldn't say we lead the NBA!)

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Steven D Dube

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Hannah Pho

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Hannah

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matthew Corsillo

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I do not support the idea of switching New York's elections to a "jungle primary" system UNLESS those primaries still involve a ranked-choice, STARR, or other improved voting method. Returning New York primaries to an arcane method would make the elections less democratic and would diminish youth turnout. Please do what is best for the city, instead of what is best for Eric Adams or anyone else who is trying for a power grab. Thank you, -Matt C.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael Suen

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Michael Suen

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alison Bardsley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Primaries where voters from outside a party can vote aka jungle primaries are  
notorious for distorted outcomes. Closed ranked choice works! We need to keep it

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Hannah Black

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Hannah

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gaby Cervantes

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gaby

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Seiami Kim-Amoda

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: To whom it may concern, As a native New Yorker who believes in authentic democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Seiami Kim-Amoda

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marina Metalios

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: The more I read about the "jungle primaries" the worse they look. Please REJECT this  
idea.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Osvaldo Rivera Jr

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a jungle primary. This change which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Brown and Black New Yorkers, depress youth turn out in our elections and is a transparent power grab by our embattled mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Osvaldo Rivera Jr.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dave Ciolino-Volano

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled mayor, who is scrambling to reshape the electoral landscape as federal investigations swirl and his approval ratings plummet. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate to distract from his administration's failures. Our current primary system allows communities to organize and elevate candidates who represent their values, while Adams' jungle primary would create a free-for-all that favors the wealthy and connected over grassroots leaders. This backroom dealing, pushed through without public debate or community input, treats New Yorkers like subjects rather than citizens. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are—we will not be silenced by a



mayor who has forgotten that he works for us. Thank you, Dave Ciolino-Volano

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jeremy Green Eche

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Ranked choice voting is extremely democratic compared to other common voting  
systems. Please don't destroy it.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anthony Cappellino

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. This last election got so many New Yorkers involved with voting and politics again. After years, decades of malaise and apathy, RCV got voters out of their homes and into booths. RCV increases turnout and makes every New Yorkers voice count. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Anthony Cappellino  
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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emily Finn

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a non-partisan primary. This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. I say this both as a concerned New Yorker but also as an election volunteer, we've already done our hard work, and while it continues, our current mayor shouldn't be rewarded for failing upwards. Thank you, Emily

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Samuel Anthony Rios

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: No to jungle primaries.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Vinicius Reis

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Vinicius

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kate

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Ranked choice voting is the best system for this city!!!! Thank you, Kate

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Davina Bhandari

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Davina

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sonar Farrow

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sonar Farrow

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Keenan DuBois

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Keenan DuBois

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Laura J

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I am urging you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch from ranked choice voting to a 'jungle primary'. He is attempting to force this through without public consent and this is a transparent power-grab rather than any sort of attempt to ensure equitable, fair, and open elections in NYC. We cannot afford to upend our electoral system simply because the mayor chooses is clinging desperately to power and seeks to circumvent the will of the people. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. KEEP RANKED CHOICE VOTING! Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Benjamin Harlow

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Louisa McMurray

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Louisa McMurray Brooklyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Wendy Myers-Jennings

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Wendy

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carole Ashley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Saving our rank choice vote: I am an 81 year old New Yorker who for the first time was excited to vote by rank choice for mayor of our city. It's the fairest system and the one that gets the most people engaged and involved, which is what we want, isn't it? Please do not succumb to pressure from Mayor Adams or Andrew Cuomo. They're a couple of aging men with sleazy records who hate the fact that young people are ready to take over, and fear that the only way they can vote is by doing away with rank choice voting.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andrew Then

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Andrew

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: William Fuchsman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, William Fuchsman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cora Fisher

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Cora Fisher

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joshua Harrison

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Joshua Harrison

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: C deBen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: NO JUNGLE PRIMARIES in NY!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel Cuthbert

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please reject Eric Adam's primary proposal, which is a clear attempt to depress the voice of voters and make a win for himself more likely. If he is the person to lead Gotham, then he shouldn't fear RCV...as he'd dominate in all rounds. Let's keep nyc a beacon of democracy.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sajid

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I urge you to reject Mayor Adams' proposal to switch the city's elections to a jungle primary. This is transparently a politically motivated effort on the part of the Mayor, whose corruption and quid pro quo dealings with the current Presidential administration torpedoed his standing in the Democratic Party, to undermine the democratic process in response to Assemblyman Mamdani's victory in the mayoral primary. Ranked Choice Voting works—it allows New Yorkers to vote in accordance with their priorities and increases civic engagement with our elections. The city should not be entertaining Mayor Adams' attempt to dilute his former party's ability to choose nominees that reflect the will of its voters simply because he is out of step with their values. At a time when public servants across New York's government are working to undo the considerable damage that Mayor Adams has done to public trust in our civic institutions, we must ensure that we do not allow him to find new avenues to use those institutions for his own purposes.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Win-Sie Tow

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Win-Sie

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cecilia Rodriguez

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Cecilia Rodriguez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Bianca Pasternack

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a proud New Yorker, advocate for climate resilience, and human resident of Earth, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects - especially solar systems and battery energy storage. Climate change is already impacting our city. This summer we've had record heat, and just last night we had flash flooding impacting safety, business, and convenience across the city. These extreme events will only get worse with unmitigated climate change. To create a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce red tape delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even if they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed

charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge the Commission to ensure that these beneficial and popular clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized and fast-tracked, and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Let’s not let bureaucracy stand in the way of climate action. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process! Best, Bianca Pasternack UWS Manhattan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katherine F Bridges

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Katherine Bridges

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: John Vargas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, John Vargas

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Caroline Golum

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Caroline

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nina Goodheart

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nina Goodheart

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Stephen Visovsky

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Stephen Visovsky

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: warren heller

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Warren Heller

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Colin Vanderburg

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Colin Vanderburg

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Josephine C Hill-James

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Josephine Hill-James

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Echaka

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to  
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Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marieke Thomas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I am very excited about the four land use amendments as proposed by the Charter Commission. The cost of housing is the number one issue of concern to me as a New Yorker, and I support any and all ways to streamline the process of building housing in the city, especially simplifying the review process for modest housing projects. In September, I'll be starting my 14th year as a public school teacher with the NYC DOE, and I have lived in market-rate rental apartments in NYC throughout the entire time I've worked as a teacher. In that time, I've seen many amazing teachers leave the city, and the primary reason is due to the high cost of housing, particularly for those raising a family. This puts a strain on our students, who benefit from having experienced teachers rather than a constant cycle of new teachers as old ones leave the city. I personally live in a 5-story, walk-up building which is over a century old. I would love to see this building replaced with a taller, accessible building with more homes, and making this process easier is vitally important.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mercedes

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mercedes T

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sam Feldman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Good afternoon, I believe political parties play an important organizing function in our democracy, and I write in opposition to the proposal for open primaries. I believe this measure would make New York City elections less democratic and more susceptible to outsize influence from the wealthiest few. I ask that you allow parties to retain their historic role in our city and avoid making hasty changes in pursuit of unclear benefits. Best, Sam Feldman Brooklyn, NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alex Brousset

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: To Whom It May Concern, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alex

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Whitney Bryan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Whitney Bryan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lance Rubin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hi there, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." I cannot believe this change is even on the table. It's clearly our embattled mayor trying to force through a change without public consent, and it's shameful. This would diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers and depress youth turnout in our elections. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate after all his corruption and cowardice have caught up to him. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lance Rubin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kyle Sandmann

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kyle Sandmann

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shana Crawford

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Rank choice voting allows everyone to have representation in the elections! Sincerely, Shana

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tim Healy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly oppose to mayor's proposed change to "jungle primary" format for elections. Ranked-choice voting is crucial for ensuring that all voters are able to prioritize support for candidates who will best represent their interests, rather than simply throwing all of their eggs into one basket.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Trevor Ingerson

Email:

Phone:

Comments: the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Trevor

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brian Hynes

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I think closed primaries are best. Ranked choice voting should be retained. The problem we have is that it is TOO EASY to get access to the ballot in the general election as an "independent." In this cycle both Mayor Adams and Governor Cuomo were NOT endorsed by the members of their party and yet we have to work to defeat them AGAIN in the general.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Leigh Schaefer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. This most recent Democratic primary had record turnouts, in part because of the promise that RCV will count every vote fairly. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Leigh Schaefer Resident of Sunset Park, Brooklyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ulrik Hoglebe

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ulrik Hoglebe

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Xihe Xie

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to  
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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Donovan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Donovan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julius Tajiddin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Question #5 The Charter Commission wants to propose to move the City's elections to even-numbered years so that they are held in the same year as federal presidential elections. The rationalization behind this is because more than double the number of voters turn out on average when presidential elections happen. However, in order for this change to go into effect there would need to be an amendment to the state constitution. So then why waste money and resources on this ballot question when an effort can be made to change the state constitution? If the logic is that people will be influenced by New York City voters, I DON'T THINK SO. Moreover, the way the City elections are set up now, people think about what and who they're voting for. Having all positions on the same year, I fear people would vote straight down the line or be more focused on state and federal issues. In other words, our local issues that impact our daily lives would get lost in the sauce. Then there is the complexity of it all. It's just too much to do for one election. We're talking about longer lines, people taking longer to vote, not enough BOE workers, etc. And what about Rank Choice Voting? The Board of Elections got its hands full managing Congressional and presidential elections as is. Do you realize how many voting pages there could

be? I wouldn't worry about voter turnout in city elections to the degree of changing the election years. There are ways to strengthen the turnout for City elections. Brainstorm about that.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mary Grace Wagner

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mary Grace

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: David Patrick Gallagher

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, David Patrick Gallagher

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ayesha Wadhawan

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello! As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of New Yorkers from a range of backgrounds, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is grasping at straws to hold onto power. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ayesha Wadhawan Brooklyn 11226

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Patrick Merveille

Email:

Phone:

Comments: RCV is the single most democratic thing we could possibly do especially in these trying times. It gives New Yorkers a voice and all candidates a chance. This insures the best policies are adapted, and the best candidate is accounted for. Totally. Don't be a suppressor of democracy. Do the right thing.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gregory Valdespino

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports real democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent after someone he considers a political rival and enemy won in a primary election that had unprecedented turnout, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, demoralize millions of New Yorkers from believing in our political system, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate and doesn't like who they voted for. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gregory Valdespino

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andreas Petrossiants

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I am a lifelong New Yorker, scholar and professor, and a committed member of my community. As someone who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Andreas Petrossiants

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Corin Coetzee

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Corin Coetzee

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Peace Twesigye

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Peace Twesigye

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Bruce Sholl

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Bruce

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Charlotte Munn-Wood

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Ranked choice voting allows for the clearest expression of New Yorkers' electoral preferences. Do not get rid of it!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lauren DeGeorge

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lauren

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Liz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Liz Astoria, NYC

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tyler Will

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate to improve his outlook in the next election. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chad Chilton

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to an open "jungle primary." New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. This proposal is not about increasing turnout — it's about limiting the power of working people, confusing voters and making it easier for billionaires to handpick their candidates with money. Please respect the will of the peoples votes and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andy Nelson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Andy

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: James Grasso

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please do not get rid of ranked choice voting - not only does it make sense for a city with such a diverse amount of political ideations, it also helps more candidates take campaigning seriously and present themselves to more of the public.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Helen rubinstein

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Helen Rubinstein

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elna Green

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am strongly opposed to the proposed change to create an open primary [jungle primary] system. I am thrilled with our ranked choice voting system. The recent Mayoral primary demonstrated many benefits: candidates cross endorsing, voters becoming more engaged. I have lived and voted in several states, and I've seen lots of different systems. I was delighted with how this worked. Leave it alone. It ain't broken, doesn't need a fix.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Leslie Irlanda

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker and person of color, who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. He is clearly trying a last ditch effort to remain in power in a city where voters are rejecting him! New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are! Thank you, Leslie

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sharlan Kira Eng-Wilmot

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are, with ranked choice voting.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ben Grill

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ben

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mitchell Wong

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mitchell Wong

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Liam Semple

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I'm a New Yorker and I support democracy and fair and free elections. On these grounds, I REJECT Eric Adams's shocking proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through undemocratically, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is nothing but a transparent power-grab by our historically unpopular Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its democratic system just because Eric Adams is aware that he has so thoroughly disgraced himself. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries alone! Thank you,  
Liam Semple

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: August Guyot

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, August Guyot

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brandon Wilner

Email:

Phone:

Comments: To the Charter Revision Commission, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Best, Brandon Wilner

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jack Zhang

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rebecca Brammer-Shlay

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jesse Pierce

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jesse Pierce

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tasha Darbes

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. I believe ranked choice voting has energized democracy and changed campaigning to be strategic and cooperative instead of negative and polarizing. Ranked choice voting is the way of the future and I am proud that New York City is a leader. I do NOT support a "jungle primary" and do not see any benefit to our voting by changing a system that New Yorkers chose. It is undemocratic to take it away with voter approval. Thank you, Tasha Darbes [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sandy Wilson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I have recently been informed that Eric Adams is trying to get rid of ranked choice voting. I think ranked choice voting is the best, and it should be implemented at every level of government. It really allows us to vote with our conscience and not have to play some strategy voting game to determine our future. Please reject Eric Adams' proposal to do away with ranked choice voting.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Danielle Garrett

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cara Francis

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: To whom it may concern, I am against Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York to. "jungle primary". The fact that the mayor wants to force through this change without the people's consent and after a historic cross-endorsement by Mamdani and Lander in the Democratic primary is a transparent attempt to drown the race in money from special interests, diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers and depress youth turnout in our elections. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. The results of the 2025 NY mayoral primary are proof that democracy can still work if we fight for it. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Cara Francis Brooklyn resident since 2005

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Adam Weiler

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Adam W.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brandon Ferderer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Do not mess w rank choice voting. It's the only way we get an actual say in elections rather than having our candidate handed to us by a political party. Keep your insecurities about having to drop off the dem primary ballot because the city loathes you out of policy.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sara Merg

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mark Drury

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ajanee Miranda

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Reject Eric proposal for jungle primary and take away our pOC voices !

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Subject:

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ellen Parkhurst

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I am opposed to a jungle primary in NYC and I strongly urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to change our election process without public consent. One person should not have the power to make dramatic changes to our democratic systems.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alex Selby

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alex Selby

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Juwan Mimes

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hi there - As a New Yorker who believes in true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marc Amorello

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Pulling stunts like this make the Democratic establishment look no better than Republicans. Thank you, Marc Amorello

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: David Blythe

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I oppose efforts by Eric Adam's to make any changes to the Democratic Primary process in NYC. The recent primary shows how well the current process works. Thank you, David

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julio Quinones Jr.

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Julio Quiñones Jr.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Noami Vazquez

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Noami Vazquez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Aerica Banks

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is criminally desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Simon Spitalny

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Simon Spitalny

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Justin Muschong

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Justin Muschong

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Madeleine Freidson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Madeleine

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brianna McKinney

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Brianna McKinney

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amelia Harrison

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Rank choiced voting offers voters a way to ensure that their voices are heard. It increases faith in and the strength of our democracy. The move to do away with it is a blatant attempt to subvert voter will. We voted for this and we want to keep it. Quit playing around.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sharlan Kira Eng-Wilmot

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are, with ranked choice voting.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Bruce L Brown

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. We are not asking for a change and do not want a change in the party-based primary system. Thank you, Bruce L. Brown

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nicholas Coyne

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nicholas Coyne

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matthew Wayne G.

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Matthew Wayne G.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Molly A Dillon

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: This is undemocratic and would gut the power of already disenfranchised communities. Ranked choice voting is one of the most democratic systems available to us, and this politically motivated attempt to dismantle it is unacceptable.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Martha Strautman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Martha Strautman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexandra Mason

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alex Mason

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rachel Ciferno

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are! Thank you, Rachel Ciferno

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Eamon Doherty

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a jungle primary. This change which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Brown and Black New Yorkers, depress youth turn out in our elections and is a transparent power grab by our embattled mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Eamon Doherty.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael Rosenberg

Email:

Phone:

Comments: The proposal to eliminate ranked choice voting is wrongheaded. Ranked choice has worked out wonderfully for the city. Adams convened this commission because he is a sore loser. Do not put this proposal on the ballot

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jamie Fried

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please protect rank choice voting!! It allows candidates to express nuanced differences in perspective without risking splitting the vote, increasing the likelihood that candidates' policies actually reflect our values

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Erika Briggans-Jones

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Erika Briggans-Jones

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kayleigh Schultz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by the embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kayleigh Schultz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Melvin Willis Jr

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Melvin Willis Jr

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ron Hogan

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I have been voting in New York City elections for more than twenty years, and I believe that party primaries are a valuable component of a flourishing democracy. These parties allow registered members of New York's political parties to shape the direction of those parties and choose the candidates who best represent their values... AND allow all voters to choose from a wider spectrum of choices in November. I reject Eric Adams's heavy handed attempt to do away with this system, which gives political voice to the greatest number of voters, and I urge you to reject his proposal as well.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alex Sramek

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alex Sramek

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emily Crow

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emily Crow

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matthew Garland

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Matthew Garland -Astoria, Queens, NYC

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Yagnia Guzman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jim McKay

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jim McKay VOTER, NYC

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kit Vega

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jacob Powell

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jake

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Peter Kerlin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Peter

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Djamal Boukadoum

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Djamal Boukadoum

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Courtney Adams

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Courtney Adams

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nicole Greenhouse

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a Queens resident who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. Please respect the will of the people and leave ranked choice primaries as they are. Thank you, Nicole

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Linda Ng

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gene Freidman

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a jungle primary. This change which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Brown and Black New Yorkers, depress youth turn out in our elections and is a transparent power grab by our embattled mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gene Freidman.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Spencer J Ackerman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a native New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Spencer Ackerman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christopher Getz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Christopher Getz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tamas Neltz

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tamas Neltz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Raina Lipsitz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports free and fair elections that reflect the will of the people, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers and depress youth turnout in our elections. Furthermore, it is a transparent and desperate power grab by our understandably embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is flailing. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries alone. Thanks for your attention to this important matter. Yours sincerely, Raina Lipsitz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emma Iskowitz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emma Iskowitz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amy Shandro

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Amy Shandro

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jordan Braunstein

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker and advocate for climate resilience, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects, especially solar systems and battery energy storage. Climate change is already affecting our city, with increased extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and expedite approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals more quickly and equitably. I urge the

Commission to ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Let's not let red tape stand in the way of climate action. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Jordan Braunstein Brooklyn, NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brian Reilly

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I am upset that I need to write to stop these proposals that are profoundly on democratic and designed only to sort the will of the people and ensure people with money more democracy than everybody else. Our country is rapidly falling into fascism, and your commission should not be entertaining, any kind of changes that would reduce our democratic franchise. Have a spine, see what is happening and don't let this happen on your watch.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: peter dommermuth

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Peter Dommermuth

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Oliver Taylor

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Oliver

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sharon Kang

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sharon

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Raymond Teer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hi, I am a resident of New York City disturbed by the mayor's proposal to abandon ranked choice voting in mayoral primaries. Seems like a pretty blatant disregard for what communities across our city want. I urge you to prevent this tool of democracy being taken away. Thank you

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Leila Ortiz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: To Whom It May Concern: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are! Sincerely, Leila Ortiz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ashleigh Bowie

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers like me, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is an obvious power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. You must heed the will of the people. Leave our primaries as they are!! Thank you, Ashleigh Bowie

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dr. Xi Kathy Chu

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dr. Xi Kathy Chu

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tara Rana

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tara Rana

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tim Traversy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tim

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Samuel Lipp

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear NYC Charter Commission, It is an appalling act of voter disenfranchisement and subversion of the democratically elected will of the people of New York City to allow the Mayor to alter the electoral rules in the middle of an election cycle to suit his needs. Make it stop.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jane Jones

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Please reject Eric Adams proposal for a jungle primary in New York. The system we currently have is works. It gives people real options rather than forcing them into a system with fewer choices. Eric Adams wants this because he's a sore loser and can't handle the fact that his own party didn't want him to run. That's no reason for him to rush such a drastic change on short notice and with very little public input. Let's keep what works.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jim Shelton

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to express strong opposition to the open primary proposal the charter revision commission is considering putting on the ballot this fall. Despite some seemingly sound logic that open primaries could expand the electorate and increase voter turnout, the reality is that this is simply not a mechanism with a track record of doing so in practice. In states like California & Alaska that have experimented with open primaries, turnout has not been significantly effected. Open primaries will expose our elections to even more influence by big money donors and limit the power of political institutions who actually mobilize working class voters to participate in the democratic process. This is ultimately an undemocratic maneuver masquerading as empowerment and enfranchisement. Given the evidence across other municipalities & states that have experimented with them, I suspect jungle primaries in NYC would disenfranchise more voters than they would bring in. The reality is that recent reforms to our electoral processes, including development of one of the best public matching funds

programs in the nation and the implementation of ranked choice voting, produced historic voter turnout in the recent Democratic mayoral primary and empowered a grassroots candidate to break through against significant structural barriers (including \$25M+ dollars in independent expenditures from wealthy donors). This proposal strikes me as a direct and highly politicized reaction to that reality. Our democratic processes are finally bringing massive numbers of voters in and allowing people-powered campaigns to defeat corporate interference and influence. This is a brazen attempt to reverse that progress and must be rejected.



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Laura Carty

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Laura Carty Astoria, Queens resident

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Miller-Davenport

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah Miller-Davenport

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anne Lamb

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Oliver Baptiste

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Oliver Baptiste Forest Hills, Queens

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: David Gassaway

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: It's very suspicious timing, right after a Democratic primary whose outcome displeased moneyed interests, that an indicted mayor suddenly wants to change the rules of the game. This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Robert Pfefferman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle  
primary." Ilike ranked choice voting just fine. Leave it alone.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mira Rubens

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I disagree with switching from RCV to jungle primaries in New York. I especially object to the Mayor trying to take unilateral action to change from a democratic to an authoritarian, inequitable primary. Please don't let this happen!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Zachary Auron

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Zack Auron

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Intikab Yousef Habib

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mr. Habib

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Felin Martinez

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Felin Martinez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shannon Lippert

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." The mayor is trying to push this change without democratic consent - he was perfectly happy with a ranked choice voting system when he won an election with ranked choice voting, and only feels threatened by it now that he is unpopular and has been rejected by the Democratic party. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate and corrupt. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Shannon

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rachel Simons

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rachel Simons

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Hamerling

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, Writing to strongly oppose Eric Adams' proposal to end ranked choice voting. We switched to RCV for good reason. Over the course of two election cycles, it's elected both centrist and more radical candidates, tracking voters' preferences - aka, exactly what a primary should do, and exactly why we switched to it in the first place. It would be unacceptable to keep cycling through different voting mechanisms in the hopes of guaranteeing a particular outcome, particularly in a moment like this when our democratic institutions are so fragile. Yours, Sarah Hamerling

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nathan A. Schrader

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nathan Schrader

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kaileela Hobby

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of minority voters depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kaileela

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Zarif Taufiq

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Zarif

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel Taylor

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change is being forced through without public consent and undermines democracy. It is clearly a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alana Smith

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alana Smith

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Deborah Rand

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports fair elections, I urge you to reject the proposal to switch New York City from the current system of party primaries to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because the Mayor and others in powerful positions don't like the result of the recent primary. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,  
Deborah Rand

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sophia Herron

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sophia Herron

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Walter Goodman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: To the Commission, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Walter Goodman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jeremy Greensmith

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Also, let's face it - if Adam's wants to do it, there's a nefarious purpose lurking in there somewhere. Thank you, Jeremy Greensmith

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dacnarie Molina

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dacnarie Molina

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: DONALD HEIMOWITZ

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Do not replace ranked choice voting.

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Subject:

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Betsy Nagler

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: To Whom It May Concern, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which Mayor Adams is trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab. Ranked choice voting works. It provides opportunities for candidates that represent New Yorkers rather than special interests. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Betsy Nagler

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel DiFerdinando

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. I'm tired of politics in our country seeming like decisions are made so flash in the pan. We went for ranked choice voting lets not set the precedent of people just changing election rules when its not convenient to them. (See: the most recent election changes in Florida)

Thank you, Daniel DiFerdinando

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexa McCall

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alexa McCall

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Timothy Gillespie

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sumon K Saha

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sumon Saha

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Samantha Okeefe

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Eric Adams is corrupt and does not speak for the people or what we actually need. Thank you, Sami

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: HILLARY PECORALE

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices many New Yorkers and depress turnout in our elections. This is an obvious and pathetic power-grab by the current embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. RCV has had distinct positive effects on voter turnout. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexandra Harris

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker of over 16 years, who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alexandra Harris

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Puneet Lath

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing in support of all proposed questions by the charter review commission. The need for more housing supply is by far the most pressing issue in the city. The common-sense provisions proposed are an important step in making the city more affordable by helping to increase housing supply in areas that badly need it. I also support the election-related questions. Turnout in local elections is extremely low. And a very small minority of people are voting in primaries. Even year elections and open primaries would be major improvements to engage more of the city in deciding who represents them.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: john simone

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gurjot S. Gill

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gurjot S. Gill

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jamilah Elder

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jamilah Elder

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sophia

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sophia

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mark Schenfisch

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I urge you to reject Adams's proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, as I understand it, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and seems a power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mark

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Leonora Unser-Schutz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Leonora Unser-Schutz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: John Todd

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please do not considering doing away with ranked choice voting in primaries. It gives every much more of a say in the democratic process by allowing voters like myself multiple candidates to choose from.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marisha S

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hi, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mariaha S.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kenneth Miller

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Ranked choice voting is a wonderful advance that allows the political diversity of New York City to be expressed and compete in the marketplace of ideas. It allows people to vote for any position they believe in without helping throw the election to what the regard as the worse of the two candidates who appear to have the best chance of winning. Do not set us back by taking this away from us.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marine Cornuet

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Marine Cornuet

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael Vogel

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the Mayor is trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mike Vogel

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: ethan oro

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ethan Oro

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: William Woodruff

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I'm strongly opposed to any attempt to modify the city's election system in favor of Mayor Adams' political aspirations. Thank you, William Woodruff

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anupama Rao

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jane L Rosenbaum

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jane

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marc LaGana

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Marc LaGana

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Colin Fitzpatrick

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please do not do away with ranked choice voting. It was an important step in the right direction by the New York Democratic Party, and Eric Adams attempt to do away with it is a clear power grab that is not supported by the constituents he is supposed to represent.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jordan Morley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker and a 15 year resident who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Rank choice voting allows me to be hopeful in elections! Please don't take that away from us. Thank you, Jordan Morley

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julia Selinger

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Julia Selinger

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Diego R Grossmann

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Diego Grossmann

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elizabeth Ferrando

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Elizabeth Ferrando

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Phillip Shipman

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Commission, I'm a voter living in Flatbush, Brooklyn. Rank choice voting has expanded and strengthened our democracy. We need more, not less of it. New Yorkers I know want and prize rank choice. Lets keep it. Thanks, Phil

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kathryn Joyce

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kathryn Joyce Park Slope, Brooklyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Collin Naar

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Collin Naar

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jael Goldfine

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hi! As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jael Goldfine

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nikhil Shah

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nikhil Shah

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Douglas Smith

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker with a keen interest in fair elections, I urge the Commision to REJECT Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City primaries to a 'jungle primary'. This systems has nothing to offer New York City elections. It's strictly worse than 5-choice RCV at encoding preferences (up to 3 less choices worse) and still requires New Yorkers to learn a bespoke election scheme distinct from State (voting tactically across 2 rounds is still a consideration that State/Federal elections don't have). This approach further depresses voter choice by incentivizing fewer candidates, which. Our electoral system should not be upended by the whims of a Mayor (who didn't even run in a primary) overruling the will of the people. Please don't take away New Yorker's votes.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Garratt

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Catherine Damman

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Committee, I moved to NYC in 2011 and have voted consistently since then. In the name of democracy and fair elections, I urge you in the strongest possible terms to REJECT THE ADAMS PROPOSAL to switch NYC to a "jungle primary." In a transparent power grab, the mayor is trying to force this change through without either a public mandate or New Yorkers' consent. Ranked choice voting (RCV) is popular with New Yorkers across the five boroughs and good for voter turnout. RCV strengthens democracy—and in these terrifying times of rising authoritarianism, we cannot afford to weaken it. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Catherine

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Isaiah Holquist

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: To whom it may concern, I am writing today to urge you to reject the proposal to institute jungle primaries in NYC. A jungle election system would reward political parties that run fewer candidates. A republican shouldn't get into a run off just because 4 different democrats run and split votes. This is a stupid idea that disenfranchises voters. It is also grossly irresponsible for politicians to keep changing election rules in the city. Voters are just getting used to Ranked Choice Voting; switching so quickly to a new, more confusing process would hurt the democratic process and cause young New Yorkers like myself to lose faith in politics. Please reject this irresponsible proposal that benefits no one but crony politicians. Thank you, Isaiah

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Madeline Jensen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Madeline Jensen

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nessa Norich

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nessa Norich

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rebecca Steinfeld

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I ask you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to institute jungle primaries. This will not better represent marginalized populations; jungle primaries depress turnout rather than increase it. It's not democratic and it's not what the people want. Please reject jungle primaries in any form and allow RCV party primaries to continue.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gabriel C Spatuzzi

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gabriel Spatuzzi, Brooklyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kim Cabrera

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hi, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexis Francisco

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello - Im writing to respectfully request you reject mayor Adams' proposal to shift NYC primary elections to so called Jungle Primaries. In these days when democratic norms and practices are being dismantled all over the nation and most importantly in our federal government, NYC must continue to be a leader in pro-democracy innovation that the rest of the nation can follow. RCV is an easy and more effective way for our citizens to make out voices heard and ensure our votes matter in our elections. It has had a great impact on me as a voter and made many of my friends and family more civically engaged and thats what we need more of in this city not less. Do not allow that to be undone on the whims of our current mayor and his questionable ethics/intentions. Kind regards Alexis Francisco [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Iain McDavid

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Iain

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Fernandez

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, CF

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andrew Perez

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Andrew Perez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sam Dorrance

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of everyday working class New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sam Dorrance

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Stacy Hansen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Stacy Hansen \_\_\_\_

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marvin Blugh

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thankfully and respectfully, Marvin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Leo Quigley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to SUPPORT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change will present primary voters with more competitive options in the primary and a meaningful head-to-contest in the general election. Ranked Choice Voting in the primary introduces confusion and strategic gaming, distorting the electoral process and potentially yielding a Mayor with weak political support despite the complicated preference system. New York City can and should improve on its current primary system.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christopher Bignell

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please respect democracy and the will of the voters and reject the brazen machinations of the current office holder in his attempt to transform NYC elections into jungle primaries. Good grief. TY!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katherine Chi

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Katherine Chi

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chloe Klaess

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Chloe Klaess

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Grant Rowley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Grant Rowley

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael Riley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Michael A. Riley

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lauren Jones

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lauren Jones

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kelsey Parker

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kelsey

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kaitlyn Carter

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: To Whom it May Concern, As a longtime New York City resident (Williamsburg) deeply committed to democratic participation and electoral integrity, I respectfully urge the Commission to reject the proposed "jungle primary" system for our city's elections. This fundamental change to our electoral process raises serious concerns about equity and representation. The current primary system ensures that diverse communities across our five boroughs have meaningful opportunities to participate in candidate selection. A jungle primary risks diluting the influence of underrepresented communities, particularly communities of color, and could significantly reduce voter participation among young New Yorkers who are already underrepresented in our democratic process. Moreover, this proposal appears to be advancing without adequate public input or comprehensive analysis of its long-term implications for our city's democratic institutions. New Yorkers deserve transparency and genuine community engagement when considering changes this significant to our electoral system. Our current primary system, while

imperfect, provides clear pathways for civic participation and has served as a foundation for building diverse representation in city government. Rather than implementing untested structural changes, we should focus on strengthening voter access, education, and engagement within our existing framework. I respectfully ask the Commission to prioritize the voices of New Yorkers who have not been adequately consulted on this proposal and to reject this unnecessary disruption to our democratic processes. Thank you for your consideration. Best, Kaitlyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jonah Scheib

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I oppose putting open primaries on the ballot this November. This proposal seems hasty and has not received the broad debate and comment a proposal of this magnitude should receive. Many other options are mentioned in the report, and the reason this one was chosen was neither convincing nor at all clear. Our current system seems able to both provide choice to unaffiliated voters (witness this November, with at least five candidates on the ballot) and to appeal to younger voters, not by changing the voting methodology, but by direct outreach. Please defer this topic until it can receive a much broader analysis and discussion than has occurred, as of yet, in the public eye.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexander Jones

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alexander Jones

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel Hoekwater

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I'd like to thank Eric Adams for the reminder that democracy requires diligence and resolve. Without diligence, we the people might not have noticed mayor Adams's blatant attempt to undermine the democratic workings of this city. Without resolve, we might have been too worn down to make our voices heard. The city that never sleeps lacks neither. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Daniel Hoekwater



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Austin Guest

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Austin Guest

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Danielle Koenig

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: DO NOT GET RID OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Olivia Henderson

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello Charter Revision Commission, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, at a time when they are increasingly under attack, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS'S PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled and grifting Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend and change its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. We voted on RCV and want to keep it! Thank you, Olivia Henderson  
Upper West Side

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ross Baehr

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker committed to genuine democracy and equitable elections, I strongly urge you to reject Mayor Eric Adams' proposal for a "jungle primary" in New York City. This initiative, which appears to be advanced without adequate public input, risks marginalizing the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, suppressing youth participation, and serves as a blatant attempt by the Mayor to consolidate power. Our city's electoral integrity should not be sacrificed for the sake of the Mayor's political desperation. Please uphold the will of the people and maintain our current primary system.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Vitale

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah Vitale Queens, NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tyler Miller

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tyler Miller

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: John Todd

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, John Todd

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jack Warshaw

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a life long New York City resident, I would like to use my voice in this public forum to affirm my support for ranked choice voting. This system has allowed for a wider diversity of candidates and a more impactful voting power for citizens of this city, and I believe it should not be done away with. Keep ranked choice voting for New York City!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Prisca

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, The people of New York City deserve the freedom of choice that ranked choice voting allows. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Prisca

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Romie Decosta

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, RD

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Evan Fisk

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Evan Fisk

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Megan Abron

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I am a New Yorker who truly believes in the efficacy and merit of ranked choice voting. I believe that Eric Adams proposal to switch NYC to a jungle primary will take away my ability to support multiple candidates who align with my opinions on issues. The Center for Effective Government has reported that "ranked-choice voting would make it more likely that broadly popular candidates would be elected. It would also give voters more choice, allow voters to express their preferences more fully and honestly, produce less polarized and negative political competition, and encourage the election of women and minority candidates." Because of all this, I urge you to reject his proposal. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Best, Megan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Meredith Benjamin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Meredith Benjamin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tesia Singh-Ragen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I sincerely ask you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, and in the midst of a mayoral race which has already begun(!) will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers like myself, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot upend its election system because Eric Adams is desperate to confuse and discourage voters. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are! Thank you, Tesia

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sean Ferrell

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a proud Brooklynite, father, and (hopefully) good citizen, I am dismayed by the anti-democratic urges sweeping across our country. I had naively thought that NYC would remain a safe bastion for pro-democracy elections. I was wrong. Maintaining free and fair elections, and the will of the people, is more important than ever, and that is why I am urging you to REJECT Mayor Adams' proposal to switch New York City back to a "jungle primary." Mayor Adams, the only mayor ever to benefit from ranked voting, has decided to lay a human shaped turd in his likeness on this city as we enter the next election cycle. Mayor Adams, a man who knows he would likely come in 4th in a three-way-race, wants to cut the legs out from under our most democratic process. Mayor Adams, a man who cozied up to authoritarianism because he likes Turkey with a side of corruption, doesn't just know he will lose in November, he wants to leave skid marks on his way out. He is attempting to force this change without public consent, knowing it will further diminish the voices of underrepresented New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and weaken our democratic freedoms. New York City cannot afford to upend its electoral system simply to satisfy the whims of a desperate, delusional mayor. Please

respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you. And please let Mayor Adams know we wish him well as he goes home to New Jersey.



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jhanay Johnston

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jhanay

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ari Dalbert

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ari Dalbert

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mary Potter

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mary Potter

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amy Zhang

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Amy Zhang

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dylan Halper

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dylan Halper

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Stephen Ferguson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Stephen Ferguson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kalliope Sanderson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kalliope

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Adam Schneit

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tamar Berman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Committee, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. I'm 23. I live in Washington Heights and I've been here my whole life. In August, I got married and moved out of parents' apartment and rented an apartment with my husband, still in Washington Heights. NYC is a beautiful home to me and so many others. All of us should have access to affordable housing and influence over the future of the city. That's why I strongly support proposals 1-6. Please put them on the ballot so that me and all voters can choose for ourselves whether or not to move forward with them. Many thanks,  
Tamar

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jeffrey Wright

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jeffrey Wright

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Leigh-Anna Nielsen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Leigh-Anna Nielsen

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Melissa Sions

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Melissa Sions Brooklyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katy Cecen

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Katy Cecen Brooklyn Resident

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chris Almeus

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Rank choice voting only gives New Yorkers a voice please dont take it away from us. From guys like me,other young black men who want their city to be the best it can. Thank you,Chris Almeus

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kristen Manning

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kristen

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Trevor Howell

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Trevor Howell

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: MICHELE KAPLAN

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joshua Sussman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: "As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are."

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Erika Dillon

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a resident of the city since 2006 and a property owner here for a year now, I am dismayed to see Eric Adams try to pull the ladder up after him by destroying the very primary system that got him into office. Closed primaries are essential to ensuring that primary elections are the true choice of the individual party's electorate and not the subject of gamesmanship. Bad faith actors are already trying to subvert the efficacy of politics in the city and this recent primary election is proof of the deep love the city has for free and fair elections. The turnout for this ranked choice primary alone should speak to the people's deep and abiding support for the election. I want to continue to see my neighbors of all stripes - young and old, black and white, rich and poor - engage in the process of electing our public officials. A "jungle primary" strips the people of their ability to chose a candidate for each party, inviting chaos in a time when the city needs clear leadership they can trust - not corrupt officials bandying about to preserve their power in the face of the people asking clearly and vociferously for change.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: David Chun

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, David C

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: William Tang

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, William

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Genevieve Aniello

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hi. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. PLEASE! respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are! Thank you, Genevieve

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Evelyn Vargas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Evelyn Vargas

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Peter Belmont

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am opposed to changing the election rules from PARTY PRIMARIES to FREE-FOR-ALL PRIMARIES. I want Democrats (my party) to have a strong "say" in who wins the election, and a purely democratic primary (creating a democratically selected DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) seems the best way to achieve that.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Raymond Rivera

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Raymond

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alaina Daniels

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alaina

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Name: Alexander Weremchuk

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alex Weremchuk

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elaine Retholtz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Elaine Retholtz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kate Reil

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kate Reil

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sumaya Bouadi

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I am writing to urge NYC not to adopt thw jungle primary route. The ranked choice voting change was pushed and supported by NYC voters. Eric Adams is trying to make an unprecedented change based solely on his own personal benefit withour any public support or consultation. This is undemocratic.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kathryn McGaughey

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. The primaries combined with ranked choice voting have been an excellent step forward in making our elections work better for all New Yorkers, and it would be a travesty to let a corrupt, embattled mayor change that for his own ends. Thank you, Kathryn McGaughey

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sajid Zaidi

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sajid

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexandra Curran

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you for your time and please make the correct decision for New Yorkers, alex

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Name: Shakira Browne

Email:

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Shakira Browne

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Danny Concepcion

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Comments:** You need to reject Eric Adams' proposal to move to a jungle primary.

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Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are

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Name: Wendy Lehmann

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Best, Wendy Lehmann

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Walter A Weis

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello City Council, I oppose any change to the primary system in New York City. I like ranked choice better. Please do not change anything. Thank you, Walter Wei

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Name: Kira Cohen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Name: Mary Rynasko

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mary

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dani Kitaygorodskiy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I am writing to oppose Eric Adams' proposal to remove ranked choice voting in favor of a "jungle primary". I am begging you OPPOSE this proposal as it is a very clear power-grab by an individual whose power has been undermined by the previous election. I ask of you, consider how this will impact voters all throughout NYC. Thank you, Dani K

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kelsie Parker

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker and advocate for climate resilience, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects - especially solar systems and battery energy storage. Climate change is already impacting our city with more extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge

the Commission to ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Let's not let red tape stand in the way of climate action. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Kelsie Parker Hells Kitchen Climate Changemakers

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Name: Josephine Snider

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

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Name: Kobe Lewin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kobe Lewin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nat Buchbinder

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nat Buchbinder

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Name: Seth Finkelstein

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alicen Marie

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I am a CUNY employee and Brooklyn resident, writing today to urge you to please REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to change New York City's voting process to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of many New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by the Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is displeased. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Eric Adam's should not be allowed to tamper with our elections or democratic process, especially given his record. Thank you, Alicen Marie

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elizabeth Weckhurst

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Elizabeth Weckhurst

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anna Glassman

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Anna G

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Natalie Troy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Natalie Troy

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah McAfee

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Claire Park

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello Commission, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor who has done nothing good during his term, has been embroiled in controversy, and clearly is proposing it because the election didn't work out in his favor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Claire

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** J Hopkins

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** Hello, As a New Yorker who supports fair elections as well as true democracy, I urge you to REJECT Eric Adams proposal to switch New York City to an "open primary". This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of black & brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is clearly a power-grab by our current mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system just because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, J Hopkins

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kasia Garland

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dr Kasia Garland

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lee Oren

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lee Oren

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rebecca Borison

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rebecca

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Laura Luempert

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kahlil Goodwyn

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kahlil Goodwyn

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Name: Sean Reilly

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sean Reilly

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gabrielle Cryan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am shocked to learn that Eric Adams is quietly trying to get rid of rank choice voting. I am very opposed to his proposal to create a "jungle primary". It has taken years for NYers to understand how rank choice voting works. To change the rules again would create havoc, confusion, and mistrust.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Vanessa Paul

Email:

Phone:

Comments: RCV allows us to realize democracy in its full form. I'm a born and raised New Yorker, who has voted in as many local elections as I could ever since I hit voting age, and the last two mayoral primaries made me feel heard in ways my past participation has not. While I may not always see the outcome I'm hoping for, at least I got to rank my favorite candidates or see candidates work together to endorse AND learn from each other in important ways. Don't take this experience away from us and limit our democratic right to contribute fully to this election and hopefully see a candidate we either love or tolerate make it to the general. If anything there should be a push to increase turnout - your efforts should be focused THERE and not on limiting our options.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anya Hocherman

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Anya Hocherman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Karyn Carlo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Karyn Carlo

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Feller

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah Feller

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kirsten Hopkins

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alicia Gorecki

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alicia

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Hayden Brockett

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I oppose the Commission's proposal to modify New York's primary election system to create a "jungle" or so-called "open" primary. The Mayor is clearly tryin to protect himself and his wealthy backers, not help make New York's elections better. Ranked Choice Voting is the most democratic and fair system available, and it works well. Voters have the full choices available to them, and we should expand RCV to the general elections, not destroy this system by making a jungle primary. The Commission should reject this proposal, which will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and force citizens into false binaries rather than build coalitions to improve our city.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Desmond Leggett

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Desmond

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Stephanie Lee

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are! Thank you, -Stephanie Lee of Brooklyn NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Aaron Robertson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Greetings from Washington Heights, I'm writing to urge you to reject Eric Adam's proposal to resort to the "jungle primary" system for NYC mayoral races. It's incredibly obvious that this sudden move is about consolidating power and diluting the voice of primary voters that are sick of corporate "moderate" candidates that are loathed by the majority of their party. Ranked choice allows party members to best articulate their choice. Yours sincerely, Aaron



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emilio Martínez Poppe

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This scheme to do away with a voter system that expands democratic power is obviously being machinated by a leader who was federally charged with corruption. This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emilio

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jakob Adel

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jakob Adel

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Henry Soultis

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Henry Soultis

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Naomi Wolf

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, -Naomi

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marie Scarles

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Marie Scarles

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Emily Pantel

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emily

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michaelangelo Misseri

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Representative, As someone who loves this city and cares deeply about our communities, I'm urging you to reject Eric Adams' attempt to force a "jungle primary" system on New York. This move would silence Black and Brown voters, push young people out of the process, and is clearly a desperate grab for control by a mayor losing public trust. We deserve better than this. Don't let one politician rewrite the rules for everyone—stand up for real democracy and leave our primaries intact. With gratitude, Michaelangelo

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mary Lusebrink

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mary Lusebrink



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Pearl kim

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Pearl kim

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sophie Geoghan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nina Riddel

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thanks Nina Riddel

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marnie Geltman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Marnie Geltman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ting Fang

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ting Fang

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gabriela V

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gabriela V

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nick Zeig-Owens

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a longtime New Yorker, I've seen many elections here and been really heartened by the way ranked choice has made elections higher turn out and more equitable. Even though I have had my own frustrations with closed primaries, I urge you to reject Mayor Adams' proposal for open primaries. I believe this change would reduce youth participation and suppress crucial voices. This is a desperate power grab by a mayor in serious political and legal trouble. If we decide to overhaul our election system, it should not come with the stain of political cronyism and manipulation that changing it at this time will have. I ask that you respect the will of the people and keep our current primary system intact. Thank you, Nick

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Leo Major

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Leo Major

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Hamda Elder

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: New Yorkers want Adams to keep his hands off our elections

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Name: Mimi Bluestone

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I urge you to leave our primary system as is to protect the democratic process in our city. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Name: Doug Seidman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please don't accept Mayor Adams proposal to permit a jungle primary which would dilute the votes of people of color and poor people. Ranked choice voting serves NYC well and should continue, not be canceled. Thank you.

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Matt Rappaport

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** A jungle primary system is the dumbest thing I've ever seen and disenfranchises voters to stoke Eric Adams' delusions of grandeur

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Name: Robert Schiller

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Robert

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Name: Marina Kifferstein

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Marina Kifferstein, Manhattan resident

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Name: Kyle Reed

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kyle Reed

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Name: Dorit Eliyahu

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers like me, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dorit Eliyahu

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ken Morales

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I support any effort to meaningfully increase voter participation. This proposal does not. There are multiple, vetted approaches to open primaries that actually do so: allowing same day registration, letting independents vote in any party's primary, etc. This "jungle primary" does not. It is extremely transparent what it is trying to do, and we notice it.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jane Sokol

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jane Sokol

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: James Macolini

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, James M

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shoumik Chowdhury

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Shoumik Chowdhury Jackson Heights, NY 11372

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Erin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Erin

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Name: Kristopher Ross

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kristopher Ross

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael Spear

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose the administration's proposal to have open primaries. While the political parties are far from perfect, they do represent different policy positions and different political views. Given that, it makes perfect sense for each party to have separate primaries where members of each party can vote to pick their candidate to run in a general election. While the parties, the media, and our educational system need to do a better job at educating (I try to do my part as a CUNY professor) New Yorkers about the party system, what the different parties stand for, and other issues - getting rid of party primaries is not a good solution.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kevin J Purce

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Do not change the primary system. The only thing that needs to be changed is the deadline for voters to change their registration. This date needs to be moved up closer to the primaries. Thank you.



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dennis Cahill

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dennis Cahill

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christina Cover

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Christina Cover

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Celia Vargas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Celia

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andrew Palm

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Andrew Palm

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Margaret DeRosa

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ryan Busillo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ryan Busillo Manhattan, NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amanda Baldiga

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Eric Adams has been completely discredited and accepting this proposal now would be a mockery of democracy. This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of all New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Amanda Baldiga

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Ranjit Bhatnagar

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** It seems far too rushed to work on a proposal about open primaries in the current election season. I worry that it would cause a lot of disruption and confusion in an already complex and contentious electoral period. Please don't proceed with such a proposal in your June 21 vote - we need a lot more time to understand the ramifications.



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Name: Jenn Deutscher

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Name: Katrina Swartz

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Katrina

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Name: Jeffrey Gavett

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jeffrey Gavett

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Name: Marie Vitale

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Marie

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jackson Segars

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jackson Segars

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emma Hartung

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emma

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lillian V. Udell

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: To whomever it may concern, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lillian

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Harrison Sherrill

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Harrison Sherrill

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brian McFadden

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Brian McFadden Park Slope

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mohammed Rahman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mohammed Rahman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mercy Diaz

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a born and raised New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the PEOPLE and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mercy Diaz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Agustina Perez Blua

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker and advocate for climate resilience, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects - especially solar systems and battery energy storage. Climate change is already impacting our city with more extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. That's why I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge the Commission to

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carolina Willsen

Email:

Phone:

Comments: To whom it may concern: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Carolina Willsen

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jumoke McDuffie-Thurmond

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jumoke

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christoph Whitbeck

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Of COURSE Eric Adams doesn't want a ranked choice primary! He doesn't stand a CHANCE in a ranked choice election because people want him GONE! Ranked choice results represent what the most people actually want for their governance. Adams's criminal fraud and corruption knows no end, and this voter suppression move goes hand in hand with corrupt politics. This is a clear shot at disheartening and silencing voters, particularly minorities and young voters. Reject Eric Adams's proposal to switch the New York City primaries. We know he's desperate. We're can't change our electoral process because of his whining. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Christoph Whitbeck

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Steven Koskela

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to express my strong opposition to Eric Adams' proposal for NYC to adopt jungle primaries. This is a clearly corrupt attempt by Adams to undermine spaces for democratic voices in NYC politics, and it is motivated by Adams' corrupt political dealings with President Trump and his attempts to seek financial backing from economic elites. These political and economic elites oppose giving ordinary citizens the opportunity to select politicians who reflect their political preferences. Please do not change our primaries. Sincerely, Steven Koskela



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cynthia Chan

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Cynthia Chan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anna Plumlee

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Anna

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kellen Quinn

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello - As a New Yorker who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor seems to be trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and looks like a power-grab by the Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams wants to. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kellen Quinn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matthew Lavoie

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Matthew Lavoie

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Wendi Catlock

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, please REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Wendi Carlock

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Melissa Grant

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** Please reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." We must not remake the city's election system simply because an incumbent demands it. Please: leave our primaries alone.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: NS

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, NS

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Christopher Cao

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a current Brooklyn resident and a former Manhattan Community Board Member, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-4 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide



and citywide considerations- not just the narrowest political interests. A unified City Map is a step in the right direction, since the current system can impose significant costs and time on infrastructure, housing, and other projects. Proposal 4's Digital City Map would allow processes that today take months or even years to occur nearly instantly. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. Proposal 5 is a no-brainer: moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city. I strongly encourage the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6. Open primaries would enfranchise the 1 million+ New Yorkers who are currently locked out of primary elections due to party registration rules. These voters deserve a voice in the elections that matter most in our one-party-dominated city. Open primaries would boost turnout in local elections, increase electoral competition, and encourage candidates to appeal to a broader cross-section of voters. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Christopher Cao

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Name: Rose de Fremery

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rose de Fremery

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Scott E Lomando

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Comments:** Save ranked choice voting in primaries by party! This is disgusting behavior by Adams. He is an accused and likely criminal who should have zero say in policy as our rights are being continuously eroded day after day. Someone do the right thing for once!!!!

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Name: Alan Emory Dean

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alan Dean

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katie Unger

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I urge the commission to maintain RCV. New Yorkers clearly embraced the process this election and it served its civic purpose in making our politics more collaborative and cooperative.

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Name: Miriam E

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Miriam E

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Name: Rohit Kumar

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rohit

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Name: Dianne W

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dianne

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Name: Sofia Garcia

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sofia

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elliot Colbert

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Between public matching funds and ranked-choice voting, we've made incredible progress in New York City toward making our elections reflect the will of our people, not our most powerful corporate donors. The open primary system being floated by our corrupt, disgraced mayor would be an enormous step backward, playing directly into the hands of the same moneyed interests who are desperate to keep him afloat. Real New Yorkers are counting on the CRC to dismiss this desperate ploy. Thank you.

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Name: Colleen McCormack-Maitland

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing to respectfully request that the Commission reject the proposal to switch to a "jungle primary." We recently had a Democratic primary with the highest turnout in decades - proof that the current system is working. The proposed change is not based on evidence that it will improve the voting process, make it more accessible, or make it more equitable. There is no legitimate reason for the City to waste its time, money, or manpower on it.

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Name: Paul Horowitz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Having just completed only the second primary using ranked choice voting, it is way too soon to be revising our system for electing public office holders. Furthermore, "jungle primaries" will weaken civil society, weaken political parties, and allow the billionaires to manipulate our democratic processes. Reject any proposals to undermine the role of parties and to tinker with rules which New Yorkers are still getting used to.

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Name: Yagnia Guzman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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**Name:** Nathan Webb

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** Hi — I'm a New York City resident from the Upper West Side writing to tell you to please reject the ridiculous proposal by the Mayor to change ranked choice voting to a jungle primary. Ranked choice voting is a system that encourages coalition building, and his attempts are those who clearly sees the writing on the wall. Don't let him change our election system on his way out. Thanks

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Juliana DeVaan

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** Hi there, I'm a New Yorker who wants to say that Eric Adams's proposal to switch the city to a "jungle primary" is anti-democratic and petty. Rank Choice Voting is amazing! This past democratic primary made it clear that RCV is the way to go. It was the best field of candidates ever. Felt like we really got to make nuances decisions on which candidate and ideas would better the city. Adams is nothing but a sore loser who realized that RCV would bring his defeat. The people want RCV. Anything else would be a betrayal of democracy. Sincerely, Juliana DeVaan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah L.

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I am a Brooklyn resident and a concerned New Yorker watching democracy come under attack everyday. Maintaining free and fair elections, and the will of the people, is more important than ever, and that is why I am urging you to REJECT Mayor Adams' proposal to switch New York City back to a "jungle primary." He is attempting to force this change without public consent, knowing it will further diminish the voices of underrepresented New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and weaken our democratic freedoms. New York City cannot afford to upend its electoral system simply to satisfy the whims of a desperate, delusional mayor. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Bruni Torras

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Bruni Torras

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: hadar ahuvia

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Hadar Ahuvia

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: David Alazraki

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, David Alazraki

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Solomon Medintz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I think open primaries are a very bad idea. While I appreciate the charter commission's goals and think the electoral system needs significant reform, open primaries are not the way to do it. They do not significantly improve turnout, and often reinforce one party rule. Instead we should be trying to strengthen parties and give everyone a fair shot by moving to a proportional representation that gives minority parties a voice in city council.

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Name: John Lindaman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, John Lindaman

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Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7860264 CRC Contact Form -  
Submit Written Testimony

From: agencyemail <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Avalon Demetri

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." The mayor is clearly trying to force this through without public consent. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Avalon Demetri

**Subject:**

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7862395 CRC Contact Form -  
Submit Written Testimony

**From:** agencyemail <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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**Date:** July 15, 2025 at 05:12 PM

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( ) on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:12:18 PM

**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Mathilde Nielsen

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** I urge you to reject corrupt Mayor Adams' proposal to switch NYC to a "jungle primary" system. This is a blatant attempt to diminish the will of the people of New York and is an obvious power grab from a corrupt, power hungry loser!!!!

Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7868134 CRC Contact Form -  
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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 07:30:48 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jennifer Riegler

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I really liked how the Democratic primary was run this session and I really liked ranked choice. I would not approve of it being changed without a full cycle to consider.



Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7890900 CRC Contact Form -  
Submit Written Testimony

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Date: July 15, 2025 at 07:21 PM

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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 07:20:24 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tracy Peel

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I support ranked choice voting. It has given voters extra power in their choices, as we can pick second, third fourth and fifth favorite choices if our earlier choices do not come out on top.

Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7890900 CRC Contact Form -  
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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jorge Cortinas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I live and work in New York and know how hard it is to survive in this city and how hard it is to have the voice of working class people heeded. Please do everything you can to reject the proposal from our corrupt mayor Eric Adams to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." The mayor is trying to ram this change down our throats without sufficient debate. Stop this power-grab by Adams! New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Sincerely, Jorge Cortinas

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( [REDACTED] ) on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 07:43:13 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Melanie Grace Lawrence

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: i'm a nyc resident... Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, melanie

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexandra Kohanski

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alexandra Kohanski

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katie Machen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Katie

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City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7931820 CRC Contact Form -  
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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:18:03 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Steven Anderson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Good Evening, I have been a New Yorker for 17 year and I must stress that we need fair elections. I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Steven

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dhruv Chakraborty

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dhruv

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Victoria Delavale

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Victoria Delavale

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Edwin Chen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Edwin Chen

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Danielle Hilkin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Danielle

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andrew Green

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Alex Graves

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** I am a Brooklyn voter who is extremely opposed to the proposal to switch NYC to jungle primaries. Ranked-choice voting has been a clear success, and makes me feel that my voice is better heard. When the first round of voting ends up with one candidate with only a third of the vote, it shows that voters are very split on their first choices, and having the opportunity to specify second, third, etc. choices means that the opinions of the voters are much more respected. Ranked-choice voting strengthens our democracy and should NOT be changed.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joseph Ensio Juntunen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Joseph

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Khalid A. Rahmaan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Khalid A. Rahmaan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sandeep Kaur Rangi

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sandeep Kaur Rangi

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mina Schiller

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shara Feit

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Shara Feit

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ganesh M Nair

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ganesh Nair

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: elizabeth skeen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Merlin Macdonald

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Merlin Macdonald

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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 11:19:50 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Heidi Vanderlee

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: DO NOT ALLOW THE "JUNGLE PRIMARY." RCV allowed for candidates to finally build meaningful coalition and spend less time attacking each other. thank you Heidi Vanderlee

Subject:

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Blair Ely

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Blair

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anna Mongillo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Anna Mongillo

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexander D Werner

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alexander Werner

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rebecca Rivera

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I like ranked choice and I hope you REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Please respect the will of the people and the expertise of the people who designed the system in the first place and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Prinny

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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( ) on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:35:55 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel Toretsky

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Daniel

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ricky Govea

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ricky Govea

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Louisa McMurray

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Louisa McMurray Brooklyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Olivia Figlo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Olivia Figlo

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Annia Ciezadlo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: We, the people of New York, did not ask for so-called jungle primaries. They have failed in other jurisdictions for a reason—many reasons in fact: they open the door to spoilers, big donors and dark money buying elections, and they suppress third parties. They are designed to suppress democracy. We didn't ask for this, we don't want it, and we won't stand for it.

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Neel Thakkar

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Neel Thakkar



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Donna McGill

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I am writing to strongly ask you to reject Mayor Adams' proposal to change our election process. This comes from a Mayor who was indicted and then only escaped a trial due to our authoritarian President Donald Trump. Having either of them influence the democracy of New York City is a frightening thought. Please respect the will and knowledge of the people and leave our primaries alone. A desperate politician who is known for corruption and cronyism and on his way out should not have this kind of influence.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tathagata Chaudhury

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tathagata Chaudhury

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Pilot Roberts

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a lifelong New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Pilot Roberts

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jennifer Brown

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I strongly oppose switching NYC to a jungle primary system. Ranked choice voting, as candidates and voters get the hang of it, has had the positive effect of having candidates of like mind work together rather than magnify small differences. This puts ideas up front rather than personalities, and creates a positive attitude of how we can solve our problems together. Please retain it. Jennifer Brown [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andy Battle

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Andy Battle

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julian Gantt

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Julian Gantt

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alyssa James

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alyssa James

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Briar Winters

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Briar Winters

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah Meyers

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Yevgeny Zaslavsky

Email:

Phone:

Comments: And if you want some suggested text you can edit, here's something from one of the lists I'm on: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Yevgeny Zaslavsky

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anonymous New Yorker

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Molly Glenn

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, KEEP RANKED CHOICE VOTING! As a lifelong New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress total turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Molly Glenn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kristin Leo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Aaliya

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Aaliya

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chloe Dorward

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. We need rank choice voting. Thank you, Chloe Dorward

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Molly Catherine Snow

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Molly Snow

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( ) on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:49:17 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Leah Colthorp

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Leah Colthorp

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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 06:12:58 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marina Roselli

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker, I deeply opposed "jungle primaries." This is a mockery of our RCV, which has extremely high favorability, and is clearly a power play by our corrupt Major. Why is it not until today that I am hearing about it? It is so transparently being pushed through without public knowledge or consent. I support true democracy and fair elections and urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Adams needs to concede his corrupt power play. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of those who already made their decisions with their vote and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Marina

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Leila M Selchaif

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Ranked choice voting has been a huge source of empowerment, hope, change, and collaboration and we must continue to use it. This proposed change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Leila Selchaif

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Evan Vorono

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Evan Vorono

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amber Pedersen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, This past primary was the first election myself and many of my neighbors actually felt like our voices mattered, and RCV played a fundamental role in that feeling, and thus, the realization of our democracy. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Amber Pedersen

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rebecca Novick

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker passionate about climate resilience, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects, especially solar systems and battery energy storage. Climate change is already impacting our city with more extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress – just last night, we had serious flash floods that affected public transportation and roads across the city. These events will only become more frequent as climate change continues to escalate. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, we must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. And NYC should be a leader on this. I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that will reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive Universal Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) processes, even when they are

located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge the Commission to ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. As the federal government pulls back on its renewable energy commitments, it is critical that we step up at the largest city in the country and make serious climate progress. Let's not let red tape stand in the way of climate action. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Rebecca Novick Upper West Side, Manhattan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chris Smith

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, should not be considered as currently proposed. Instead, we should have ranked choice during the general election giving votes more choice. The political parties still play an important role in helping source, fund and promote candidates that align with party values. We cannot eliminate the parties or open the rcv up to carpet bagging, opening up our politics to the non sense that was the IDC. Thank you, Chris Smith



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Aleza Summit

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Ranked choice voting is very helpful for New York City and is truly democratic... We need to keep that and not move to the proposed system of jungle primaries. Party primaries and then ranked choice voting is the way to go.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Claire Cox

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello! I am writing to urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." The public has not consented to this change. It will squash the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, seriously depress youth turnout in our elections (I am a high school teacher! I know what I'm talking about!), and is clearly a power-grab by this shameless Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you!!  
Yours sincerely, Claire Cox

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: John Vargad

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Stop playing around and start working on real issues like creating affordable housing and making bike lanes safer Thank you, John Vargas

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anna Steffens

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Anna Steffens

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniela Serna

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Daniela

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Name: Mike Grau

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mike Grau

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: TJ Cioffe

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, TJ Cioffe

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Walker

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah Walker

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Antonio Y. Vazquez-Arroyo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Antonio

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Max Wang

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: i'm writing in support of ranked choice voting, and expressly against the recent proposal by eric adams to switch to a "first two past the post" open primary. there is no better way to allow citizens to express their preferences for representation than a ranked system. voters should not have to be aware of polling numbers or the backroom conversations of candidates and their campaign machines in order to have their voices heard. they should not be caught between voting for a frontrunner they don't terribly like, and voting for their favorite candidate and having their vote "wasted". any first past the post system—whether it's first one, or first two like adams wants—benefits politicians and not voters. it would be a big step backwards to, despite eric adams's apparent claims otherwise, exactly where we used to be. please respect the voters in, and the democracy of, our city. preserve ranked choice voting. with thanks, —max wang

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Name: Ethan Weinstein

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ethan Weinstein

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: RITA KURNIAWAN

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rita kurniawan

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Name: Melissa Vander Plaats

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Melissa, RN and Harlem resident

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Jessamyn Lee

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Comments:** Please keep ranked choice primaries intact!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Leigh Taylor

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Leigh Taylor

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jonathan E Goldman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please retain ranked choice voting. It is the fairest electoral system.



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Max Stalker-Wilde

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hi, I'm a life long New Yorker just recently informed of an attempt by mayor Eric Adams to switch our voting system in New York to something called a 'jungle primary'. I'm writing to urge you to reject this proposal. We had a mayoral primary in New York and we should honor it. Anything done to circumvent that would be, to my eyes, clearly and dangerously undemocratic. Thank you, - Max

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Daniel Lando

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** I'm deeply suspicious of the push for open primaries in NYC and I believe that more research should be done before it appears as a ballot measure - not the least because crooked Eric Adams is trying to force through even more of his agenda on ballot measures. I'm still upset about the last round of his nonsense!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jordan Candelario

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jordan Candelario

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sidra Ahmad

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: To the Charter Revision Commission: I am a lifelong New Yorker who has lived through her fair share of corrupt and incompetent mayors, but Eric Adams has been the worst of them all by a long shot. It wasn't enough for him to act as an agent of the Turkish government, steal millions of dollars in public financing funds, increase his office's power, and strike a bargain with Trump to stay out of federal prison. Now he wants to do away with closed primaries in favor of a jungle primary that will take power away from voters--especially voters of color--and advantage corporate lobbies and special interests that are able to engage in shady, manipulative tactics to dilute democracy. This is the act of a desperate criminal who knows that he has been rejected by voters and an only hold on to power through changing the goalposts. I strongly urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a jungle primary. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you kindly for your time and consideration. Regards, Sidra Ahmad

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Name: Elaine

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Elaine

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amalya Goldberg

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Amalya Goldberg

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michelle Shocked

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, There is an old and cynical saying that "if voting could change anything it would be illegal." The recent ranked-choice primary restored my faith that voting can be a civil and non-violent force for democratic change. I felt like my voice was heard as the results confirmed. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Michelle Shocked

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Naeem Mohaiemen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Commission members As a New Yorker of thirty years who moved here in 1994 and has been passionately supportive of representative elections, I ask you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City away from ranked choice to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is trying to rush through without public consent, and with no time for public response (I learned of this today), will erase the voices and votes of New Yorkers with heritage from South Asia, Africa, East Asia, Latin America. It will nullify gains made for African-American voters. It will destroy and depress youth turnout in elections. New York City cannot upend its vastly popular new election system when the voters have overwhelmingly expressed support. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Prof. Naeem Mohaiemen, Ph.D. (Anthropology, Columbia)



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anna

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Anna

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Maxwell Taylor-Milner

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Maxwell Taylor-Milner

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Evan Barden

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Evan Barden Brooklyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: James Cole

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, My name is James Cole, I'm a public school teacher at the High School for Health Professions and Human Services and a proud member of the United Federation of Teachers. I live in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our corrupt and embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, James Cole

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nick Pascale

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, Ranked choice voting within primaries allows for a wider range of voices to be heard. This is the essence of a fair democracy. As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nick Pascale

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lucas Ritchie-Shatz

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lucas Ritchie-Shatz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Maverick Breton

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Maverick Breton

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matty Darragh-Ford

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Matty

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amy Obonaga

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Good afternoon, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Amy Obonaga

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Eitz Greenberger

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Eitz Greenberger

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carole Ashley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Saving our rank choice vote: I am an 81 year old New Yorker who for the first time was excited to vote by rank choice for mayor of our city. It's the fairest system and the one that gets the most people engaged and involved, which is what we want, isn't it? Please do not succumb to pressure from Mayor Adams or Andrew Cuomo. They're a couple of aging men with sleazy records who hate the fact that young people are ready to take over, and fear that the only way they can win is by doing away with rank choice voting.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: John E Johnson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, John E Johnson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Shane Garrity

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-8474838 CRC Contact Form -  
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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rafael Monroy-Rojas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am submitting this comment in OPPOSITION to instituting "open" jungle primaries and getting rid of ranked choice voting. While I am in favor of having semi-open party primaries, I believe jungle primaries make it more difficult for grassroots candidates to launch a successful campaign. The commission must make it easier, not harder, for New Yorkers to participate in our elections. If anything, we should have ranked choice voting in the general elections in addition to the party primaries. Furthermore, jungle primaries diminish the voting power of minorities, including Black and brown New Yorkers, as well as depress youth turnout. While NYC needs further electoral reform, jungle primaries are NOT the way forward.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kevin Zhou

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kevin Zhou

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cindy Hwang

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Sincerely, Cindy Hwang

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ben Parisi

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a Brooklynite in 11226 who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Equally important is how Adams attempting to force this to a decision without ample public knowledge, without transparency, and with too little time for us to understand and comment on the implications. He should be ashamed of himself for such outright self-serving conduct but of course we know he has no shame. Thank you, Benjamin Parisi

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Jack Peterson

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** We must not even consider the ill-advised proposal to change primaries to a strange and disenfranchising system of top-two primaries. Our ranked choice system has been getting national praise as a great democracy-first system that has led to increased interest and fairness in all primaries. We must not consider a proposal that is so widely considered dangerous to democracy by people across the political spectrum.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kristen

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Publius

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** As a New Yorker, I urge the commission to reject the proposal to move to an open primary system. I fear this will crowd out my voice in a system in which, as the holder of a minority opinion, I already have little input.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sophie

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a resident of NYC for the last decade, I oppose the movement to rescind ranked choice voting. Ranked choice voting is a way for all nyc residents to voice their opinions and give valuable information on resident priorities.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Angeline Todd

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I am an NYC resident writing to say you should REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This is New York; this state and city helped build US democracy as we know it, and Adams is obviously trying to force through a last-minute change to our election system—established by the government and approved by the people—in an unfair attempt to push out the people's clear choice for our Democratic candidate, all because Adams is greedy and afraid of losing power and money. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Eric Donahue

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Eric Donahue Brooklyn, NY

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alex Suskind

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alex

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jane Fischer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Do not change ranked choice voting to a "jungle primary" or implement any of the other ideas from Eric Adams and his administration.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexandra blakelock

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Alexandra Blakelock

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mathew Olson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Ranked choice voting is one of the best things about living in NYC. As we saw in the recent mayoral primary, it incentivizes both stronger competition \*and\* cooperation between candidates—where Andrew Cuomo failed to articulate coherent policy views and reach out to ordinary New Yorkers, candidates like nominee Mamdani and Comptroller Lander made strong showings in debates while also finding common ground. The resulting coalition was inspiring. That Eric Adams wants to move the city to a "jungle primary" system should be taken only as a sign of his desperation. He knows he has failed as mayor in the eyes of many New Yorkers and his only hope of continued prominence in city politics would come by way of gaming the system so that his big money donors could effectively buy an election for him. Adams didn't participate in the recent primary because he knew that if he had, he would likely have been demolished—this new proposal from him is just another attempt at maintaining power and serving the monied interests bound up in his web of corruption. Rejecting the proposal is the right thing to do for the

citizens of the city.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Benjamin Cook

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Hayley Jill Gorenberg

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject the proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Ranked-choice voting and the current framework we have in place represent important structural components of our democracy. Thank you, Hayley Gorenberg

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Thomas Thompson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tom Thompson

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: emiliano barron

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: It is absolutely shameful that the proposal to eliminate rank choice voting in favor of a jungle primary is being considered by some in city government. Sore losers cannot be allowed to change the rules of an election they lost. Every single statistic points to RCV as a more democratic and equitable method of electing public officials. The proposal to eliminate RCV is a nonsensical and undemocratic power grab. Do not allow it to happen.



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joy Millman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please keep rank choice voting. It's the fairest way for each political party's members to choose their candidate. I am a registered voter in Brooklyn, New York. Please reject Mayor Eric Adams' proposal to switch NYC to a "jungle primary". The mayor is trying to force this through without public consent. Please respect the will of the people and keep rank choice voting. Thank you, Joy Millman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: kapris torres

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kapris

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lewanne Jones

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you. Lewanne Jones

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lauren Oliver

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Best, Lauren Oliver

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cole Gerard

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Cole Gerard

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gabriel Gronli

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gabriel Gronli

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matthew D Phelan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, This is a bit of a form letter, but Mayor Eric Adams efforts are trifling, selfish, anti-democratic and don't merit a personalized message. Speaking as a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. Frankly, this man deserved to be tried in court without a presidential pardon. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Matthew Phelan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gabriel Slaughter

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hi there. My name is Gabriel Slaughter and I am writing to recommend the commission to retain ranked choice voting. I think it is very valuable in that it allows primary voters to express the range of their preferences, which is often how people really think about politics and politicians, as opposed to choosing just one. It also encourages a spirit of compromise and cooperation among our leaders, of which we desperately need more. Thank you for your time.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julia Tolo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Julia Tolo

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Paul Benders

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As someone who has lived in New York City my entire life and follows our local elections closely, I believe the proposal to move to a jungle primary system is both risky and undemocratic. Jungle primaries have been shown to reduce voter turnout and are less representative than ranked choice voting. I strongly urge the Charter Revision Commission to reject this idea and respect the will of New Yorkers who have voiced their support for keeping ranked choice voting in our city. Thank you, Paul Benders

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: John Millerd

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. We have to maintain the integrity, equity and inclusivity in our democratic process any way we can. Ranked choice voting is a fair, effective way to let the individual preferences be heard at the ballot box, and is an energizing process for usually disillusioned voters. Thank you, John Millerd

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Larisa Shaterian

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Please keep ranked choice voting. It is fair and efficient.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sophia Huapaya

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sophia Huapaya

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Liliana Silverman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Liliana Silverman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cole Steffensen

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. Mayor Eric Adams is threatened by a genuine grassroots political movement where actual New Yorkers are advocating for their city and their own livelihoods. We have never seen this level of civic engagement in a primary election, and Ranked Choice voting was a major contributor to voter trust and participation. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Cole Steffensen

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Robert Kogan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am concerned that the democratic primary remains as a primary for democrats to make their selection of nominees without dilution from registrants from other parties.



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sam

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elly Day

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear CRC, As a concerned resident of NYC, I urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to end rank choiced voting in favor of a 'jungle primary'. His proposal would walk back years of electoral policy that distinguish NYC as a place where votes actually count for something, and would specifically disenfranchise Black voters and youth voters in particular. Please do not be swayed by the power-grab attempt of the deeply unpopular sitting mayor, who only has a chance in this upcoming reelection if his 'jungle primary' proposal goes through. Frankly, it's both bad policy and loser behavior. Sincerely, Elly

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Abby Powell

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I was appalled to hear that Mayor Eric Adams, who has recently cut a deal with Donald Trump for his own immunity against felonies, is attempting to change the democratic primary system. This is especially egregious because he say out of the primaries -- He knows New Yorkers don't want him to be Mayor. Now, him and his billionaire friends want to change the system that New Yorkers like, because it didn't produce favorable outcomes for him. He cannot be allowed to do this! Please stand up for the people of New York and our democracy. Thank you, Abby

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katie Dean

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hi As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Katie Dean

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Aidin Murtha

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Do not under any circumstances reduce our electoral system down to this "jungle primary." It is an absurd and illogical proposition by a disgraced leader wishing to alter New York City's fate long term. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julia Lo

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Julia Lo

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: BENJAMIN H PLATT

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a resident of the City of New York since 2009, a US citizen, and an owner of automobile, I urge the Commission to KEEP ranked-choice-voting. Do NOT go down in history as the individuals that ended true democracy and fair elections in NYC. Do NOT erect additional barriers for voters from low-income communities, communities of color, and younger age brackets. Do NOT let Mayor Adams crash the city's future. DO keep ranked-choice-voting, and help NYC protect and enrich its inhabitants. Sincerely, Ben Platt

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Name: Samuel Segal

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sam

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Harrison Clarke

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I'm writing regarding the initiative to do away with ranked choice voting in mayoral primaries in favor of "jungle primaries". This initiative is revoltingly anti-democracy. Ranked choice voting ensures that the winning candidate is preferred to some degree by the majority of voters. If the winning candidate in an election is at least preferred to the alternatives left unranked by more than 50% of voters, this is easily a more agreeable situation than a winner with 7% of the vote, which is a real possibility in a crowded jungle primary field. In terms of how well the outcome represents the desires of the electorate, it is mathematically superior. The only reason to get rid of ranked choice voting would be a cynical motivation to make winning easier for candidates who lack broad appeal and have no desire to build coalitions. It would make the experience worse for everyone else, candidates and voters included. Removing ranked choice primaries would amount to no less than a betrayal of New York voters. Any members of the city administration who support removing ranked choice voting from primaries can count on my

active opposition in any future bids for public office they may make. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amy Dawson

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT THE PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Amy

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Name: arvind rajagopal

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Arvind Rajagopal

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Jessi Highet

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** Hi, I'm writing against the new idea of a jungle primary. While I'm open to having a citywide discussion of open primaries, I don't think this is the way to do it. Especially since we just started Ranked choice two cycles ago, let's see how that continues to go and let voters understand that process more before switching it up so drastically again. Thank you!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Robert Lubetsky

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am a retired employee of the NYC Department of Education who has worked at central headquarters supporting schools. I also hold a doctorate in Education from New York University where my dissertation was a finalist for best dissertation of the year. I have worked at the NYC Leadership Academy and most recently as Program Director of the Leadership Program at the City College of New York which is part of the CUNY system. In all of these positions I have always pursued and supported policies that enlarge, rather than restrict, the area of democratic decision making because I believe that democracy, while sometimes difficult and messy affords individuals the best opportunity to make and pursue policies that are reflective of those whom we represent. There is no other choice: we are either supporters of democratic decision making because we believe that the participation of the many yields better decisions or we are supporters of restricting decision making to a select few because we believe that these select few, whomever they may be, know better than the majority of individuals they are assumed to

represent. It is clear from the large field of contenders that rank choice voting accomplished two very important things (both vital to a vibrant democracy): brought in new voters and provided voters with a wider choice of contenders than might otherwise be possible. In a democracy, enlarging the electorate and encouraging the participation of those who haven't previously participated are twin goals of a vibrant democracy. The attempt to cynically restrict choice through the elimination of rank choice voting is akin to an attempt to restrict participation which may cynically be the goal of those who support elimination of rank choice voting. I want to argue for those policies that encourage citizens to participate in voting, and as such argue in favor of keeping the system we presently have -- of rank choice voting.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Caterina Ramos

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Caterina Ramos

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Robert Calabrese

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Robert Calabrese

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Name: Ashleigh Green

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Leigh Green

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emorson Callihan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Emory

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Diana Hernandez

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Diana

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chelsea Hill

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please reject the attempt to move NYC to open primaries and a "top two" run-off system. This proposal would be a step backwards for democracy and fairness in elections. While the issue of increasing voter turnout and engagement in local primaries is crucially important, there are significantly better ways to achieve these goals than this proposal. Ranked Choice Voting has already been a huge step in the right direction towards creating a truly democratic electoral system, and voters need time to adapt. Expanding voter choice beyond the "first-past-the-post" system is necessary in order to make voters feel like their votes actually matter, but re-empowering the electorate will not happen overnight. Proving this system works to voters will take several election cycles, and this year's democratic primary was a great example of how RCV helps serve this purpose. An open primary that results in a top-two run-off, even if the primary uses RCV, only serves to re-entrench "first-past-the-post" voting and undo the progress we have already achieved through RCV in voter engagement and empowerment. There

are many other means to achieve the goals of this proposal that could incorporate and build on the success of RCV better than this proposal does. Loosening voter registration deadlines, allowing day-of registration or day-of party registration, allowing third party or unaffiliated voters to select a party primary to vote in, using RCV for the general election, and increasing the number of candidates that go on to the general election are only a few ways this could be achieved. I'm sure other people who have spent significantly more time thinking about this sort of thing have even better ideas. The short of it is, this proposal will not solve our problems. Instead, it be a step backwards to a time when New York voters often had to choose between two bad options. While that disempowering, disenfranchising system remains in place for our state and federal elections, we should not go back to that when it comes to choosing who will lead our city. Thank you.

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Name: Arielle

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Name: Ginevra Shay

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ginevra Shay

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Name: Natalie Marinides

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Natalie Marinides

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kieran Cecil

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marina Barry

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Respectfully, Marina Barry

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: wendy booth

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: NO to "eliminate" the ability for our local representatives to advocate for my community. I want my local representative, who I elected, to be able to advocate for what is best for my community. I'm the one living in the neighborhood that it will affect so I should have a voice. This is the reason why this country has elections. NO to allow developers and special interest groups (SIG) to have their voices heard only; and not allow the community to voice their opinion. If you are proposing a one sided platform for developers and SIGs to speak, then just allow the local community and neighborhood that it will affect to voice their opinion. Why allow people NOT living in the community to speak since they are the ones that will be affected. Thus far, we still live in a democratic country, so let's hear the what the people in the community have to say.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matthew Freitas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Members of the Commission, Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is one of the most accurate methods for finding a candidate that is the most fair compromise across the voting population. Voters no longer have to "strategically vote" for the lesser evil but rather can place their actual beliefs on the ballot without fear. New Yorkers of all demographics support RCV and the voice it gives them-- the stats do not lie, as more and more voters from every borough turn out and rank multiple candidates. The Adams administration has absolutely no basis for even *\*thinking\** of changing this, let alone *\*suggesting\** it. This scandal-ridden mayor shouldn't be anywhere near the weights and measures of our democratic society. We the people made this happen in 2019, Eric Adams has no say. Best, Matthew Freitas

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michelle Carmon

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Michelle Carmon

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kenneth Breese

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ken Breese Queens

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andrew Tider

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Andrew Tider

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Megan broderick

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate to save his dead in the water political career. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Megan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katherine Rubin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hi there, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Katherine

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joshua Gluck

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Josh Gluck

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Melanie Jacobs-Romero

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: To whom it may concern, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Mayor Adams is trying to force through this change without public consent. This will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Melanie

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( [REDACTED] ) on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:28:12 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Trevor Goodwin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, The New York mayoral primary we just witnessed was a marvel of democracy in action. Unbelievable numbers of young New Yorkers registered and voted for the first time in their lives. This is, in part, a testament to Ranked Choice Voting, which, undoubtedly, helped add to the excitement of the race. With this in mind, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power grab by our corrupt and morally bankrupt Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Trevor Goodwin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joseph Keeley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Joseph Keeley

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Connor Emmert

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Connor Emmert

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rebecca Hoffman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rebecca Hoffman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Margaret Linhart

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hi, As a born and raised New Yorker who cares deeply about fair elections and our right as New Yorkers to elect a mayor who works for ALL New Yorkers, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you Maggie Linhart

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Amy Ciavolino

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Grace Mosley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Grace Mosley, MD PhD

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nadhia Rahman

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nadhia Rahman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ashley Mebert

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Ranked choice voting and participating in committed, party primaries are the only systems giving New Yorkers hope that elected officials and the rule of law are still governed by the people, for the people. Open primaries sabotage the miraculous momentum of civic engagement that we're building right now, and the small but growing belief that one voice or vote can make a difference. We will not let this administration misuse the charter proposal system for personal gain and voter block suppression.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Wilson Valentin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, Eric Adams is a corrupt politician, bought and paid for by the Trump administration. I am a New Yorker who supports integrity, honesty, democracy, and fair elections. I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of every New Yorker, especially people of color, and depress the youth vote. It is also a transparent power-grab by an embattled and CORRUPT mayor, who barely even lives in New York. The city cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate and has no integrity. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Wilson Valentin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nisa becer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Veronica Leventhal

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Veronica

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: James Dunn

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, James Dunn Brooklyn, NY 11225

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ramsey Zeitouneh

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ramsey Zeitouneh

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lauren Castille

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lauren Castille

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katherine Rice

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Katherine Rice

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Margaux

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Margaux Resident of Brooklyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katherine Jin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Katherine Jin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katherine Lowe

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Seriously - what the hell is wrong with this man. This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kathy lowe

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cindy Samantha

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Cindy Samantha Brooklyn NY 11226

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel Phillips

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Daniel Phillips

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katy Yang

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Katy Yang

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Eddie Cue

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Name: Josefina Modeste

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I can't believe it's even being proposed to do away with the closest we have gotten to more representational democracy through ranked choice voting. We're setting an example for how to combat hyper polarized politics with the opportunity for ranked choice voting and it should be expanded more, not reduced! Seeing a broad field of candidates that can better reflect people's votes and cross endorse is how we get more underrepresented communities involved and it would be a major step back to see our primaries screwed up.

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Name: Ilan Cárdenas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ilan

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Name: Kathryn Capelli

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, and I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled and corrupt Mayor. NYC cannot afford to unnecessarily upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kathryn Capelli

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Joylynn Holder

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** Reject Eric Adams proposal for a jungle primary. I believe it's an obvious ploy to stifle democracy.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Robert Heuberger

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a jungle primary. This change which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Brown and Black New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections and is a transparent power grab by our embattled mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Robert Heuberger.

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Name: Serena Steinfeld

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Serena Steinfeld

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cameron Shore

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: To whom it may concern, As a New Yorker who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you for your service, Cameron Shore

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Faizan Rashid

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Faizan Rashid

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Yussre ElBardicy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and \*fair\* elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. It is a disgusting attempt to suppress the will of the people. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system just because Eric Adams is desperate to improve his outlook in the next election. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Yussre ElBardicy

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Stephanie Lazzara

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I am a Brooklyn resident and a concerned New Yorker fighting for NYC's democracy. Please REJECT Mayor Adams' proposal to switch New York City back to a "jungle primary." He is attempting to force this change without public consent, knowing it will further diminish the voices of underrepresented New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and weaken our democratic freedoms. New York City cannot afford to upend its electoral system simply to satisfy the whims of a desperate, delusional mayor. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you. Special Education Educator, artist, parent, and brooklynite Stephanie Lazzara

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Allison E Samuels

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Allison

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ula Kulpa

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports robust democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." The mayor is clearly trying to force through this change without public consent in a transparent power grab that will make our elections actively less democratic. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people - and the historic turnout the existing system has cultivated - and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ula Kulpa

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Name: Patrick Ryan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Patrick Ryan

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Name: Renee B

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Renee B

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Bianna Gas

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Bianna Gas

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kenny Lin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Commissioner I am currently writing this to object the undemocratic proposal by Mayor Eric Adams to climate Ranked Choice Voting for "Jungle Primaries" and I highly urge you in New Yorkers best interest to oppose his proposal that will reduce political representation of historically marginalized communities whose political voice has been suppressed such as blacks, browns and other minorities that will be stripped of their voices. Ranked choice voting serves to increase the representation and voices of unique backgrounds of different communities that is the epitome of NYC being a city of migrants and has been recognized for its cultural and ethnic diversity of numerous backgrounds. If the jungle primaries gets approved, it will only undermine that unique voices and identity of NYC by limiting political representation and as the system will encourage candidates based on name recognition alone alongside risk of manipulation of votes through splitting. Most concerning, it will incentivize more corporate interference with their influence of money for specific candidates that meet their interests. Ultimately, leading to

politicians to prioritize campaign donations by political lobby's and SuperPacs rather than the interests of the people that vote for them due to increased dependency to fund an more expensive political campaign under jungle primaries. Conversely, this is an clear conflict of interest as Adams was investigated by the FBI regarding his allegations of corruption and foreign influences last year for his dealing with the Turkish government for foreign donation and misuse of power to circumvent laws for his own interests. His charges were ultimately dropped by the DOJ under the Trump Administration in a condition that he would not be arrested while pushing Trump's agenda in NYC. By allowing jungle primaries, Adam believes that he will have a better chance at the general election against his political opponents that he aims to undermine the democratic process. This proposal will only exacerbate the ongoing voter disenfranchisement and the city's struggle to increase civic engagement that only has it recently saw an increase in voting participation of all voting demographic age this primary compared to 2021. As a youth, it is all too familiar that I see young people in my generation choosing not to engage with the political system because they feel disillusioned by the candidates who they feel, doesn't share their voice of concerns or because both candidates seems unappealing. I, a fellow New Yorkers once again implore you to do not allow Mayor Adam's to eliminate Ranked Choice Voting for the sake of his own self interest and in the interest of the people that the city runs on.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Catherine Vaughan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. I'm a mother of two young children, a renter, and a proud Brooklyn resident. I serve on Community Board 6, where I've seen firsthand how slow and burdensome the current land use process can be—and how it often stands in the way of urgently needed housing. These delays don't just affect paperwork; they affect families across the city who are struggling to find stable, affordable places to live and raise their kids. I believe strongly that the housing crisis demands citywide solutions; in decisions that impact the broader housing market, we need streamlined processes that are less vulnerable to local capture. That's why I'm writing in strong support of Proposals 1 through 4. Proposals 1 through 4 would modernize and streamline the city's land use and planning process. We desperately need more housing—especially affordable housing—and these changes would help make that possible. Proposal 1 would speed up the production of affordable housing and help ensure that every neighborhood does its part to address the crisis. Proposal 2 would make it easier to move forward with smaller rezonings that add housing, protect us from climate risks, or create open

space—exactly the kinds of commonsense improvements that too often get stuck in red tape. Proposal 3 is a necessary fix to a broken system. Right now, a single council member—and the member who has the most to lose for voting against local, NIMBY interests—can block developments that are critically needed across the entire NYC housing market. Creating an Appeals Board would ensure that these decisions reflect broader needs, not just the most vocal local opposition. Proposal 4, which would digitize the City Map, is another long-overdue change. The current system creates costly and unnecessary delays for housing, infrastructure, and other vital projects. A digital system would allow for faster, more transparent, and more efficient decision-making. I also support Open New York’s recommendations for a fairer and more affordable city. In particular, I encourage the commission to give further attention to their idea of incorporating the housing shortage into landmarks decision-making—a proposal that’s well aligned with the commission’s broader goals. For all these reasons, I urge the Commission to put the housing-related measures on the November ballot and give voters a chance to shape a more affordable, representative, and functional New York City. Sincerely, Catherine Vaughan

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Name: Nicholas J Kammerer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nicholas J. Kammerer

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Name: Elena Conde

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Elena Conde



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Name: Turi

Email:

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Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Turi

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Name: John Coons

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, John Coons

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Name: Calum McMillan

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Calum McMillan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brittany Fowle

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Brittany

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Name: Austin Grogin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Austin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cory Choy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who fiercely supports true democracy and fair elections, I DEMAND that you REJECT ERIC ADAMS' RECKLESS PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This outrageous change, which the mayor is brazenly attempting to ram through without ANY public consent, will SILENCE the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, crush youth turnout in our elections, and represents nothing short of a disgraceful power-grab by our scandal-ridden Mayor. New York City CANNOT and WILL NOT tolerate having our election system destroyed simply because Eric Adams is drowning in desperation. I am SICK AND TIRED of politicians trampling on democracy when it suits their agenda. Respect the will of the people and keep your hands OFF our primaries. This is non-negotiable. Thanks

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Name: Eamon Levesque

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Eamon Levesque

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Name: Willow Parchment

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through WITHOUT public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate and selfish. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ryan Bloes

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker and Queens native who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. I am also concerned about maintaining faith in a democratic system of elections on behalf of everyday working New Yorkers who made their choice in the primary clear. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ryan Bloes

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Name: Jonathan Greenberg

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jonathan

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Name: Meg Kohlmann

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. I additionally want to note that ranked choice voting has resulted in much higher quality candidates and political coalitions within the NYC Democrats, rather than the same old winner-take-all methodologies that are so toxic to our local politics. Ranked choice voting is the present and is already enabling a better, brighter future for our city. I strongly encourage the commission to protect ranked choice voting. Thank you, Meg

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Name: M Zaman

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Name: Aarati Akkapeddi

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Aarati

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Name: fola

Email:

Phone:

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Adrienne Pabst

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Adrienne Pabst

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gabriel S

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gabriel S

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Name: Heather Hubbs

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Heather Hubbs

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Julian Fox

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: To whom it may concern, I urge you to reject Mr. Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Julian Fox

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Michael Strom

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Michael Strom

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ebonie Daley-Hicks

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Charter Revision Commission, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions. As a current Brooklyn resident and a former Manhattan Community Board Member, I'm writing to express strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to make New York City more affordable and democratically representative. I support Proposals 1-4 to fast track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map. The city's housing shortage demands bold action. Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement. Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs. The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities.

Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations- not just the narrowest political interests. A unified City Map is a step in the right direction, since the current system can impose significant costs and time on infrastructure, housing, and other projects. Proposal 4's Digital City Map would allow processes that today take months or even years to occur nearly instantly. I also support considering Open New York's recommendations for a fairer and more affordable NYC, many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions. Proposal 5 is a no-brainer: moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city. I strongly encourage the Commission to move forward with Proposal 6. Open primaries would enfranchise the 1 million+ New Yorkers who are currently locked out of primary elections due to party registration rules. These voters deserve a voice in the elections that matter most in our one-party-dominated city. Open primaries would boost turnout in local elections, increase electoral competition, and encourage candidates to appeal to a broader cross-section of voters. I urge the Commission to put all six measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in. Sincerely, Ebonie Daley-Hicks Ditmas Park, 11226

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Name: Michiaki Yamada

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you

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Name: Josefin

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Josefin

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Rani I

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** I think Ranked-Choice voting and closed primaries are very important for NYC's future. They have been wildly successful while also representing the will of the people - in the last 2 RCV elections, the first round winner actually won the election, but the electoral process was much less vitriolic.



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Name: Leanne Block

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Dear Revision Committee, As a New Yorker and environmental enthusiast, I'm writing in strong support of the proposed land use reforms that would streamline approvals for smaller-scale development and infrastructure projects - especially solar systems and battery energy storage. Climate change is already impacting our city with more extreme heat, flooding, and grid stress. To prepare for a safer, more affordable, and resilient future, New York must make it easier—not harder—to build clean energy infrastructure in every neighborhood. I support the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) and fast-tracked zoning actions that reduce bureaucratic delays for modest-scale, environmentally beneficial projects. In particular, solar panels and battery storage systems are critical public infrastructure. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower utility bills, provide backup power during outages, and protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather. These projects are often blocked or delayed by costly and time-intensive ULURP processes, even when they are located on public buildings or vacant land. The proposed charter changes—especially ELURP—will help remove these barriers and speed up approvals, enabling NYC to meet its climate and resiliency goals faster and more equitably. I urge

the Commission to ensure that clean energy projects are explicitly prioritized under any fast-track procedures and that solar and storage installations—whether standalone or part of broader projects—are clearly eligible for streamlined review. Finally, I encourage the Commission to work with the City Council and relevant agencies to develop clear implementation guidelines that prevent unnecessary delays while maintaining community engagement and oversight. Let's not let red tape stand in the way of climate action. Thank you for your work on this crucial reform process. Sincerely, Leanne Block Manhattan

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Name: Benjamin Tumin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ben

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Name: Kristina Fetkovich

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change will diminish the voices of working and poor New Yorkers and depress youth turnout in our elections. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kristina Fetkovich

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Name: Gayathri Iyer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Latinx New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gayathri Iyer

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Name: Richard Wawrzyszuk

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rick Wawrzyszuk

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Name: Sungwoo Park

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sungwoo Park

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cameron LeBlanc

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Cameron LeBlanc

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Joan Farber

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Joan Farber

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sarah Telesca

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah Telesca

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Eva Borgwardt

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Eva

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Delaney Caamano Arenas

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Delaney Caamano

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katie Ehrlich

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Katie

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Ryan J Androsiglio

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dr. Ryan Androsiglio

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: A Hellerman

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Owen Rosini

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. It also threatens our democratic institutions and party systems with which our federal and local government is built. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Owen Rosini

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: mildred lee

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mildred

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Elon Glickman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. I've lived in places with jungle primaries. This type of election only confuses people and makes them less likely to turnout in a runoff election. We should be using systems that engage more people in our democracy, not systems that confuse people and keep them at home on election day. Plus, New York City has done so much to educate people on the ranked choice system. We can't waste all that time and effort to change it now. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Elon Glickman

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Victoire Scherer

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Victoire

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Max Bolen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Max

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Anneliese Weinhardt

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Anneliese Weinhardt

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dave Urban

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dave Urban

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Chris M

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you Chris,

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Name: Andrew DeRosa

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Benjamin Hume

Email:

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Ben Hume

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Stevie Goughnour

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Stevie Goughnour

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Scott Heins

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, -Scott

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Adam Lawrence

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I think it's too early to even declare that ranked choice voting is a success or not, but I'm aware of an interest in further changing to what's known as a "jungle primary", and I am appalled. Too much change for the sake of change takes away an opportunity to properly evaluate and perhaps tweak the fairly recent RCV process. To jump to yet another method so soon feels completely random and frankly slightly chaotic. Please keep RCV, and tweak as or if necessary. Thank you. Warmly, Adam

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Carmine Galasso

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I oppose scrapping Ranked Choice Voting for so-called Jungle primaries. Eric Adams should be ashamed of himself for pushing for this change when New Yorkers, as evidence by their participation in the democratic primary, show that they like the system.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lyndsey M Schley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lyndsey Schley

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gabriel Smith

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gabriel Smith

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lionel Brock

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers like myself, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lionel Brock

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: James Baggs Eastwood

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I urge you to REJECT Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." The existing instant-runoff ranked choice voting scheme is demonstrating its efficacy not only in selecting optimal candidates for the general election, but in fostering a collaborative campaign culture. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Matt Seidholz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Matt

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Pablo Zevallos

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Written Testimony Submitted to Charter Revision Commission My name is Pablo Zevallos, and I am a tenants' rights attorney and a Democratic District Leader on the Upper West Side. I am testifying in support of the land use proposals and the proposal for even-year city elections recommended by this Charter Revision Commission. The housing shortage hurts us all, and its effect is most acute on the lowest-income New Yorkers. According to the 2023 Housing Vacancy Study, approximately 1 in every 150 apartments renting for under \$2,400 is vacant. Low vacancy rates are associated with increased homelessness. To wit, as of May 1, 2025, 116,000 New Yorkers resided in homeless shelters, according to the shelter census tracked by City Limits. The citywide rate of overcrowding is twice the national average, with families with children bearing the brunt of the crisis. Furthermore, citywide residential development—which has slowed dramatically in the last two years—and especially of affordable new rental housing, is concentrated in a handful of City Council Districts. These districts, in turn, consist of majority-Black and Latino communities and have lower-to-middle median incomes. These trends exacerbate segregated living patterns in one of the most segregated cities in the United States

while depriving low-income New Yorkers of the opportunity to pursue affordable housing in well-resourced neighborhoods. In light of these trends, the Commission's proposals to expedite the review of land use applications that prioritize affordable housing are key. Specifically, its proposals to authorize the Board of Standards and Appeals to fast-track 100% affordable housing and to fast-track affordable housing that meets or exceeds the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing affordability set-asides in the communities where the least amount of affordable housing is built are vital steps toward enhancing the construction of deeply affordable housing and advancing fair housing in New York City. BSA Fast Track will meaningfully expedite the time table to bring on line affordable and supportive housing, thereby accelerating projects that frequently include set-asides for the lowest-income households, provides urgently-needed care and support for formerly homeless or at-risk New Yorkers with disabilities, or both. Affordable Housing Fast Track will help ensure that more neighborhoods contribute to ending our housing shortage and offer more meaningful living opportunities for lower-income communities. Both of these proposals would improve the lives of New Yorkers, including those with the lowest incomes, and I hope that this Commission will present these questions to the public. The Commission's proposal to create an Expedited ULURP process for, inter alia, modest housing increases in low-, medium-, and high-density neighborhoods builds on the principle articulated by "City of Yes" of "a little more housing everywhere" and should also be presented. I further support the concept of the Commission's proposal to move municipal elections to even-numbered years. These changes would help revive the flagging turnout rate in city elections, which were 26.5% in the primary election and 23.3% in the general election in 2021. However, in light of the anticipated loss of the unique focus on municipal issues brought about by a switch to even-numbered year elections, the proposal would improve by aligning municipal elections with elections for governor and other statewide offices, as opposed to presidential election years, in order to allow voters to consider state and local issues, which are often intertwined, in a more focused and concentrated way. However, I am opposed to the inclusion of a proposal in support of open primaries. Open primaries invite further big money into our politics while needlessly lengthening ballots for voters and risking adding more confusion to the electoral process. Furthermore, New Yorkers have repeatedly rejected this proposal, and there is no outcry for a reconsideration. This proposal should not be presented. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kimberly Naughton

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kimberly Naughton

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Rachel Rose Payne

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Rachel

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Zac McDermott

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hi there, As a New Yorker who believes in fair elections and real democratic participation, I'm asking you to reject Mayor Eric Adams' push to implement a "jungle primary" system in NYC. This change would weaken the political power of Black and Brown communities, discourage young voters from turning out, and seems more about protecting the mayor's own interests than serving the public. NYC's current system ensures diverse voices are heard—let's not throw that away for political convenience. Please keep our elections fair and representative. Thanks, Zac

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Name: Nina older

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nina Older \_\_\_\_

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Name: Robin Wasserman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Robin

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Name: Lee Livingston

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lee Livingston

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Name: Charissa Hoffer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Charissa

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Brianna Soto

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Brianna Soto

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Harrison

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Harrison

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marium Khawaja

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is a whiny unpopular baby and aspiring fascist. He's a sore loser, and an incredibly unpopular person (much less politician) and is using what little power he has to act against the will of the people. That's not what a democracy is. The people of New York will always find a way, but I urge you to side with New Yorkers and be on the right side of history and democracy. Thank you.

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Name: V Thompkins

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, V Thompkins

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lucy Hollier

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Lucy Hollier

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nicholas Tang

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hi, I was born in NYC (Lenox Hill!) and have lived in NYC for basically my entire life. As a New Yorker who supports democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Switching to RCV was the best thing that happened to primaries in NYC in a long time, and this change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thanks, Nicholas Tang

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Seth Kaplan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Ranked choice voting is popular and successful. Please don't change this because powerful people don't like it. Give it a chance!

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Name: Mia Edelstein

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Name: Cheyenna Weber

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. thanks, Cheyenna

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Timothy Hanley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Timothy Hanley

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Name: Angelika Garcia

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Angelika Garcia

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jacob B Rabinbach

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jake Rabinbach

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Neal DOrio

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: WE NEED TO STOP THIS CITY FROM TRYING TO DO AWAY WITH ALL OUR ZONING REGULATIONS. WE PUT ALL THESE ZONING REGULATIONS INTO EFFECT FOR A REASON . TO PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS FROM OVERDEVELOPMENT ! IT HAS TAKEN MANY YEARS TO GET THESE ZONING LAWS AND WE MUST PROTECT THEM ! WE DON'T WANT OVERDEVELOPMENT AND WE DEFINITELY DON'T WANT BESS ENERGY STORAGE SITES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS !



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jay Hauben

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear CRC, This comment is my written testimony. As a low income family, we are only able to live in NYC because of the Mitchell-Lama program. For us there is no housing crisis, only an affordable housing crisis. I agree with the written testimony which says:"The City Council is the people's voice and must not be limited, especially in zoning questions which affect our neighbor-hoods and lives." I oppose the creation of a New Appeals Board made up of the borough president, City Council speaker, and the mayor, which would have the power to reverse the Council's decision on a land use application with a two-thirds majority vote. Such an appeals board would overcome member deference decisions but is inherently anti-democratic. Also, democracy is slow. The City is best served by more mandatory public hearings not fast tracking the ULURP process. I also oppose ending party primaries and having jungle primaries, although I would favor a many party system to a two party system Thank you for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

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Name: Keaton Slansky

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Keaton Slansky

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Name: Judy yang

Email:

Phone:

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Name: Andrew Nguyen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a registered voter in New York City, I appreciate the ability to rank my candidates by my order of preference for the primaries. This allows myself and other voters to be able to vote our conscience and not sacrifice values when selecting candidates. Making changes to the primary process will force "Lesser of two evils" voting, depress voter turnout, and limit the voices of younger and marginalized voters. The Ranked Choice process was voted on by New Yorkers and should not be changed at the whims of our mayor. Please don't change ranked choice voting. Thanks Andrew Nguyen

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gant powell

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Gant Powell [REDACTED]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Cy Daigle

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. ERIC ADAMS IS A LIAR AT BEST, AND A CRIMINAL AT WORST! New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Cy Daigle

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Max Frankel

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a proud New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our criminally embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. With Liberty and Justice for All, Max J. Frankel

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Radhika Sainath

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Best, Radhika

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Zoellys Severino

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate to appease his millionaire friends. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Martha Bryant

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: "If it ain't broke, why fix it?" NYC has so many problems: food insecurity, homelessness, poverty, poorly resourced public education, and a broken healthcare system. The city's time and money would be better spent on these issues rather than again tinkering with elections.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: oia walker-van aalst

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, New York is not Eric Adam's city. It is our city--every New Yorker's. I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." His only aim in this is to suppress the actual will of the people and subjugate us to wealthy, powerful, and fascist influences who we have no say in electing. A jungle primary will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent attempt to grab power by a mayor who does not care about the problems of this city. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, [Your name]

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tyler Petito

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Tyler J. Petito

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sara Lopez

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sara Lopez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: D Heffernan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Daniel Heffernan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dylan Lenin Mowery dos Santos

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Dylan Lenin Mowery dos Santos

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Theodora Shure

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Theo

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Miriam A Uribe Martinez

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. People showed up in record numbers - that is what democracy can look like! Thank you, Miriam Uribe Martinez

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marialena Giampino

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Please do not allow these questions; #1 to #3 on the ballot to change the City Charter. These questions take away direct input from the community and its Council Members. The Mayor is looking to seize complete totalitarian control and a totalitarian city government. BALLOT QUESTION #1: Fast Tracking Affordable Housing BALLOT QUESTION #2: Simplify Review of Modest Housing and Infrastructure Projects BALLOT QUESTION #3: Establish a Land Use Appeals Board with Council, Borough, and Citywide Voices

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: David Moon

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: The recent proposal to eliminate Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) in favor of Jungle Primaries is deeply concerning. This primary finally demonstrated the strengths and unifying power of RCV, in the form of cross-endorsements and a focus on policy and record, and a greatly diminished prevalence of attack ads. It's apparent that the ability for smaller candidates to get their messages out, engage people, and make an impact on the overall election, is a problem for Mayor Adams. This is transparent corruption and an abuse of electoral systems, all against the will of the people of New York City I strongly oppose the proposal to switch New York City to a Jungle Primary, and urge you to reject it.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Abdalla Hassan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who cares deeply about true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to reject Mayor Eric Adams' dangerous proposal to switch New York City to a so-called "jungle primary." This drastic change — which the mayor is attempting to push through without genuine public input — would undermine the hard-won voting power of Black and Brown communities, discourage youth participation, and erode trust in our democratic process. It is nothing more than a transparent power grab by an embattled mayor seeking to protect his own political future at the expense of ours. New York City's current primary system gives voters meaningful choices and helps ensure that our elected officials are accountable to the communities they serve. We cannot afford to upend this system simply to satisfy one politician's desperation. Please stand with everyday New Yorkers and protect our democracy. Reject any attempt to impose a "jungle primary" and respect the will of the people. Thank you for your commitment to fair elections. Sincerely, Abdalla Hassan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Margaret Cristan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: i am a democratic New Yorker. I am writing to urge you to reject Eric Adam's proposal to change our election to a jungle primary. This is unfair and will hurt many people. Please respect our will and leave the primaries as they are. Thank you so much, Margaret Cristan

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Erik VanBezooijen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Erik VanBezooijen

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Thomas Dresslar

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, -Thomas Dresslar

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Casey Berner

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** Moving from ranked-choice voting, a system that allows the people's voices and preferences to be taken into consideration, toward a "jungle primary" that neuters the positives of RCV, would a huge error and it is imperative that this not happen, especially so soon after a huge RCV voter education push. Keep New York's primaries how they are.



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Will McDonald

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Will McDonald

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Emily Cohen

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jack Radley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jack

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Samantha McCurry

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank You, Samantha

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Gav Meiri

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please maintain ranked choice voting! It is a democratic mechanism that increases youth turnout and allows for the voice of the most people to be heard! Do not switch to a jungle primary.

Subject:

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kelly Williams

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kelly Williams

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Stephen K Bonnett

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I write in support of the proposal to create an all-party "jungle primary", with the two most broadly appealing candidates to all voters, of any party, advancing to the general election. This would empower the sizable number of voters who are not registered members of the major parties or who do not consider it worth their time to vote in primary elections in late June when not all the candidates they may favor are even running in the primary. This is just common sense to get as many people having their say in the primary process as possible, and I hope it happens for our city!

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Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9898671 CRC Contact Form -  
Submit Written Testimony

From: agencyemail <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: "CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov"  
<CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 15, 2025 at 10:13 PM

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 10:13:00 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sumana Harihareswara

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Dear Commission: I write to share comments on two of the sections of the interim report. Regarding Ballot Question #5: Even-Year Local Elections: I am, like Common Cause, in favor of this change, to increase turnout and improve representation of the entire electorate. Regarding "open primaries": Like Common Cause, I am deeply concerned about the speed of your potential decision. The "jungle primary" change is being pushed by our current Mayor because of his own agenda, and in today's polarized political environment, we need to consider how extremist sabotage and wealthy interests' subterfuge would subvert the will of the voters in many "open primary" structures. More deliberation and study is required. Please do not, in your June 21st final vote, define the language of a ballot measure to change our primary system. Thank you for your work and consideration, Sumana Harihareswara Jackson Heights

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Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9901183 CRC Contact Form -  
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From: agencyemail <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Date: July 15, 2025 at 05:40 PM

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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:40:28 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Andrew Willett

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I wanted to register my opposition to the "jungle primary" proposal. Please do not alter the ranked-choice voting system.

Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9902193 CRC Contact Form -  
Submit Written Testimony

From: agencyemail <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Date: July 15, 2025 at 05:15 PM

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: zach kennedy-lopez

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, zach kennedy-lopez

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Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9907777 CRC Contact Form -  
Submit Written Testimony

From: agencyemail <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Date: July 15, 2025 at 05:21 PM

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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:20:48 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jeremy Lin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: While I applaud the commission's openness to considering turnout-boosting measures, such as potentially moving local election races to the same years as national elections, I am currently writing to express my concern that there has not been enough time to solicit feedback and anticipate possible outcomes of the specific switch to an open/non-partisan primary system, with only the top two vote-getters advancing, and that the open/non-partisan primary proposal in particular should not be proposed as a measure for the November ballot. As a former Californian who grew up while that state's open primary system was being deployed, I believe the results of elections show that, rather than drastically boosting turnout or forcing candidates to appeal more decidedly to the center ground, boosting moderate candidates, the open primary system tends only to emphasize voter trends already in motion. Concerns about the system favoring deep-pocketed candidates with the resources to reach the city's entire electorate at once - without the limited audience enabled by addressing party members - seem to

me to be far from misplaced, especially in an era where corporate donations in politics have been ruled to be free speech. I have always believed that, if we are to have a closed-primary system, it would be a better use of BOE resources to reach out to voters to remind them about the state (and city's) comparatively early and rigid deadlines for party registration, especially in cases where one is seeking to switch one's registered party; I hope you can take this into consideration as you decide what measures to advance on the November ballot. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Jeremy Lin

Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9909026 CRC Contact Form -  
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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 06:39:46 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Daniel Matthews

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, you must REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by a corrupt mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9918051 CRC Contact Form -  
Submit Written Testimony

From: agencyemail <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Josh Feintuch

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hi, I am writing in opposition to the Mayor's proposed top-two primary election system, a naked political power grab by the Mayor which would diminish the voting power of minority groups in NYC and would undo the progress brought by ranked choice voting.

Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9933310 CRC Contact Form -  
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From: agencyemail <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: "CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov"  
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Date: July 15, 2025 at 09:48 PM

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Kanika Ojha

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kanika Ojha

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Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9934500 CRC Contact Form -  
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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:47:52 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Marina Mulholland

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Marina Mulholland

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Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9938099 CRC Contact Form -  
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Date: July 15, 2025 at 10:25 PM

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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 10:24:59 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Johanna Mosenthal

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. It's giving the vibe of a toddler who didn't win a game and wants to retroactively change all the rules. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate and throwing a temper tantrum. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Johanna Mosenthal

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Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9941200 CRC Contact Form -  
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From: agencyemail <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Katie Lau

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Katie Lau

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Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9954006 CRC Contact Form -  
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From: agencyemail <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 10:18:14 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dana Boyd

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9957976 CRC Contact Form -  
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Date: July 15, 2025 at 08:16 PM

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sean Griffin

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sean Griffin

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From: agencyemail <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:59:22 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tsee Lee

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Stop the jungle primaries, aka. open primaries. Now that youth & minorities are excited for a Democratic mayoral candidate, the non-Democratic mayor is trying to destroy the primary system of a party he didn't bother running it. A vote for Adams is a vote for Trump. Please stop rubber-stamping the fascist takeover.

Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9971089 CRC Contact Form -  
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From: agencyemail <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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Date: July 15, 2025 at 05:38 PM

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:38:23 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Keep Ranked Choice Voting

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Ranked choice voting has been one of the best updates to primary elections so I ask you to reject Eric Adam's proposal for jungle primaries. If the primaries become jungle primaries, ranked choice voting MUST be kept, we cannot move backwards. Ranked choice voting lead me to learn so much more about all the other candidates and got me excited about multiple of them, a distinct move away from the more antagonistic primaries of the past. I see no reason why we should change our primary systems especially at the call from Eric Adams who chose to drop out of the primary all together.

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Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9976769 CRC Contact Form -  
Submit Written Testimony

From: agencyemail <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:48:54 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Omar Elorabi

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Omar Elorabi

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Subject:

City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9984432 CRC Contact Form -  
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Date: July 15, 2025 at 06:47 PM

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 06:46:44 PM

Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Sam Sundius

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, I'm a Queens resident who supports true democracy and fair elections, and I'm writing to urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is unhappy with the voice of the people. Please respect the will of the New Yorkers and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sam Sundius

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Subject:

Fw: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-87345 CRC Contact Form  
- Press Inquiries

From: Charter Press <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 15, 2025 at 11:05 PM

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From: agencymail <agencymail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 11:03 PM

To: Charter Press <charter.press@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-87345 CRC Contact Form - Press Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( [REDACTED] ) on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 11:03:10 PM

Topic: Press Inquiries

Name: Jane Paley

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a native New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its

election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-609958 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:31 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 10:59 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-609958 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025,  
at 10:56:30 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Jared Becker

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am a registered voter from Brooklyn and would like to express my strong support  
for Ranked Choice Voting in primaries.

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Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-632906 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 6:04 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-632906 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 06:03:39 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Sarah LaPolla

Email:

Phone:

Comments: To Whom it May Concern, As a New Yorker who wants to see true democracy thrive as freedoms come under attack, I urge you to please reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Ranked Choice is a system he benefitted from at first, and is now trying to take away that same inclusive election process simply because he did not like the result this time. This change, which the mayor is trying to force through without public consent, will diminish underrepresented voices, depress youth turnout, and is a transparent power-grab. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sarah

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-971308 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

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Topic: General Inquiries

Name: jaheim menzie

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system

simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Jaheim Menzie

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-1120661 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:35 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:24 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-1120661 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15,  
2025, at 05:23:35 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Michelle Karell

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: PLEASE KEEP RANKED CHOICE VOTING!!! Don't let Adams kill it.

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-1173865 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 9:19 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-1173865 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
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Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Stephanie Mendoza

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Stephanie



Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-1344456 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 8:08 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-1344456 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
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Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Indigo Autz

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our

primaries as they are. Thank you, Indigo Autz

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-1361458 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:31 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 10:59 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-1361458 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at  
10:59:05 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: marija stroke

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please leave the ranked voting in place. It is a very fair and effective way of hearing the voice of New Yorkers and going in the direction that the majority vote for.

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Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-1394474 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:31 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 10:59 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-1394474 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

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[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at  
10:58:57 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: marija stroke

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please leave the ranked voting in place. It is a very fair and effective way of hearing the voice of New Yorkers and going in the direction that the majority vote for.

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Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-1837474 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 6:05 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-1837474 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 06:04:19 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: adam stoler

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: leave ranked choice voting as is. No changes!!!!

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-1953257 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:35 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:23 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-1953257 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:22:39 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: RC

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our

primaries as they are. Thank you, RC

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-2344142 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 9:14 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-2344142 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at  
09:14:01 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Amy Berkman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: No jungle primary.



Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-2684374 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:35 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-2684374 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:34:05 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Harrison Katz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am a resident of Brooklyn. I strongly support Ranked Choice Voting and primaries. This democratic primary for mayor is the 1st time my voice was truly heard. Please REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will disenfranchise my voice and those in my community. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you --Harrison Katz

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-3663892 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:46 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-3663892 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at  
05:46:02 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Esther Farmer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: RCV is a big democratic improvement in voting. It addresses the winner take all system which leaves voters supporting candidates we don't like as the lesser of two evils. RCV gives more choices to voters. Please keep and expand RCV.

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Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-4086256 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:31 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 10:59 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-4086256 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at  
10:58:48 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: marija stroke

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please leave the ranked voting in place. It is a very fair and effective way of hearing the voice of New Yorkers and going in the direction that the majority vote for.

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Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-4473680 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 9:14 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-4473680 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at  
09:14:06 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Amy Berkman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: No jungle primary.

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Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-4498632 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:35 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:30 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-4498632 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:29:45 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Chris Peplinski

Email:

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our

primaries as they are.

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-4903801 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:35 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:33 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-4903801 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:32:24 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Matthew Hoffman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our

primaries as they are. Thank you, Matt Hoffman



Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-4926889 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 9:28 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-4926889 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at  
09:21:09 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Lauren Meyer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system

simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-5094367 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 6:33 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-5094367 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July  
15, 2025, at 06:33:04 P

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Rebecca Meador

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please do not implement Jungle Primaries. Ranked Choice Voting is much better and  
is the only system that is good for New York City.

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Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-5436235 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:58 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-5436235 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:39:38 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Molly Chen

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our

primaries as they are. Thank you, Molly Chen

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-5764302 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:51 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-5764302 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at  
05:50:22 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: David Mack

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New York City resident who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of minority New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate and resents having lost the primary for being openly corrupt and unconcerned with the needs of the city's citizens. Please respect the will of the

people and leave our primaries as the voters VOTED for them to be. Thank you, David Mack

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-6664927 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 6:00 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-6664927 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:59:08 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Weronika Wyparlo

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our



primaries as they are. Thank you, Weronika Wyparlo

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7058712 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 10:07 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7058712 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at  
10:06:26 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Vicky Garalina

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Keep ranked choice voting !

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Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7079236 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:43 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7079236 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:42:20 PM

Topic:

General

Inquiries

Name: Hazel Donaldson

Email:

Phone:

Comments: I am writing to you to keep rank choice voting as it gives NYers a better choice in who they want to lead their city.

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Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7106539 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:32 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 10:29 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7106539 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 10:28:15 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Kerry K. Peet

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Thanks for working on this!!

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7225789 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:35 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:26 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7225789 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15,  
2025, at 05:23:57 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Robin Baumgarten

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system

simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Robin Baumgarten

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7393493 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 10:02 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7393493 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at  
10:01:44 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Saoirse Dempsey

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system

simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Saoirse Dempsey



Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7757475 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:35 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:21 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-7757475 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:20:20 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Joan M Ferrante

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Do not accept the idea of a jungle primary.

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-8044863 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:31 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 10:33 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-8044863 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at  
10:32:05 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Nina Palattella

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: To the Charter Revision Commission: I resent Eric Adams' suggestion that NYC should resort to "jungle primaries," a suggestion that seems to be made in response to Zohran Mamdani's victory in the Democratic primary for mayor. I don't think we as a city should give Eric Adams' opinions any credence given his disappointing tenure and actions as of late. Best, Nina Palattella

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-8454661 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:46 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-8454661 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at  
05:45:42 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Alex Nash

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: You let this bootlicking fraud Eric Adams get away with overturning ranked choice voting and this whole city is done. This is supposed to be a democracy. We drive the subways we haul the trash we cook the food we clean the floors and we are already on the brink. So get it together and stop this in its tracks cause there ain't another off ramp

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-8884835 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:33 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 9:19 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-8884835 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at  
09:18:42 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: William Shepard

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Ranked choice voting has been a wonderful mechanism for allowing voters who wish for more options in terms of candidates to have the opportunity to select from a wider variety of candidates than would have normally been available. Allow democracy to flourish and keep this in place. Does the current Mayor have the right to limit the democratic process?

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9261136 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:35 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:33 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9261136 CRC Contact Form - General Inquiries

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

[REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at  
05:33:08 PM

Topic: General Inquiries

Name: Sunaina Rao

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system

simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Sunaina

Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9744114 CRC Contact  
Form - Language Interpretation Request

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:35 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:31 PM

To: Charter Info <CharterInfo@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9744114 CRC Contact Form - Language  
Interpretation Request

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 05:30:16 PM

Topic: Language Interpretation Request

Name: Thyais Brown-Newball

Email:

Phone:

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system

simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,



Subject:

FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-9751490 CRC Contact  
Form - General Inquiries

From: Charter Info <[REDACTED EMAIL]>

To: Charter Testimony <CharterTestimony@citycharter.nyc.gov>

Date: July 16, 2025 at 09:35 AM

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From: agencyemail <agencyemail@customercare.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:28 PM

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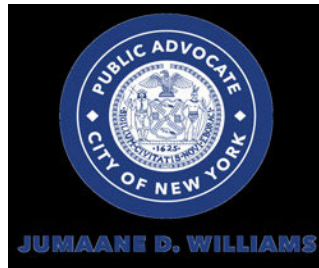
Last Monday on July 7th, the Public Advocate testified at the Mayoral Charter Review Commission and delivered the statement attached below (delivered with cuts for brevity.) I am emailing to have this submitted into the record. Thank you.

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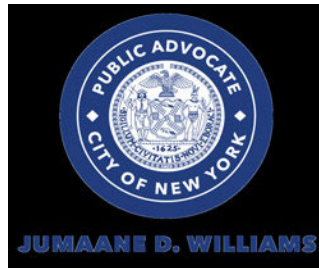
**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC ADVOCATE JUMAANE D. WILLIAMS  
TO THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION  
JULY 7, 2025**

Hello. My name is Jumaane Williams, and I have the pleasure of serving as Public Advocate for the City of New York. I want to thank Chair Buery as well as Members of the Commission and my fellow New Yorkers for allowing me to testify before you today.

I want to start off by saying, many of the proposals that this Commission has put forth I agree with in theory, but I have a lot of questions concerning the implementation of some, the legality of others, and the impact of all. On the housing and land use questions, while I do support shortening the length of the overall review process, I have concerns about consolidating the review time for the Community Boards and the Borough Presidents. I believe a consecutive process with a 30 day allotment for Borough Presidents, Community Boards and the Department of City Planning (DCP) each would fulfill the goal of shortening the process while providing these groups with their own dedicated time to deliberate and come to their own conclusions.

I also have questions concerning the use of Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) under the proposed Affordable Housing Fast Track. During my time in the NYC Council, I found the highest income bands allowed under MIH to be unaffordable for many and as such, I voted against the introduction of MIH. I have many questions on this particular point and chief among them is: what specific income bands would be covered under this proposal? The interim report mentions a range of incomes “generally between 40 and 80 percent of Area Median Income (AMI)”. We need specifics since we would be changing the process and timing for land use matters that have been in place since 1989, a change that was necessary after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Board of Estimate’s process for land use matters was unconstitutional. (Since the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Council President had two votes each as opposed to the Borough President that each had one violating the one person, one vote rule.)

In regards to ballot measure #3 that proposed the creation of an Appeals Board and would eliminate both the Mayor’s Veto power in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) and the New York City Council's power to override vetoes, I am unclear as to the constitutionality of this proposal and wonder whether this violates the New York City Charter by eliminating a crucial part of our system of checks and balances in the legislative process. It is important to note that land use matters are legislative matters. If this is constitutional, then I might support this, but only if the Appeals Board is expanded to five members, requiring three of the five to vote in the affirmative. I would recommend expanding the Board to include the two



city-wide elected Officials: Comptroller and the Public Advocate.

On question 4, I have concerns and do not look favorably on a proposal that would remove a responsibility and a power that the Borough Presidents currently have to vest all the responsibilities and powers on a city agency whose agency head is appointed by the Mayor.

Finally, on the question of even-year elections and the deliberation of open primaries, I do support these proposals in theory. As the Commission laid out in its interim report, open primaries would have a number of positive effects from allowing unaffiliated voters to participate in the primary process, to increasing local turnout and reinforcing ranked choice voting. However, given the relative success of ranked choice voting in New York City, I do believe more research needs to be done into the potential impact this would have on the process, as well as other potential impacts such as election burnout. In conjunction with even-year elections, I think this could potentially lead to drop-off in voting down ballot in addition to a less-informed electorate on local race candidates.

While I'm here, I also want to echo the recommendations I gave at the concurrent City Council's Charter Review Commission, which this administration sought to stop in its tracks with the formation of this Commission. My testimony addressed the ways the Charter can support external and independent review of our law enforcement bodies, including proposals to tie the NYC Board of Corrections' (BOC) minimum budget to 1% of the expense budget of the Department of Corrections and changing of BOC's appointment structure, allowing for more independence between agencies and removing the impression of undue political influence. Similarly, setting a minimum budget for the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) tied to 1% of the expense budget of the New York City Police Department would help alleviate understaffing at the oversight body. I mention these proposals here, because I believe that they are important in ensuring transparency and accountability in our city's governance. In that same aim, I believe that the Office of the Public Advocate, charged with providing oversight, should be strengthened with subpoena power and clarified standing to sue the city as needed. The Office should be empowered to provide the oversight required.

With these concerns in mind, I look forward to a nuanced discussion with the Commission on the specifics of these proposals. Thank you.

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July 15, 2025

City Charter Revision Commission  
Attn: Alec Schierenbeck

Dear Mr. Schierenbeck and City Charter Revision Commission members:

I am a New York City land use law specialist and practitioner (over 35 years): a prior associate counsel at the Department of City Planning; and an adjunct clinical professor of law at NYU. I write today in my individual capacity, to focus the Commission's attention on the need for modifications to the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure as it affects the special permit process.

**The issue.** A few weeks ago, I attended a City Council Zoning and Franchise subcommittee hearing. The council members asked excellent questions on the multi-site zonings. However, in addition to the rezonings, I sat through a schedule that included an application for four tables for an outside café sidewalk, and some other similarly micro-applicable matters. There were no questions. I thought about how we spend Council's time and government resources-- and make even small development proposals costly and uncertain.

While many special permits from the past five years are sought in conjunction with a rezoning or text change applications, others are standalone applications. These include applications for parking waivers for a single building, allowing ground floor retail use, plaza design waivers, rear yard waivers, and adding a floor or two to an as-of-right warehouse.

One must ask: is it efficient or necessary for a legislative body overseeing 8 1/2 million people and approximately 8.38 billion square feet of land in 51 council districts to have hearings on what is essentially a single storefront or some parking spaces? And moreover, a matter affecting less than a tenth of one block in one of the 51 community districts? Could this not be better decided by the City Planning Commission or Chair, based on the applicant meeting specific standards or conditions identified in the permit text?

The proposals circulated to date address important affordable housing and other government issues in a thoughtful manner, seeking good government solutions. But why only housing and only a few of the ULURP actions? Economic development, efficiency, not-for-profit services, and good government generally is important to municipal growth and functioning, and a willingness of its citizens to make investments. Special permits affecting housing -- and also

small businesses and development generally -- that are narrowly focused and apply micro-locally should not be tied up in years of review and face the uncertainty of a Council call-up.

In the 1989 Charter revisions, it may have been intended or hoped that the “optional” city council call-up would mean that the Council would only call up projects that included issues affecting large areas or were of some City-wide interest. Instead, many are called-up for full review.

**The proposal.** Special permits which only affect a small area of land, and have no larger impacts should be exempted from a full ULURP review and end at City Planning, saving Council time and resources for matters that affect a larger area. Thus, special permits that are (1) for bulk waivers or solely ground floor use waivers (keeping the review for other “use” waivers); (2) that are not for “large scale development projects” as those are defined in the zoning resolution; and (3) do not trigger an environmental impact review (or EIS ), should not be subject to a seven-month process and full council review. They could go through the ELURP-type process; alternatively, Council call-up would not apply to the exempted applications, and the community and borough president review could be the collapsed 30-day period.

The findings and conditions for those special permits have been vetted through a full review process for text changes, which are legislative; the individual special permit is to determine if the facts of the specific site and application meet the findings, which is administrative. The exempted special permits should be administratively decided, with finality at the Planning Commission, as is done in many other localities. Local review and advice through the 30-day community board review would be part of the process.

I urge the Commission to consider expanding the proposal to exempt the special permits described above from the full process.

Very truly yours,

Carol E. Rosenthal





## **Comments on the New York City Charter Revision Commission's Interim Report**

**July 15, 2025**

Thank you Chair, Commissioners and staff for the opportunity to submit written comments on the Charter Revision Commission's Interim Report. My name is Barika Williams and I am the Executive Director for The Association for Neighborhood & Housing Development (ANHD). ANHD is a membership organization of NYC neighborhood-based housing and economic development groups, including CDCs, affordable housing developers, supportive housing providers, community organizers, and economic development advocates and service providers. Our mission is to build community power to win affordable housing and thriving, equitable neighborhoods for all New Yorkers. We believe housing justice is economic justice is racial justice.

ANHD also convenes the Thriving Communities Coalition (TCC) - a citywide movement of grassroots organizing, advocacy, policy, and technical assistance groups working across issue areas and neighborhoods. ANHD and TCC are united in the belief that our current ad-hoc approach to planning and land use in New York City does not effectively deliver for most New Yorkers, and that we need meaningful reform to ensure a more equitable distribution of development and investment to truly overcome inequality, exclusion, and displacement.

ANHD submitted two rounds of testimony to this Commission already. In our first round we called for a comprehensive planning mandate to be enshrined in the City Charter. Comprehensive planning is a long-standing goal of ANHD to move us towards a planning approach that better aligns and coordinates existing plans while centering racial, economic, health, and climate equity alongside intentional, robust, and representative community engagement to help build trust and work to achieve fairer, more informed, more democratic decisions and outcomes citywide and in our neighborhoods.

In our second round of testimony, acknowledging that the full scope of comprehensive planning was likely beyond the consideration of this Commission, we called for amendments to the City Charter to create a "mini Comprehensive Planning" process for housing by better aligning land use and budget decisions to achieve the targets set by the City's Fair Housing Plan. We are pleased to see the spirit of this recommendation incorporated into two of this Commission's Proposals - Proposal 1 and in sections of Proposal 2.

As stated in previous testimony we believe that any fast-tracking of ULURP proposals is most appropriate when it is forwarding the goals of a public plan. We have that plan already in the form of the Fair Housing Plan, an equity-focused plan that was enshrined in the Charter (Section 16-a) following passage by the City Council after careful crafting, consideration and deliberation, including in coordination with City agencies. Expediting certain housing proposals that serve to advance the Fair Housing Plan follows the model we are trying to promote with comprehensive planning in general: do upfront, equity-focused planning and then allow proposals that match the plan to move on a faster timeline.

This principle has informed our feedback on the four land-use and housing proposals put forward by this Commission that we share below.

#### **Proposal 1- Fast Track for Affordable Housing**

We support Proposal 1 to create a Fast Track for Affordable Housing and recognize similarity with recommendations we put forward to this Commission. We are particularly pleased to see this proposal is tied to the Fair Housing Plan passed by the City Council and that it includes a Capital Budget component. As longtime and committed advocates for comprehensive planning we believe these are important steps to build upon to move us towards a more comprehensive and equity-focused planning system.

To further strengthen Proposal 1 we recommend the following modifications:

- For HDFC projects that would move through BSA instead of ULURP, we **suggest adding AMI limits or a weighted AMI average** to ensure these projects are providing a meaningful amount of deeply affordable housing
  - This could be done through **adding a requirement that on a regular basis HPD promulgate rules** on the types of housing development fund company proposals that qualify for the fast-track (Section 666-a. - 1.)
  - We also **suggest changing the language to specify these proposals must be located *entirely* in a residential district** so as not to allow manufacturing district to residential district rezonings without going through ULURP (Section 666-a. - 2.)
- For mixed-income affordable projects that would move through an expedited ULURP we **suggest changing the metric for how the Fast Track's geography is identified** (Section 197-f. - a.)
  - For the first round of the Fair Housing Plan targets, commencing in October 2026, the Fast Track geography could be set through the Commission's proposal of



identifying the Community Districts with the lowest rate of affordable housing production - though **we believe that number should be set to 18 to align with the Fair Housing Plans “limited affordability area” definition**

- Starting with the second round of the Fair Housing Plan targets (October 2031) and thereafter, **the Fast Track geography should be comprised of those Community Districts that failed to meet their affordable housing targets over the previous 5 year period and that are not deemed a “high displacement risk area” per the Fair Housing Plan**
- We believe basing the fast track geography on targets is a sounder approach for several reasons
  - It incentivizes communities and their elected representatives to work to reach their affordable housing targets
  - It does not penalize communities that met their targets but still might happen to fall in the bottom quintile of affordable housing production
  - The targets established by the Fair Housing Plan take a more holistic approach towards setting affordable housing goals than simply basing it on the rate of affordable housing production - including being more response to displacement risk, historic levels of housing production, infrastructure needs, and climate change considerations

### **Proposal 2 - Expedited Land Use Review Procedure**

We support the portions of Proposal 2 connected to affordable housing development and agree with an expedited ULURP for dispositions, acquisitions, and City Map changes to advance publicly financed, 100% affordable housing development.

- **We suggest including the affordable housing pieces in Proposal 2 in Proposal 1’s language as well so it can move forward even if Proposal 2 is ultimately not approved by voters.** (Section 197-e. - b. 1, 4 & 5)

We are not able to support the portions of Proposal 2 tied to modest increases in housing density at this time. While we appreciate that these build upon the goals and policies of City of Yes, Zoning for Housing Opportunity, we have questions as to how this would play out in practice and if it would lead to an increase in deeply affordable housing given that 1) in lower density districts there would be no affordability requirements, 2) in mid- to high-density districts an increase that does not trigger MIH could forego the UAP FAR and provide no affordable units, and 3) where MIH is mapped there is no requirement as to what Option will be chosen.

- To address points 2 and 3 above we suggest
  - **Adding a requirement that proposals in mid- to high-density districts include affordable units through UAP or MIH** (Section 197-e. - b. 2)
    - This could be modeled on the proposed language in Section 197-f. - b. 2
  - **That where MIH will be applied it must be Option 1 or the Deep Affordability Option** (Section 197-e. - b. 2)

### **Proposal 3 - Land Use Appeals Board**

We do not support Proposal 3 to create a Land Use Appeals Board made up of the Mayor, City Council Speaker, and relevant Borough President. While we appreciate the need to balance citywide and local issues, we believe that allowing the Appeals Board the ability to overturn any Council ULURP decision, including individual modifications, would in practice be akin to a fast-track for all ULURP proposals - by removing the Council's ability to make binding modifications. This is particularly important given the other proposals this Commission is considering. If those proposals were to pass, the nature of Council ULURP review moving forward would likely be focused on either non-residential projects or, larger residential projects that are not 100% affordable, in neighborhoods that produce a decent amount of affordable housing today (that is, ULURP applications that fall outside the boundaries of Proposals 1 and 2). We believe these are exactly the type of projects where the Council should have the ability to negotiate and modify to ensure community needs are being met.

Absent a larger comprehensive planning process to establish equity goals and targets and community plans to meet them that we can then measure ULURP proposals against, we do not believe a Land Use Appeals Board is appropriate at this time.

### **Proposal 4 - City Map**

While outside the scope of what ANHD advocated for with this Commission, we support this proposal to modernize the City Map.

### **Conclusion**

We urge this Commission to adopt our suggested changes to your proposals which we believe will help move us towards a more equitable system of planning and housing development and serve as a precedent for future comprehensive planning efforts to build upon. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Chair Richard R. Buery Jr. and Commissioners:

Please find attached testimony from Manhattan Community Board 7. We thank you for your continued work on these important matters.

Respectfully submitted,


Seema Reddy

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July 15, 2025

Chair Richard R. Buery Jr. and Commissioners  
New York City Charter Revision Commission  
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**Subject: Response to the 2025 New York City Charter Revision Commission Preliminary & Interim Reports**

Dear Chair Buery and Commissioners,

Community Board 7/Manhattan (MCB7) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the 2025 New York City Charter Revision Commission's Preliminary and Interim Reports, released on April 30 and July 1, respectively. As the most grassroots form of local government, Community Boards play a pivotal role in shaping our communities by fostering citizen participation in City government, monitoring services, reviewing land use applications, and making budget recommendations. Our insights are crucial for ensuring that Charter reforms truly enhance the effectiveness of city governance and address the unprecedented challenges facing our neighborhoods. Our charter-mandated independence is vital for honest, community-driven planning and oversight. Any proposed changes to the Charter must strengthen, not diminish, the capacity of Community Boards to fulfill their essential role in representing our community, educating the public and compiling local input, particularly in the face of unprecedented challenges related to housing production and preservation, affordability, climate, and public engagement.

We have reviewed the Report's proposals concerning housing and land use issues. Our comments are structured in response to the key questions posed by the Commission.

**I. Housing and Land Use.** The Commission rightly identifies the urgent need to address New York City's housing affordability crisis and structural inefficiencies in housing production. MCB7 has repeatedly identified affordable housing as a primary concern in our District Needs Statements and are eager to see the development of more affordable housing in our community. We offer the following perspectives on the proposed reforms:

**A. Question #1: Fast Tracking Affordable Housing.** We acknowledge and generally support the Commission's intent to create new fast-track public processes for publicly-financed affordable housing and for projects in those districts producing the least affordable housing. However, certain aspects raise concerns for Community Boards:

1. **Fast Track Zoning Action:** MCB7 proposes the Commission increase the scope of its amendment by allowing the following types of projects to be eligible for a fast-track process:
  - Projects that include greater than 10% affordable housing, regardless of the type of financing.

- Development on land controlled by certain NYC Agencies providing crucial services to the public (e.g., Health & Hospitals, Department of Education, etc.).
2. **Identifying Districts for Insufficient Affordable Housing Production:** MCB7 is eager to see both the development of new affordable housing and the preservation of existing affordable housing within our district; however, we object to the punitive tone associated with the proposal to establish a fast-track procedure for applications in the 12 Community Districts that had the least affordable housing over a five-year period. MCB7 has consistently taken the position that all new residential construction in our district should include mandatory affordable housing.

**B. Question #2: Simplify Review of Modest Housing and Infrastructure Projects.**

We support the goal of creating an Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) for modest housing, dispositions, and infrastructure projects, acknowledging that the current Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) can be overly burdensome for smaller changes.

1. **Consolidating Community Board and Borough President Review Periods:** MCB7 proposes a requirement that the affected Community Board(s) receive early notice of a ULURP / ELURP (Uniform Land Use Review Procedure / Expedited Land Use Review Procedure) application in advance of certification, ensuring the Board is familiar with the application before the ULURP / ELURP clock begins to run, regardless of any changes made to the review period.<sup>1</sup> We have found this advance notice is essential for Boards to become familiar with the application before the official ULURP clock begins to run, ensuring significant community engagement and thoughtful public input. Without it, the timeline runs the risk of undermining thorough review, particularly for complex proposals.
2. **Modifications to the Pre-Certification Process:** The reports discuss ways in which projects with affordable housing can be speeded up. After environmental review, perhaps attention should be given to the largest roadblock - the time between application and certification by City Planning. Since every other participant in the process has a deadline, why not consider imposing a deadline on City Planning, at least for projects containing at least 10% affordable housing?

**C. Question #3: Establish a Land Use Appeals Board with Council, Borough, and Citywide Voices.** We recognize the Commission's objective to strike a better balance between local, borough, *and* citywide views in the land use review process and address the practice of "member deference." However, the proposed Appeals Board, consisting of the Mayor, City Council Speaker, and Borough President, is viewed by our Board as an overly complicated solution that might lengthen rather than shorten the process. While the practice of a single Council Member effectively vetoing projects in their district, sometimes to the detriment of the city, can be problematic, the residents of the community rely on their local Council Members to support them. This can be a difficult

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<sup>1</sup> Even after extensive discussion amongst MCB7's Housing & Land Use Committee, we were unable to come to an agreement about whether to consolidate the review periods for the Community Board and the Borough President.

problem, but we believe that solutions should aim for simplicity and clear accountability. Instead of the proposed Appeals Board, if both the Borough President of the affected borough and the Mayor agree, they can overrule a City Council land use action. This approach could provide a necessary check on localized decisions without adding unnecessary additional steps or lengthening the process. So as not to further delay the process, the veto rights allowed to the Mayor and Borough president(s) should follow a very strict deadline window, (e.g. 15 days), since they will already be familiar with the project.

**D. Question #4: Modernize the City Map.** We support the Commission's recommendation to centralize the administration of the City Map within the Department of City Planning (DCP).

1. **Collaboration with Borough Presidents:** We urge DCP to collaborate with Borough President cartographic offices to preserve invaluable localized institutional knowledge and prevent data loss during this transition. The expertise within these offices is critical for the success of this modernization effort.
2. **Infrastructure and Capital Planning:** We support changes that would link infrastructure expenditures and capital planning with areas that will be receiving additional density. This ensures that growth is accompanied by necessary community investments. The Charter should ensure that community investments in infrastructure and amenities are made in concert with new housing.

**II. Other Land Use and Planning Considerations.** Beyond the specific ballot questions, we wish to offer additional recommendations:

**A. Environmental Review:** While we understand any modifications to required environmental reviews may require state-level action, we urge the Commission to advocate for such reforms. MCB7 suggests that environmental review can actively discourage construction. We propose that an environmental review should take place only in response to any unusual environmental conditions (e.g. contaminants in the soil; possibility of floods; shadows identified by City Planning or any other City agency; or other significant concern; etc.).

**B. HPD Transparency:** We urge the Commission to consider reforms requiring the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) to be more transparent in its dealings with private developers, bolstering the agency's accountability to the public.

**III. Strengthening Community Boards and Ensuring Resources.** A recurring theme throughout our Board's discussions is the critical need to strengthen Community Boards through adequate resources and support to effectively fulfill their Charter-mandated roles in the face of the challenges the City faces.

**A. Resources for Complex Projects:** MCB7 is committed to fostering a transparent, well-resourced, and inclusive planning process that protects community interests and promotes equitable growth citywide. Community Boards act as the primary conduit for community opinion on local matters. We serve as the fundamental first line of

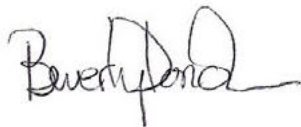


government engagement for NYC residents, offering unique value in resolving complicated cross-jurisdictional problems before they even make it onto any City Agency or Elected Official's radars. Thus, we affirm the need for additional review time through notification in the pre-certification phase and technical and professional resources for reviewing atypically large or complex projects, and any project necessitating zoning changes or multiple variances or significant modifications to large-scale plans. Community Boards would strongly benefit from an allocation of funds and other resources for planning, in order to be able to thoroughly analyze environmental, socioeconomic, and design impacts of ULURP actions, and community-driven 197-a plans. Where appropriate, the applicant ideally should be responsible for funding resources needed for ULURP / ELURP -related reviews by Community Boards.

**B. Enhanced and Earlier Public Notice:** To further strengthen community input, **we request improved, earlier, and more accessible public notice for all land use actions**, with all notices sent directly to the relevant local elected officials and Community Boards as soon as possible.

In conclusion, MCB7 reiterates its commitment to a transparent, well-resourced, and inclusive planning process that protects community interests and fosters equitable growth citywide. We urge the Commission to consider these recommendations to strengthen the vital role of Community Boards in our city's governance. Thank you for your consideration of these vital comments. We stand ready to provide further input as the Commission continues its important work.

Sincerely,



Chair, Manhattan Community Board 7



*Tibita Kaneene*

Seema Reddy and Tibita Kaneene, Co-Chairs, Housing & Land Use Committee





**Testimony of the  
New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development  
to the Charter Review Commission  
July 7, 2025**

Good evening, Chair Buery, Vice Chair Greenberger, Secretary Bozorg, and members of the Charter Revision Commission. I am Ahmed Tigani, Acting Commissioner of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD). I am joined by my colleague Michael Sandler, Associate Commissioner for Neighborhood Strategies. We're thankful for the opportunity to testify on how this Commission's proposed revisions to the City Charter will accelerate our agency's work to create and preserve affordable housing for New Yorkers and help address our long-standing fair housing challenges.

We commend this Commission's reports, which document the limitations and challenges of the charter's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) in balancing meaningful community involvement with the emergency confronting the current state of housing access in our City. HPD greatly values, and places tremendous resources into, community engagement when we advance new projects through various discretionary approval processes. Yet, it's hard to ignore that ULURP has regularly become a speed bump—if not a roadblock—to lowering housing prices for everyone and expanding New Yorkers' choices to move to where is best for them. At a time when we need to build in every neighborhood to respond to the ongoing housing emergency, ULURP adds cost and time, ultimately limiting HPD's ability to build deeply affordable housing.

The proposed solutions thoughtfully restore the intent of the 1989 charter to integrate local perspectives into a citywide decision-making framework while providing new tools to address the urgency of historically low vacancy rates. If approved by voters in the fall:

- **Bureaucratic redundancy for subsidized affordable housing will be slashed.** State and local laws and procedures—including environmental review, building safety standards, agency review, underwriting standards, and public reporting—will continue to provide accountability and transparency in the development process, especially when taxpayer dollars are used. For public sites conformant with zoning, the proposed Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELURP) would not only reduce the development

timeline by three months, but, by eliminating “pre-certification,” also free up bandwidth at Department of City Planning (DCP) and on the City Planning Commission (CPC)’s calendar for more complex land use issues.

- **This means HPD will be able to get shovels in the ground faster and use subsidy more efficiently, allowing us to build more units at deeper affordability levels.** Rather than spending time on process, we can focus on neighborhood engagement, including envisioning alongside communities and elected officials how best to serve neighborhoods with public land.
- **At the same time, local voices through Community Board review will still continue to be a central part of the review process.** Projects that raise novel land use issues and warrant the time and cost of a holistic review will continue to leverage the strength of the existing full ULURP. However, given the immense burdens of limited choice and higher prices that New Yorkers currently bear every day, we no longer have the luxury of allowing a small group of voices to delay and stop housing. As others have testified before this Commission, today’s charter sometimes puts City Council Members in the challenging position of deciding between what is right for the city as a whole and responding to anti-housing voices in their district. At the same time, HPD remains a trusted partner with neighbors and elected officials who have a genuine desire to strengthen their communities. Where zoning is outdated, a comprehensive planning effort that incorporates anticipated climate impacts, infrastructure constraints, and gaps in public amenities will still place elected officials front-and-center in guiding future growth.

To illustrate the impact, we would like to share three recent affordable housing projects:

1. 1093-1095 Jerome Avenue in Highbridge shows how ULURP disadvantages affordable housing compared to market-rate housing. Unanimously supported by community members and elected officials at all levels, this recently approved project replaces two structurally unsound buildings with a newly-constructed 100% affordable building serving low-income individuals and families, including a set-aside for older adults. Yet even for projects like this one that meet zoning requirements, our financing guidelines, and our neighborhood planning goals, ULURP is required for public land disposition while an identical project on private land would require no discretionary review. For this project, HPD spent over a year in “pre-certification” and 7 months in ULURP itself working with DCP and the developer to prepare and review ULURP-specific documents, even though the ultimate approvals voted on by the City Council was a single page project summary. Under the proposed ELURP, projects that conform with zoning would

skip “pre-certification” and continue to undergo community review, but would then go straight to the City Council.

2. 97-04 Sutphin Boulevard in Jamaica shows how the process even for minor changes zoning puts projects at risk. This transit-oriented housing project, replacing a single-story health center, is delivering senior housing above a new facility operated by the Community Healthcare Network and is supported with Resolution A funding from then-Council Member and, later, Speaker Adrienne Adams. The project, however, needed ULURP to rezone the site to be a part of the immediately-adjacent zoning district. In the years between when the project was first conceived and when it received approvals, hard costs and interest rates rose. While collaborative problem-solving addressed the financing gap, many similar projects end up stalled or canceled because of the length of ULURP. The urgency of the current crisis warrants a faster alternative process for quickly creating new publicly-financed affordable housing that integrates into the existing neighborhood. In the future, projects like this one could instead leverage the Fast Track Zoning Action at the BSA, which would be available only for entities formed as Housing Development Fund Corporations and organized specifically to develop low-income housing.
3. Finally, The Beacon East Harlem shows how full ULURP will continue to be used and how it shines. Rooted in the East Harlem Neighborhood Plan and approved by the City Council this past March, this 100% affordable housing mixed-use development on public land benefited from ULURP as it exists today, as well as from the East Harlem Neighborhood Plan and Request For Proposal (RFP) processes. Through it, Manhattan Community Board 11 and Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala ensured continued delivery of critical services by nonprofits housed in the Multi-Service Center by strengthening the relocation plan. For projects like it with multiple and complex land use actions—in this case, a zoning map change and zoning text change to map Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH), disposition of City property, and a change to the City Map to resolve historical property line issues and to create a new pedestrian pathway into New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)'s Wagner Houses campus—ULURP’s comprehensive approach provided transparency and a predictable structure that helped facilitate interagency collaboration.

In addition to accelerating the types of projects already in our pipeline, these proposed amendments also create more viable pathways for projects currently precluded by ULURP. For too long, Black and Brown New Yorkers, immigrants, people with disabilities, low-to-moderate income families, and other marginalized communities have been closed out of certain neighborhoods across the city. As part of Where We Live NYC, our report on and commitments towards fairer housing, we found that New York City has become increasingly diverse yet still segregated by, for example, race and ethnicity by most measures and that these measures

ultimately correlate with unequal life outcomes. While the factors that keep our city segregated have changed, rising housing costs and the obstacles to building more housing in many neighborhoods have continued to limit housing choice for New Yorkers.

As we shared during our testimony in March, housing discrimination and lack of choice remain ongoing challenges exacerbated by our city's severe housing shortage. To meet our fair housing goals, where we build is just as important as how much we build; and we need to build in every neighborhood to ensure that New Yorkers can choose to live in the neighborhood that best meets their needs. The Commission's Affordable Housing Fast Track proposal to build on the Speaker's Fair Housing Framework will be critical to reversing historical inequities that have closed off certain neighborhoods. This framework, which was passed unanimously by City Council in 2023, establishes a long-term citywide housing needs assessment as well as Community District-level growth targets across income levels. By expediting affordable housing in districts that are doing the least to solve our housing crisis, enabling modest increases in multifamily housing, and incorporating the fair housing plan and these 12 geographies into the City's Ten-Year Capital Strategy, New Yorkers will have a greater ability to choose between two viable and desirable options: moving to where it makes the most sense for them or staying in a neighborhood that receives equitable investment.

Recognizing the scale and complexity of our housing crisis and fair housing challenges, these charter tools are a critical part of an "all of the above" approach that builds on the momentum of City of Yes and the set of state legislative pro-housing approvals gained in 2023 and 2024. Over the next few months as we finalize this year's update to Where We Live NYC and put forth bold new actions that build on our prior commitments, we will be proactively analyzing how our procedures and policies would adapt in response to these new charter tools. Should these changes be approved by voters in the fall, HPD will be ready to hit the ground running to accelerate affordable housing production and expand housing choice. HPD urges this Commission to put all proposed housing amendments onto the ballot and give voters the power to advance our agency's mission and create a more affordable, inclusive, and stronger New York City of tomorrow.



**Testimony of Council Member Shahana Hanif to the 2025 Charter Revision  
Commission**  
*July 15, 2025*

I'm Council Member Shahana Hanif and I have the privilege of representing Brooklyn's 39th District. Thank you to the 2025 Charter Revision Commission for providing the opportunity for public testimony.

Increasing voter turnout in our local elections is an urgent and necessary goal—one that this Commission is well-positioned to advance. I strongly support Proposal 5, which would align municipal elections with federal election years. This change has already proven effective in other localities, significantly boosting voter participation, and I believe it would do the same here in New York City.

In contrast, Proposal 6—which would end party primary elections in favor of a so-called “jungle primary” model—raises serious concerns. A change of this magnitude necessitates a far more robust community engagement process than we've seen so far, as well as broader consensus across diverse stakeholders. At this time, I do not believe either threshold has been met.

That said, I don't reflexively oppose exploring alternatives to our current primary system. Reforms like ranked choice voting have already shown promise in helping voters more fully express their preferences.

However, the merits of other reforms—including open partisan primary models such as those used in Massachusetts and Virginia—have not received sufficient evaluation. The implications for campaign financing, voter behavior, and representation require careful study and public discussion.

Finally, it's important to acknowledge that Proposal 6 is emerging in the immediate aftermath of a highly contentious election cycle. This timing risks undermining public trust in the process and adds to the proposal's polarizing nature.

For these reasons, I urge the Commission to advance Proposal 5 to the ballot and reject Proposal 6 for now.

Turning to Proposal 1, I'm encouraged by its goal to fast-track affordable housing in every community. However, we must also address the significant pre-ULURP delays: land use applications often sit for years at the Department of City Planning (DCP) and in environmental review before reaching certification. The real bottleneck is not ULURP itself; many projects approved through ULURP more than two years ago are still awaiting financing from Housing Preservation & Development (HPD).

There's also widespread confusion about the land use process. Charter reforms should prioritize community education and engagement—both from the City and developers—to combat misinformation and increase transparency.

While Council Members vary in how they negotiate land use projects, many of us play a critical role in balancing competing interests. From my own experience, including the successful Arrow Linen Rezoning in Windsor Terrace, I've seen how a thoughtful process can deliver more affordable housing. But I've also seen how a narrow set of voices—often not representative of those most in need—can dominate public discourse. To truly meet our housing needs, the land use process must amplify input from residents without secure or stable housing, who are too often excluded.

Thank you for your consideration.

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July 15, 2025

Chair Buery and Members of the Commission,

After careful review of the [Proposed Charter Amendments](#), I write with appreciation for the thoughtful and urgent work you've undertaken to address the inequities in housing development across New York City. You've elevated the critical conversation around how too many communities have failed to build their fair share of housing—an issue that has long contributed to segregation, displacement, and injustice.

Our shared goal is a fairer, more inclusive city, which is why in this testimony [I urge the Commission to revise Questions 1 and 2 to ensure balanced reform—and to remove Question 3 entirely](#).

A more inclusive city starts with reforms that empower, not silence, the communities most impacted by our land use decisions. The specific recommendations below would result in a more inclusive approach.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

### QUESTION 1: Fast Track Approvals for Affordable Housing

- **What the Commission is trying to solve for:** the need for increased affordable housing development in exclusionary areas and for streamlining approvals for affordable projects.
- **Recommendation #1a:** Align the fast-track metric with the Fair Housing Framework's Community District targets.
- **Team Sanchez Rationale:**
  - **Flawed Selection Method.** The Commission writes in its *Interim Report* that Question 1 “creates an enforcement mechanism for the Fair Housing Framework.” But the standard Question 1 uses to establish which Community Districts are out of compliance does not mirror the Framework's.
  - Question 1 uses a ***simplistic definition***: it identifies the 12 Community Districts that have produced, measured by construction permits, the least affordable housing over the previous five years (normalized for the CD's total amount of housing). This definition does not account for the availability of low-cost housing, and does not establish a specific target for communities to work toward.
  - The [Fair Housing Framework](#) provides a ***more holistic approach***: it establishes specific, five-year Community District targets for total housing, affordable housing, and



supportive housing. In doing so, it takes into account more than the number of units permitted. It requires, for instance, that the City (likely HPD and DCP) consider whether a Community District is a "Limited Affordability Area," a benchmark that is directly tied to the *availability of affordable housing*—a more precise and relevant standard than affordable units permitted.

- Furthermore, Community Districts need a stronger incentive to reach their targets, and greater agency in how they do so. I recommend this be achieved with the creation of a **"Community Planning Pathway" (CPP)**, which would create a community-driven path to compliance. The CPP would allow a Community District to exit the "fast track" category if: (1) the CD adopts a neighborhood plan and rezoning that puts it on track to reach its Fair Housing Framework target and (2) the CPC finds that the plan is likely to result in the CD reaching its FHF target.
- **Recommendation 1b: Limit the BSA Fast Track to 100% affordable housing in noncompliant Community Districts.**
- **Team Sanchez Rationale:**
  - **The BSA Fast Track** would give HPD-financed, HDFC-owned affordable housing projects a highly expedited path to approval. But this aspect of Question 1 is flawed in two respects.
    - **First**, it creates too broad a universe by not requiring that every or a reasonable percentage of units be income-restricted, or setting what those income restrictions must be (aside from the legal limits of HDFCs); rather, the project must simply be developed "in whole *or in part* for affordable housing."
    - **Second**, it is not tailored to areas of the city that have refused to allow the construction of new affordable housing; rather, it categorically removes these projects from ULURP citywide. In failing to restrict this path to exclusionary areas only, the Commission removes entirely the Council's ability to ***improve*** proposed affordable housing by infusing valuable local expertise—expertise the BSA does not hold—into the project.
    - **One example in my district**, at 2017 Grand Concourse, illustrates this point. I recommended approval of this 9-story, 34-unit, 100% affordable building, and the Council voted unanimously in favor of HPD's application. But I did so only after fierce advocacy for two key improvements to the project: deeper affordability and increased community space within the development. The BSA Fast Track, as currently written, eliminates the ability of the Council to negotiate categorically beneficial improvements to an affordable housing project—improvements that are rooted in a deep understanding of local needs—before ultimately *approving* its construction.

## QUESTION 2: Expedited Land Use Review Procedure (ELERP)

- **What the Commission is trying to solve for:** The need to streamline modest, needed development currently delayed by full ULURP—especially housing and infrastructure—by adding a new §197-e to the Charter: an "expedited land use review procedure," or ELERP.

ELERP would apply only to actions that do not require a full EIS and fall into these categories:

- In R6 districts and above, housing projects that increase capacity by up to 30%
- In R1-R5 districts, housing projects that are up to 45ft tall, i.e. "modest multifamily"
- Acquisition, disposition, and City Map changes for affordable housing and use of sliver lots
- Some infrastructure and resiliency measures (flood prevention, voluntary buyouts, solar)

- Any other future categories proposed by the CPC and approved by the City Council
- **Recommendation 2a: Allow CPC and City Council to jointly alter or remove eligible categories.**
- **Recommendation 2b: Exclude high-risk flood zones from ELERP eligibility.**
- **Recommendation 2c: Add projects aligned with adopted community, borough, or comprehensive plans as ELERP-eligible.**
- **Team Sanchez Rationale:** This proposal correctly identifies inefficiencies in ULURP for low-impact development. But we must retain flexibility to adjust eligibility over time, exclude climate-vulnerable areas, and reward communities engaged in proactive planning. These changes will enable real-time learning while protecting communities.

### QUESTION 3: Land Use Appeals Board

- **What the Commission is trying to solve for:** Excessive member deference and to create an override mechanism for worthy projects blocked by the Council.
  - Question 3 creates a new “Land Use Appeals Board” consisting of the Mayor, Speaker, and relevant Borough President. The Board’s power would be two-fold. First, through a 2/3 vote, the Board could reverse a Council “no” vote into a “yes.” Second, and perhaps more dramatically, 2/3 of the Board could line-item veto any modification made by the City Council. The Board could exercise these powers over all single-borough projects (excluding urban renewal plans) that go through ULURP.
- **Recommendation 3: Do not advance this question to the ballot.**
- **Team Sanchez Rationale:** Although the Commission frames this question as “eliminat[ing] the Mayor’s veto power,” in practice this proposal would strengthen the Mayor, significantly empower the Borough Presidents, and greatly diminish the City Council’s power. In attempting to solve for the tradition of member deference, the Commission has gone too far: replacing one set of political problems with another and undermining the ability of the Council to add beneficial modifications that are responsive to local needs.
- **Problematic Redistribution of Power**
  - Under Question 3, the Council’s ability to make **substantive, beneficial modifications** is significantly undermined. The Council is not merely an obstruction to new development; it is a vital channel for embedding local expertise and community needs into new development. In cases where the Borough President sides with the Mayor, the most direct path for local concerns—concerns that often lead to an approval with modifications, not outright disapproval—is all but eliminated.
  - In addition, Question 3 undermines the Council’s ability to negotiate **localized community benefits**—often the only way disenfranchised communities receive the capital investment they need. The Borough President brings a valuable borough-wide perspective; but this borough-wide view may complicate securing benefits for the neighborhood that the project impacts directly. And, like other elected officials, Borough Presidents too are motivated in part by politics; their role is not as straightforward as the Commission describes in its report.
  - It is not difficult to imagine a scenario where a Mayor and Borough President work in concert to advance **a project which benefits each of them politically, but is harmful**

**to the community in which that project is located.** Under Question 3, the Council would have no ability to provide a valuable check on these kinds of projects: not through disapproval, and not even through a thoughtful modification that better aligns the proposal with community needs.

- Consider the recent Western Rail Yards ULURP, which was ultimately approved by the Council with modifications. Here, the Council negotiated significant community benefits: a higher share of affordable units, increased open space, and the withdrawal of a proposed casino in that neighborhood. Under Question 3, this could have easily played out very differently: with a potential Mayor and Borough President who stand to benefit from a new casino, their majority on the Appeals Board could green-light the casino—with none of the beneficial modifications that the Council secured.
- Finally, the Mayor already has a sizable role in the ULURP process. She appoints the majority of the CPC (including its Chair), manages the environmental review process, and—in the case of neighborhood rezonings and public land projects—initiates the application herself (through her agencies). To give the Mayor yet another “bite at the apple,” as a potentially decisive vote on the three-member Appeals Board, is excessive.
- Minimum Changes. As noted, I recommend that the Commission decline to send Question 3 to the ballot. At minimum, I urge you to make the following changes:
  - **First**, any application that has already entered ULURP with one set of rules should be allowed to finish ULURP with the same set of rules. But as currently written, if the voters approve, Question 3 “shall take effect *immediately* upon certification” of the November election. Here, the Commission risks upending thoughtful negotiations that are well under way and may be in a sensitive place when the election is certified. Instead, the Commission could have this proposal apply only to projects that are certified into ULURP after its effective date.
  - **Second**, the Board should not be given authority to line-item veto Council modifications. A more narrowly tailored role, where the Board can only reverse a Council disapproval, would preserve the Council’s ability to shape proposals beneficially. (To protect against a modification that is so large in scope that it effectively acts as a veto, the Commission could add an “impact threshold” that, if triggered, makes a modification override eligible.)
  - **Third**, the Commission should limit the Board’s authority to private applications only and remove neighborhood rezonings from the universe of projects eligible for an override. (Under my recommendations for Question 1, neighborhood rezonings in fair housing areas could still be fast-tracked under the “Community Planning Pathway.”)

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Before the Commission’s final vote on July 21st, I urge you to make the above changes to Questions 1 and 2, and leave Question 3 off of the ballot entirely.

Sincerely,



Pierina Ana Sánchez  
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# COLORADO WORKING FAMILIES PARTY

July 15, 2025

Dear NYC Charter Review Commissioners,

I write to urge you to oppose any proposals which contain a so-called “jungle primary”, and to share our recent experience here in Colorado in the hopes that it is illuminating. I was hoping to deliver these remarks in person at the Manhattan hearing, but unfortunately was not called before the end of the meeting.

At that hearing, I heard a few things. First, I heard people confusing and conflating “open primaries” with a jungle primary system also being promoted. These two things are vastly different proposals. While I would not presume to speak for our New York State chapter, particularly as New York operates in a fusion system and we do not, here in Colorado we have an “open primary” system and have no objection to it. This was passed by ballot measure, and essentially all it means is that Unaffiliated voters in Colorado -- about half of our registered voters -- can choose to vote in one party’s primary if they so choose. So, if I am an Unaffiliated voter, I can pick a Democratic primary ballot if I like this year, and then two years later pick a Republican primary ballot if I so choose, as one example. This is a very simple and straightforward thing that preserves traditional party primaries while giving Unaffiliateds input into the process. In general, this system works quite well for Colorado, and it was and is supported by many of the good government groups in our state.

However, what we do not have -- because it was soundly rejected by Colorado voters last November in another ballot measure -- is a “jungle primary” system that undoes party primaries completely and puts all candidates into a giant pool that still is somehow called a “primary”. In short, this was utter nonsense designed to re-write Colorado’s election laws to favor wealthy interests, as it essentially would give them two bites at the apple to elect a favored candidate in EVERY race. In a safe blue or red seat, a jungle primary system essentially forces not one, but two competitive primaries. And in a purple seat, it forces two competitive general elections. It therefore makes it much more likely that those with big money can impose their will, because if they don’t like the first results, they can always double or triple their money in the second round.

That is exactly why wealthy special interests spent approximately \$19 million in an attempt to pass this “more big money in politics” absurdity called Proposition 131 in Colorado - I believe, a record sum. And who funded this? Chevron - yes, literal Big Oil. A Walton heir and several other uber-wealthy individuals. And, more than anyone else: Kent Thiry, the indicted fraudster and former CEO of DaVita Dialysis, who was widely rumored to be planning a run for Governor in 2026 if Prop 131 had passed. You see, he knew he couldn’t make it through a traditional Republican primary as a business Republican in the era of Boebert and Trump, so as one of Colorado’s richest men, he decided he would use that wealth to try to re-write the rules to create a path for himself to the Governor’s mansion. He even dropped million\$ into our primary

elections in 2024 in support of corporate-backed candidates who endorsed this cynical scheme -- a literal nod, perhaps, to how he would continue to behave if this system were adopted.

But the good news for us here in Colorado is this: with raising and spending only about \$400,000, we sent Thiry, Chevron and the rest of these uber-wealthy schemers home with their tails between their legs. As soon as we started telling people who was spending all that big money in support of Prop 131 -- and that they were making this investment because they wanted to rig our electoral systems even more in their favor -- it started sinking like a stone from previously favorable polling, and ultimately was voted down, losing 54%-46% and the vast majority of counties in Colorado. It turns out that when people find how Machiavellian and twisted jungle primary schemes actually are, they don't just walk away from them, they run. And they don't have to be told twice.

Once people find out the truth about jungle primaries, they become wildly unpopular -- as they should! In the Manhattan hearing I heard Unite America -- the main organization behind the YES side of Prop 131 in Colorado, and of which Thiry is a leader and major funder -- peddle the same tired snake oil they tried to here about this utter nonsense being good for voters. I imagine it will go over about as well there as it did in Colorado, once New Yorkers realize, as we did out West, who is behind the effort and what game they are actually playing.

You would be wise to heed the lesson that this is a wildly unpopular scheme. It is also, thankfully, one we are quite skilled at exposing, with seemingly no amount of money able to deflect from the simple truths we tell about it. We hope that we do not have to continue this fight with Thiry and his minions in New York. But, if we do, we are certainly prepared to work alongside our state chapter there -- because this David is ready to take down Goliath again in every place he attempts to raise this utter bullhockey.

Respectfully,

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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Huanjie Li, and I am the community engagement manager with the MinKwon Center for Community Action, a community-based organization in Flushing founded by Korean democracy activist Yoon Han Bong, with a mission to serve and empower Korean and Chinese immigrant New Yorkers and build power for all AAPI communities. I am here today to **express our opposition** to the proposed adoption of a so-called “**jungle primary**” **system** for New York City elections.

First, this Charter Revision process has been fundamentally inaccessible to the communities I serve. While working-class immigrants are struggling with daily survival, worried about Medicaid cuts and the threat of deportation, there has been zero city-led, in-language outreach to make us aware of this process. The commission’s report is over 100 pages and only in English, shutting out our Limited English Proficient community members. This entire process, with its rushed hearings and lack of real multi-lingual engagement, has no real consent from the people it’s supposed to benefit.

As a community organizer, I see how long-term voter education empowers immigrant voters. This proposal does the opposite; it creates chaos. We are still teaching our communities how to navigate Ranked Choice Voting. Now, there are people proposing a system where an unaffiliated voter we just educated could vote in a city primary in 2029, but then be turned away from the gubernatorial and congressional primary in 2030. Then they’ll be able to vote for the primary again, but only on half of the ballot because that will be 2032. This on-and-off eligibility will break the trust we work so hard to build, alienating our newest voters from the system. The right way to build up our community is through patient, long-term education—helping new voters understand the same political system that we have locally, statewide, and nationally, have a sense of belonging, pride, and get politically active through volunteering, organizing to form a lifelong habit of civic participation. Taking a shortcut that results in long-term disruption and confusion is not the answer.





If the commission's goal is to increase turnout, this is not the way. There is no evidence that jungle primaries boost voter participation. Look at California, where turnout has stayed almost exactly the same since 2012. In practice, open primaries have led to incumbent candidates with little or no competition calling for people to vote for a weaker opponent in the opposing party, undermining the spirit and foundation of the voting process, which is riskier in politically polarized environments. Voters across the country also dislike this system—just last year, it was rejected on the ballot in six different states. We cannot let New York City become a lab rat for a rejected experiment.

The best way to boost turnout isn't a confusing new system; it's knocking on doors, talking about issues, and moving our city elections to even years, when more people are already voting. We are open to having further democratically facilitated community conversations on how to reform the current system. But this rushed jungle primary proposal is not the answer.

**I urge you to reject this proposal.** Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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July 15th, 2025

Testimony to the NYC Charter Revision Commission

Dear Members of the Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed Charter amendments. As you consider sweeping changes to the foundational rules of our city's governance, I urge you to take community and stakeholder feedback seriously—this process is not just procedural, it is consequential. You are making decisions that will shape land use, power dynamics, and democracy in New York City for decades to come.

**Question 1: Fast-Tracking Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP)**

The proposal to fast-track land use applications in districts that have built the least affordable housing may appear to address equity, but I fear it misses the mark in both strategy and impact.

This is duplicative and not holistic. The City Council already passed the Fair Housing Framework, which offers a more comprehensive and balanced approach to equitable planning. It sets clear targets, considers historical disinvestment, and creates a citywide roadmap. The Charter should not undermine that work.

The proposed change assumes City Council is the problem—it's not. Council Members are already grappling with tough decisions, and removing layers of accountability won't make housing more equitable. It may just fast-track bad projects.

We should be syncing with the city's existing planning efforts, not introducing conflicting mechanisms that will increase confusion and erode trust.

**Question 3: Letting BP and Mayor Propose Charter Amendments Directly**

I strongly oppose the creation of a Land Use Appeals Board. This proposal fundamentally undermines the work Council Members do at the local level to negotiate land use applications, secure community benefits, and hold developers accountable. If just two people—who may not represent or answer to the impacted neighborhood—can override these decisions, then the entire ULURP process becomes meaningless.

Council Members work closely with community boards, residents, and city agencies to shape projects that reflect local needs and values. This isn't just about power—it's about trust. Creating

an appeals board sends a clear message that community input is optional, not essential. That's not how you build a more equitable or effective land use system. I fear the goal of this option is to clear the way for politically motivated land use decisions.

### **Open Primaries**

I remain strongly opposed to open primaries in New York City.

Open primaries have no place in this commission's work and feel completely out of step with its stated mission. Given we so recently changed the way we vote with Rank Choice and Fusion voting, this can further confuse voters and undermine the voter education work that has been done over the past four years. Instead of expanding participation, it risks silencing the very voices we need more of in our politics.

In a city like New York, where Democrats make up the overwhelming majority, open primaries give disproportionate influence to people who aren't part of the party and may not share its values. That's not democratic—it's distortion. These changes weaken grassroots organizing and favor the well-funded and well-known, not the bold or community-rooted. There is no turnout crisis this solves. If we're serious about improving our democracy, we should be investing in civic education, voter access, and real infrastructure—not weakening the mechanisms that give working-class and movement candidates a fighting chance.

Again, thank you for your time. The Charter is not a document to experiment with lightly. The decisions you make will fundamentally alter who has power and how it's exercised. Please treat that responsibility with the seriousness it deserves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Gutiérrez". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Jennifer Gutiérrez

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## OFFICE OF THE BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

**ANTONIO REYNOSO**

Brooklyn Borough President

Members and staff of the Charter Revision Commission,

As this process comes to a close, I want to thank you again for your thoughtful approach to addressing our city's housing crisis through Charter change. Below are my updated comments on the ballot proposals as outlined in your Interim Report:

### **Proposal 1: Fast Tracking Affordable Housing**

I generally support the Fast Track Zoning Action, which would allow 100% income-restricted projects (as defined by a regulatory agreement) owned by HDFCs to receive approval from the Board of Standards and Appeals rather than the ULURP process. Our housing crisis is dire, and allowing affordable housing development to have its own expedited process is a smart solution.

I also support the Affordable Housing Fast Track in concept. Requiring districts to do their fair share of housing development is another critical step toward creating enough affordable housing to meet citywide needs. However, I previously recommended creating a fast track for projects that are in line with a citywide comprehensive plan. Barring that, I recommended giving community boards one year to develop a plan for how to implement Fair Housing Framework targets in their districts and fast-tracking projects that are in line with that plan. Without either provision, I have concerns about how community needs and priorities will be incorporated.

That is why I disagree with making the community boards' and borough presidents' review timelines concurrent rather than sequenced. As I mentioned in previous testimony, while I may not always agree with community boards' recommendations, their opinions always inform mine, and my recommendations benefit from having their review completed first. So at minimum, I would ask that as little time as practicable for review be split between the two. For example, the community board could have 40 days (to account for committee and full board meetings), and the BP 20 subsequent days. My office can commit to this, especially as we have already committed to expediting applications that comport with *The Comprehensive Plan for Brooklyn*, the recommendations of which center fair housing.

Another concern I have with both these proposals is regarding MIH. Right now, the City Council determines which MIH option is utilized. Fast Track Zoning Action projects will not have MIH mapped, and therefore we will lose the permanent affordability that MIH guarantees. I would encourage the BSA to require permanent affordability for these projects, especially on City-owned land. For projects using the Affordable Housing Fast Track that will have MIH, the developer will propose the MIH option and the CPC will approve it. I agree with concerns raised



by my colleague Public Advocate Jumaane Williams at the Commission's last public hearing: the range of incomes potentially served by MIH is broad, from 40% to 130% AMI, and the CPC will need to heavily consider recommendations from the community board and borough president to ensure that their choices balance local and citywide needs.

Again, I want to thank the Commission for its creativity here and for taking steps toward comprehensive planning. Requiring the City's Ten-Year Capital Strategy to incorporate the Fair Housing Framework is a step toward the kind of comprehensive thinking that we need to support our city's growth.

### **Proposal 2: Simplify Review of Modest Housing and Infrastructure Projects**

On this proposal, I again agree with the concepts behind it: ULURP is complicated and is certainly unnecessary for projects that strengthen our infrastructure, promote climate resiliency, or build 100% affordable housing on City-owned land. (Though in the case of acquisitions, I reiterate my recommendation that this be limited to only mission-driven, nonprofit developers who keep profits in their communities.)

However, regarding low-density projects, while I agree that they will help achieve our goals of allowing, as we said in City of Yes for Housing Opportunity, "a little more housing in every neighborhood," I worry about the potential unintended consequence of disincentivizing larger-scale development that would produce more housing. For example, when London changed its inclusionary housing threshold from 15 to 10 units, they saw a sharp increase in developments with nine units or less, leading to a loss of affordable housing. I recommend that the Commission address this by pairing Proposal 2 with incentives for larger-scale development near transit.

Additionally, I reiterate my opposition to concurrent community board and borough president review timelines.

### **Proposal 3: Establish and Land Use Appeals Board**

Given my potential role on this Appeals Board, I want to stay away from taking a clear position for or against. I will say that I agree with the underlying assumption that we need a citywide or even boroughwide approach to our housing crisis, which is a citywide problem. I take my responsibility for doing my part to get us out of this crisis very seriously and am prepared to take a role like this very seriously as well. I also would commit to strongly considering recommendations from the communities in my borough as part of my review. I do not think that the creation of this Appeals Board would change outcomes too much, but it would address egregious situations and could help solve for the fact that there are many developers who avoid even proposing projects in certain communities because they know that the Councilmember won't support them.

### **Proposal 4: Modernize the City Map**

On its face, a proposal to modernize the City Map has merit; however, the centralization of borough-based Topographical Bureaus currently housed within the borough presidents' offices raises significant concerns while not materially supporting the Commission's stated goals of expediting housing production or saving significant time.

The Commission's report drastically underestimates the volume of maps (it assumes there are about 8,000 citywide, when in fact there are tens of thousands of maps on record) that would need to be reintegrated into a singular system. The adoption of a new City Map would require a citywide ULURP action, provided there were material changes to the reference points and measurements of significant sections of the city that currently utilize a different mapping reference point. Further, to assess and compile the street status of every street segment in the city will require a tremendous amount of research. By placing blame on Topographical Bureaus for delays without any full accounting of procedural review, interagency coordination, or applicant errors, the Commission has demonstrated that it does not fully understand the rigor or scrutiny that map changes require.

DCP lacks critical capacity to take on a mapping project of such magnitude. As your report notes, current Topographical Bureau staff are the experts in procedure, protocol, and patterns of practice – in some cases exceeding multiple decades of direct experience that spans across many different administrations. Further, the proposed Charter language does not reconcile how DCP will maintain the expertise needed to carry out these critical functions. Given the level of expertise needed, simply allocating the work to existing planner positions would not be appropriate. And as Public Advocate Williams testified, consolidating this critical role into one agency puts it at risk of experiencing cuts or generally being unsupported and under-resourced based on the whims of one agency head or mayor.

On the issue of addressing, display, and enforcement of displayed addresses, this system is best maintained at the borough scale. While the Commission received testimony from large consulting firms on the benefits of a centralized office, many homeowners, small builders, and other impacted customers receive benefit from an accessible, well-resourced, and knowledgeable staff. Each borough addresses its buildings and other key pieces of infrastructure in accordance with the borough-system that has been established through time, practice, and codification. At times, there is intense pressure from applicants to divert from the official numbering system to cater to a particular preference. Centralizing this power into DCP would give too much influence to the mayor in determining these cases. The relative independence of the departments provides additional assurances that addressing systems can be maintained without fear of political interference.

Lastly, while the Commission indicates that after the compilation of the City Map, borough presidents could maintain a Topographical Bureau (though not be mandated to staff one nor have an engineer on staff), what this Bureau would do, exactly, is unclear. Essentially, the proposal asks BP staff to continue to do their work until such time that DCP feels they can take it over. The administrative code outlines a process by which the City Planning Commission and the mayor can direct borough presidents to update their portion of the City Map. The Commission has not addressed why this would be insufficient, nor had meaningful discussions with our offices about potential impacts to staffing, record retention, physical space needs, or other procedural limitations and milestones needed to "modernize the City Map." Further, there has been no opportunity or investment by DCP to bolster their relationship in Technical Review with staff within the borough offices.

Thank you again for your work to facilitate housing development throughout the city. I look forward to working with you on informing and educating voters about Proposals 1-3, and to the opportunity to further discuss Proposal 4.

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# Testimony on Ranked Choice Voting & Top Two Primary Proposal

New York City Charter Commission, July 15, 2025

From Rob Richie, Co-Founder of FairVote & [President of Expand Democracy](#)

I twice testified before your commission - once [in the Bronx](#) and once virtually [in Staten Island](#). I also listened to your July 7th hearing testimony. Based on 35 years of experience in leadership roles in the American electoral reform movement, I want to share three observations:

1. **VOTER TURNOUT CLARIFICATION:** The commission is misinterpreting voter turnout data and projections. Voter turnout is *not* going down in city primaries, and almost certainly would become *lower* in a new “preliminary” system if Top Two were in place.
2. **VIABILITY OF STRUCTURAL REFORM IN 2024:** The Top Two primary proposal under consideration has become a trainwreck and would be defeated badly if put on the ballot.
3. **RCV IN GENERAL ELECTIONS:** Given your other laws, the single most impactful electoral reform you could put on the ballot is to extend use of ranked choice voting to general elections, as nearly proposed by the 2019 charter commission. RCV is working well in the City and goes well with laws allowing primary “sore losers” to run again. YOur Top Two proposal would relegate RCV’s use to a lower-salience “preliminary” election.

As background, I co-founded the nonpartisan organization FairVote in 1992 after two years of community leadership on electoral reform in Washington State and Ohio. I ran FairVote for 31 years until 2023. During that time I became known as the nation’s leading authority on ranked choice voting (RCV) and worked closely with groups like the Citizens Union on RCV in New York. I am now president of Expand Democracy, a nonprofit seeking to catalyze conversations about pro-democracy ideas. While consulting for groups like FairVote, Reinvent Albany and Unite America, this testimony is mine alone. I will elaborate on my three points above.

## VOTER TURNOUT

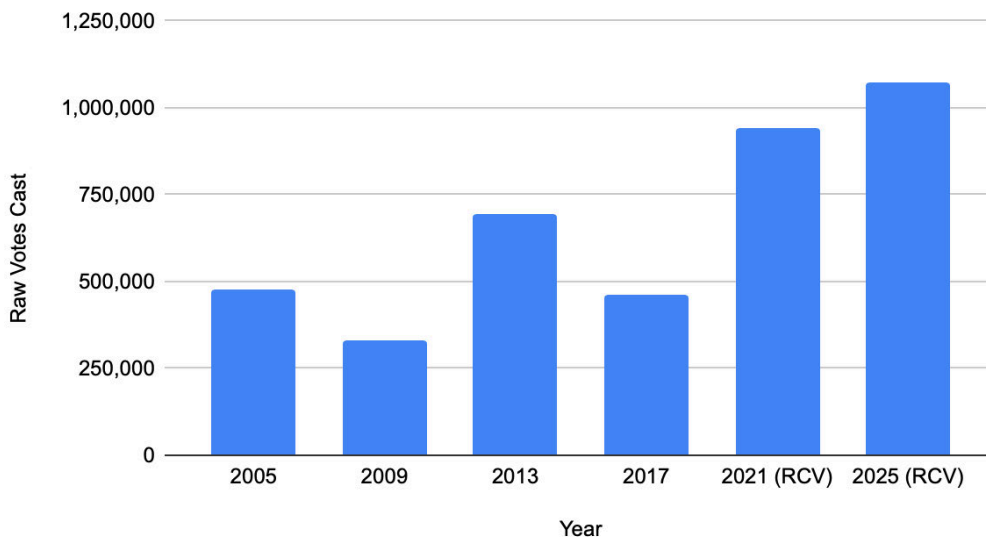
- **Election Experts Measure Turnout as Share of *Eligible* Voters**
- **New York City Primary Turnout is Rising – and Now *Better* than Boston**

Repeatedly, I heard commissioners lament declines in voter turnout in primary elections and, in doing so, dismiss the impact of changes that might be affecting turnout like early voting, public financing of elections and ranked choice voting. Quite simply, they are wrong. Turnout in New York City primaries in fact is relatively healthy by U.S. standards.

Unlike what the Commission presents, voter turnout authorities do not compare turnout across eras and across jurisdictions based on the share of *registered voters* who participate. The number of registered voters in a given time and place can be affected by various subjective factors, including tolerance for inactive voters on the voter rolls (that is, people who have died or moved away). The nation’s [most respected voter turnout authorities](#) evaluate voter turnout in a comparative context by the percentage of *eligible voters* who participate- - and when that number is not available, do their analysis based on the percentage of the voting-age population that votes, ideally adjusted based on citizenship.

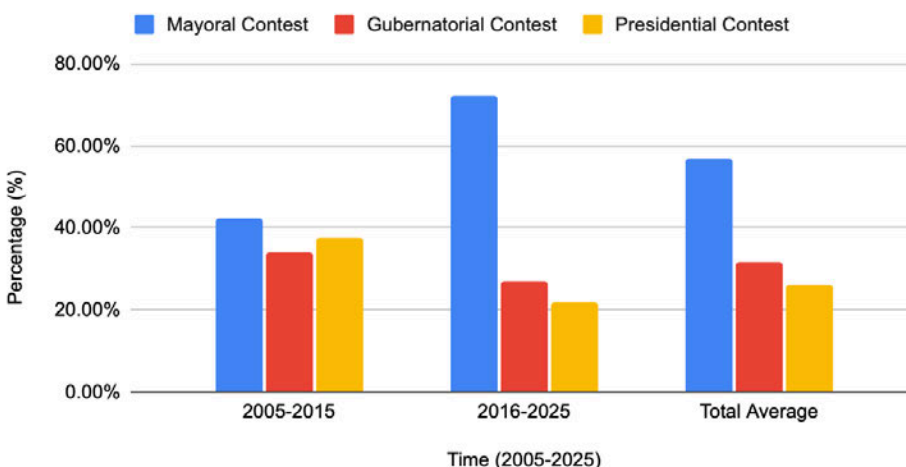
New York City's eligible voter population likely has been stable over the last 75 years. I did not find Citizen Voting Age Population projections, but [this chart](#) shows a relatively consistent number if you subtract the foreign-born population (a very loose connection to citizenship) from the overall population. That makes the total number of votes cast in an election a reasonably fair way of comparing turnout over time. Through this lens, New York City primary turnout is getting much better. The introduction of RCV is not the only voting change that might be improving turnout, but RCV's arrival clearly has come with a turnout surge. Votes cast this year are barely behind votes in the record-setting 1989 mayoral primary won by David Dinkins over Ed Koch.

### Votes Cast in NYC Democratic Mayoral Primaries, 2005-2025



**NYC primary turnout now compares favorably as a share of general election turnout:** .City primary turnout is much better than primary turnout for governor and president. It is instructive to compare votes cast in city primaries (in this case, limited to the Democratic primary, in a closed contest) as a share of votes cast in general elections open to all voters .In the last decade (not yet counting 2025) votes cast in Democratic primaries for mayor in New York City have surged to be nearly 75% of that year's general election vote, far exceeding that share of governor and primary elections and far better than in earlier city primaries

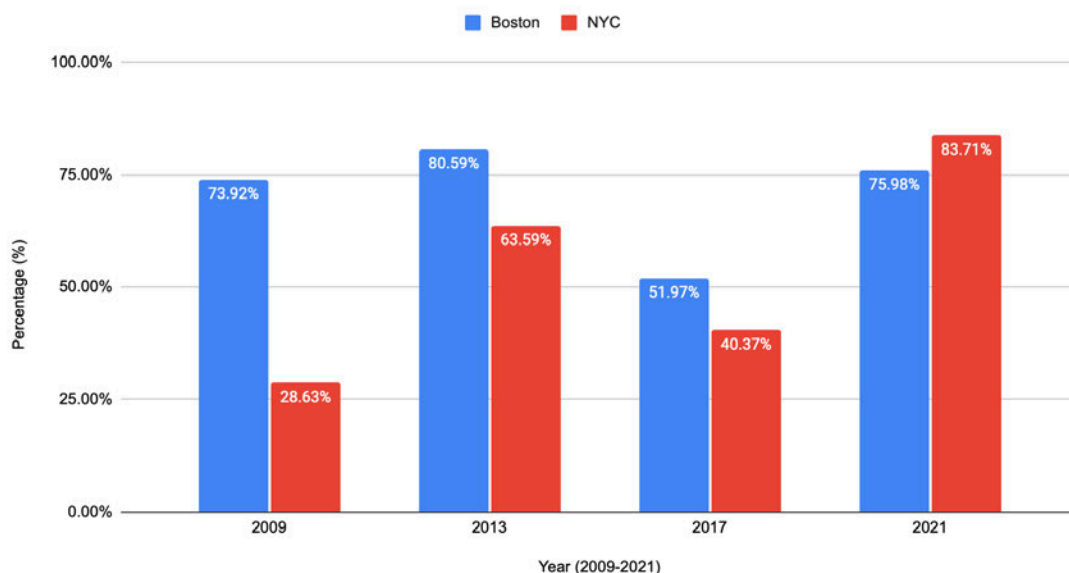
### NYC Primary Turnout as a Percentage of General Election Turnout



**Boston Comparison:** It is instructive to compare this trend in city primary turnout with what is going on with Boston, which has been cited by the Commission as an example of a major northeast city with a nonpartisan Top Two primary system. While Boston used to have a far closer primary-to-general election ratio than New York, that has changed. In the 2021 open seat mayoral races., New York's share was *higher* than Boston's. Expect 2025 data to be even more telling, given the 1,071,659 primary votes cast as of July 15.

These trends help explain why Boston lawmakers want to do what your commission did not support: use of RCV in a general election with real choices in November. While Boston has used its Top Two system for decades, this year [its mayor signed a strongly backed statute](#) to move to a Top Four system with RCV in November.

Turnout in the Mayoral Primary as a Percentage of General Election Turnout: Boston and NYC, 2009-2021



**The bottom line on turnout - Build on what's working:** The bottom line is that the commission should build on what is working rather than throwing out a traditional primary system altogether. What seems to be clearly boosting turnout in New York City is a ranked choice voting system that rewards candidates quite simply for talking to more voters - and for voters to learn about more candidates. While starting with the mayoral race, that behavior is happening up and down the ballot, and likely is drawing more voters to the polls. Changes with early voting and absentee voting may also be boosting turnout.

To add to what is working and to speak to the testimony you heard at hearings from unaffiliated voters, the most obvious step would be to allow unaffiliated voters to participate in primaries – that is, the semi-open primary. Similarly, turnout would be positively affected by having Election Day Registration and giving voters more time to change their party registration. Those changes may require state law changes, but they directly speak to what you heard at hearings.

Unaffiliated voters being able to vote in primaries is one thing. Using that goal to end primaries is quite another. Based on the city primary trends, on Boston data, and on my observation of low

first-round turnout in other top Top Two city systems in odd-numbered years, the perverse consequence of seeking to “boost turnout” with Top Two primaries is that the lower-salience nature of the preliminary election - one that you don’t “win,” but “advance from - will in fact result in *fewer* votes cast from current rules. Furthermore, by reducing voter choice in November to only two candidates who often won’t connect with substantial shares of the electorate, you may well end up with lower general election turnout as well, particularly compared to approaches that embrace voter choice and RCV’s voter turnout-inducing incentives.

## VIABILITY OF STRUCTURAL REFORM IN 2024

I will be blunt. From a viability perspective, the Top Two primary proposal under consideration has become a trainwreck and likely would be defeated badly if put on the ballot. I say this based on having examined all-candidate primary proposals on the ballot in 2024, 2014, 2008 and 2003. Without a greater foundation of support grounded in years of education about the change and constituency group support, all-candidate primaries are vulnerable to large shifts in voter opinion based on who supports them and who opposes them. Early opinion polls are not the same as final votes, which can explain these defeats over the years:

- **Arizona Top 2 primary defeats in 2012 & 2024:** Arizona voters rejected Top 2 in 2012 by [67% to 33% in 2012](#) and by [58% to 42% in 2024](#). Proponents outspent opponents.
- **Oregon Top 2 defeats in 2008 & 2014:** Oregon voters rejected Top 2 primaries by [66% to 34% in 2008](#) and by [68% to 32% in 2014](#). Proponents heavily outspent opponents.
- **South Dakota Top 2 defeat in 2024:** South Dakota voters rejected Top 2 primaries by [66% to 34% in 2024](#). Proponents heavily outspent opponents.
- **New York City Top 2 defeat in 2003:** New York City voters rejected Top 2 primaries by [70% to 30%](#) in 2003. Opponents heavily outspent opponents.
- **Colorado, Idaho, Montana and Nevada defeats of “Top X” in 2024:** Voters in these states in 2024 rejected Top 4 or Top 5 primaries (paired with RCV in all but MT) in [Colorado](#) (by 54% to 46%), in [Idaho](#) (by 70% to 30%), in [Montana](#) (by 51% to 49%), and in [Nevada](#) (by 53% to 47%). Proponents heavily outspent opponents in every contest.

Instructively, Top Two primaries for partisan elections have only passed in Washington in 2004 and in California in 2010. Notably voters in both states had had recent experience with a “blanket primary” where voters were able to vote for “any candidate in any primary” before that rule was [struck down by the Supreme Court in 2000](#). The only other “Top X” win was a narrow victory in Alaska in 2020, where many voters also had had an experience with a blanket primary ballot (most parties allowed it voluntarily). Notably, New York City voters have had no such experience with different primary rules in New York elections.

Furthermore, a huge problem with your decision to focus on a Top Two primary is that it unsurprisingly creates opposition from major constituencies that might have been on board with other reforms. The core problem with Top Two as your proposed solution is that it *narrows* voter choice in November. I will summarize who will have good reasons to oppose Top Two:



**Republican voters** Republicans will go from having a system where they always can have a candidate on the November ballot to one where they may go decades without a November mayoral candidate. That outcome would diminish their brand and affect down ballot races where Republicans are currently competitive. That means that not only organized Republicans, but grassroots Republican voters will be highly motivated to vote against change.

**Minor party organizations and voters:** Minor parties are in an even worse position with Top Two. They may not be a major segment of the electorate, but they will be highly motivated to oppose Top Two and prepared to file lawsuits based on denied ballot access.

**Democratic and Republican Party organizations:** The parties nearly always fight hard against nonpartisan primaries, as they no longer can nominate candidates.

**Groups that gain power through organizing in primary electorates:** New York City has a great deal of wealth, as indicated by PACs backing Andrew Cuomo spending \$35 million in the primary this year. The more grassroots-focused groups can push back against this money through public financing and through focusing on the primary electorate under current rules.

**Women and people of color doing well as candidates:** New York City has an historic number of women on its city council, surging from 13 to 31 after introduction of ranked choice voting in 2021. People of color are also at an all-time high. Going to a Top Two system where negative ads have their peak influence in binary runoff contests would logically be seen as threatening this progress. Indeed, leading [women's representation groups now oppose Top 2](#).

## **A BETTER APPROACH: RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, IDEALLY WITH SEMI-OPEN PRIMARIES**

In past testimony, I have accepted your frame of proposing an all-candidate primary. Within that frame, [Top Four primaries would be far better than Top Two](#), especially in a City where ranked choice voting is working well and is popular with voters. Top Four with RCV in November would have more reliably resulted in competitive elections in November, allowed more voters to have a favorite candidate on the November ballot, and reduced the impact of big money that is most potent in head-to-head runoffs when negative ads have their greatest power. Your decision to reject Top Four and instead focus on Top Two is disappointing and invites cynicism about whether you are elevating the interests of those able to move big money in campaigns over the interests of voters who by every measure would benefit more from a Top Four system.

But this year's mayoral election shows clearly that you have another option: you would achieve great progress in City elections by extending RCV to the November election. Notably, the 2019 charter commission only narrowly failed to advance this proposal to the ballot. This year's elections will have the Democratic nominee Zohran Mamdani, the Democratic primary's second-place finisher Andrew Cuomo running as an independent, the Republican nominee Curtis Sliwa, the incumbent mayor Eric Adams running as an independent, along with other independent and minor party candidates. That group almost certainly includes the candidates who would have emerged from a Top Four primary this year even as Democrats were able to

hold a meaningful primary to pick their nominee and even as no party was denied having a candidate on the ballot in November.

This approach makes eminent sense in a City with all the infrastructure to use RCV. A [Common Cause New York- FairVote - SurveyUSA exit poll](#) this year found that 96% of voters found RCV simple and 76% want to keep or expand it, as opposed to only 17% against its use in City elections. RCV is working well. First, we know voter turnout is only 10,000 votes short of an all-time record of votes cast in a City primary, as of July 15;. Second, we know that some 95% of voters in the first round had their ballot count for either Mamdani or Cuomo in the final round rather than only 80% if it had been plurality. Third, we soon will see how voters handled ranking candidates, knowing that 99.7% cast valid mayoral primary ballots in its first use in 2021. Fourth, women again look likely to win 31 of 51 City Council races, and candidates of color again have done well.

Without RCV, the general election in the City is a mess. Candidates like Andrew Cuomo and Jim Walden are suggesting a contorted, unenforceable process of candidates voluntarily stepping back from the general election in September if not the best positioned to win, even as their names will have to remain on the ballot. Far more sensible would be to allow voters to sort things out in general elections with RCV, as they do in the primaries.

This approach of RCV in the primary followed by RCV in the general is how Maine structures its elections for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House and how the legislature would like to use it for governor and state legislature if legal questions can be answered relating to an obscure provision in the Maine constitution. It is how the County of Arlington, Virginia, has landed on using RCV, with overwhelming votes of support of the County Council after pilot uses for primaries and general elections.

Adding RCV to the general election would very likely win easily on the ballot. In Washington, D.C, voters in 2024 passed the use of RCV in primaries and general elections by 73% to 27%, including wins in every single precinct and by greater than two to one in every single city council ward. Nearly all the constituency groups that will fight against Top Two primaries (as explained above) will likely accept or strongly suppose use of RCV in November.

Here are particulars relating to this proposal to use RCV in November:

***Providing access to the primary ballot for unaffiliated voters:*** I recommend that New York City follow New Mexico's recent lead and establish semi-open primaries – or, at the very least, change the timeline for when voters can change their party registration. Based on the [Washington, DC ballot measure](#) in 2024 to adopt RCV and semi-open primaries, this proposal would likely have strong voter support. Such a change would mean more voters, especially younger voters who are disproportionately registering as unaffiliated (including more than 35% of black and Latino men under 35), could vote in primaries that still would be exciting contests with nomination winners chosen in participation-boosting RCV elections.

***Embracing how “sore losers” can run in November in New York:*** Nearly every state in the country denies the November ballot to candidates who contest and lose a party primary. By allowing such candidates to run again, New York allows the kind of candidates that might benefit

from a Top Two or Top Four primary system to get to the November ballot without denying parties the chance to hold a primary to pick their nominees.

***Use aggregated fusion to handle fusion nominations with RCV in November:*** New York and Connecticut are the only states in the nation where candidates are allowed to be listed separately with each party nomination they earn, and it is highly unlikely that any state will join them through the political process. But I see allowing more association on the ballot as valuable and support “aggregated fusion.” As used in Oregon and Vermont, aggregated fusion is where candidate names appear once, with each nomination they have listed by their name. Parties like the Conservative Party and Working Families Party could still meaningfully offer nominations that, over time, could be shown to benefit candidates with their nomination if it means they earn more votes due to having that additional nomination. Furthermore, the addition of RCV avoids these parties being trapped into almost never running their own candidates. With RCV, they would have greater freedom to make that decision to run their own candidate.

With aggregated fusion, RCV in November would be as easy or perhaps even easier with voters than its use in primaries because there would be more information on the ballot about each candidate.

***No substantive effect on the City’s public financing system:*** Using RCV in November would be unlikely to have more than a minimal impact on the City’s public financing system; the only change would be if some candidates decide to run because they won’t be tagged as “spoilers” as they are in the current system that of course does result in “spoilers.”

***How to handle candidate withdrawal:*** Election law professor [Jerry Goldfeder recently published an article](#) recently with astute suggestions for how to handle candidate withdrawal that seem smart to pursue under whatever system is used in New York City.

## **Conclusion:**

By instituting ranked choice voting in its primary and through state laws improving voter access, New York City has experienced a surge of voter interest and voter participation in primary elections. The most viable reform that would comprehensively improve City elections is to add RCV to general elections, ideally in tandem with moves to make it legal or at least easier for unaffiliated voters to vote in primaries. I urge the Commission to set aside Top 2 primaries in favor of this approach to reform, either by putting it on the November ballot or recommending it for action by the next charter commission convened in the City.

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Comments: Dear Commissioners, On behalf of the APA VOICE coalition, we are here today to oppose the jungle primary proposal and to instead offer a more sensible, long-term solution. APA VOICE is a coalition of over 15 organizations that fight to increase civic participation and build political power for New York City's AAPI and immigrant communities. Our position comes from extensive discussion among our partners, who have been on the front lines of civic engagement for decades in our growing and diverse communities. Commissioners, this entire process has felt like a conversation behind closed doors without the participation of the voters who stand to be impacted.. Decisions are being made about our communities without our communities. While our people navigate immense daily pressures and uncertainties regarding immigration and Medicaid, there has been no serious, city-funded effort to bring this complex issue to them in their own languages. We were handed a dense, English-only report and told to respond on a timeline that disrespects the deep engagement required for true democratic consent. The proposed "jungle primary" would create a confusing patchwork of systems for our voters. We are teaching people how to use a ranked-choice ballot properly. During the past primary, we consistently heard from both community members and interpreters that many voters are still confused by RCV, four years

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Patrick Ryan

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please see attached statement.

Hello,

As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

Thank you,

Patrick Ryan

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Name: Erin C Wanner

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. So interesting that he didn't even bother to run in the primary and now wants to change the rules to something that he believes would have favored him. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are rather than letting Adams change the rules the voters wanted on his own. Thank you, Erin

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Thank you,

Erin

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Mari De La Cruz

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I am concerned New Yorker tax payer who supports true democracy and fair elections, I am requesting to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please I urge you to respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Hello,

I am concerned New York City taxpayer who supports true democracy and fair elections; therefore, I am requesting to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary."

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Best Regards,

Mari De La Cruz

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Lewis Grupper

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who believes in democracy I am appalled by Eric Adams' proposal to end ranked choice voting. Don't let him do it!

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Tanya Farmer

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Good evening, I'm a New Yorker who cares about fair elections. I'm asking you to reject Mayor Eric Adams' proposal to switch NYC to a nonpartisan "top-two" primary system, where all candidates run on the same ballot regardless of party. This change would weaken the voices of Black and Brown voters and lower youth turnout. It seems more about protecting the mayor's power than serving the people. Please keep our primaries the way they are. Respectfully, Tanya Farmer



July 15, 2025

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Name: Vexx Daniel

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Ranked Choice Voting is incredibly important to NYC's elections, and it was a huge factor in this past democratic primary's turnout. This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Sincerely, Vexx Daniel

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Name: Mary Reynolds

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Mary Reynolds (District 6)

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Name: Kayla Ates

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I'm a New Yorker who supports fair elections. I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Kayla Ates

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Susanna Jivotovski

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I like ranked choice voting because it increases democracy! As a New Yorker who supports fair elections, I urge you to reject Eric Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." It's clearly a power grab that Adams is trying to force through without public consent. We have put so much time and resources into educating voters about ranked choice, why would we eliminate it this early? Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

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Flatbush Brooklyn

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nicole M Rosenbluth

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please see my attached testimony about how switching ranked choice voting to Eric Adams idea of a "jungle primary" is a terrible idea.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Diane Aspher

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, I'm one of many New Yorkers that cares about fair elections, and I'm greatly concerned by Eric Adams' opportunistic attempt to roll back the hard-fought reforms that move New York City closer to the rest of the democratic world. Ranked choice voting is the best way to ensure everyone is fairly represented, and Adams is motivated by self-interest to amplify his chances of maintaining power- and eliminating true democracy. I strongly urge you to stop this attempt to steal the rights of New Yorkers to fair representation. Sincerely, Diane Aspher



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: martha rosler

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: I care deeply about election integrity and voter choice. I urge you to reject the proposal supported by mayor Eric Adams, to switch New York City to a "jungle primary" or open primary. This change promises nothing good in the primary and will dilute the voices of people of color and other minorities, and of course young voters. It will prevent people who have a shared allegiance to certain political ideals from make their choice without having to face off against those with highly opposing voices and often much more money. It treats political affiliations as meaningless to governance, but mayors are leaders, not just managers. Save that contest of dueling views for elections, not primaries! There has been no serious public discussion of a change in the primary system, and that is no way to respect the will of the people. It is a self-serving move by a mayor who jumped from one party to no party or the opposite party because he knew he would not win the nomination. It is self-serving, not people-serving. Please, I beg of you, leave our primaries as they are. Thank you,

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martha rosler

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Jeremy Lechtzin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: See the testimony contained in the uploaded document



Jeremy Lechtzin  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

July 15, 2025

Members and staff of the Charter Revision Commission:

I applaud the Commission for identifying ways to make New York City government work better, including reforms to improve the promotion of abundant and affordable housing through the regulation of land use.

I write with respect to the proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of New York, regarding the City Map.

I'm a scholar of the history of architecture and real estate development in Brooklyn, often using the City Map and records of the Brooklyn Borough President's Topographical Bureau in my own research.

I've written about the historical development of the Brooklyn street map itself – for example, see “Brooklyn’s Big Street Address Mess: A Wild Tale of Total Civic Dysfunction” (*The New York Times*, January 27, 2021, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/01/27/nyregion/brooklyn-streets-numbers-renaming.html>).

I'm also the President of the Brooklyn Heights Association, and a non-trustee member of the Center for Brooklyn History Committee of the Brooklyn Public Library Board of Trustees. However, I'm submitting these comments on my own behalf.

I echo many aspects of the written testimony previously received by the Charter Revision Commission from certain Borough Presidents and Community Boards.

Specifically, I agree that digitization of the City Map as a general matter is a worthwhile goal. And I agree that many of the current problems in the land use process related to the antiquated and distributed City Map, identified in the various reports of the Commission, have the potential to be solved or improved through a Digital City Map.

But, I must emphasize that the proposed Charter amendments don't define what digitization means, nor what data a Digital City Map will include.

Therefore, instead of giving unlimited discretion to the Department of City Planning (DCP) to self-define these aspects of the updated City Map, any proposed Charter amendments should ensure DCP undertakes a process which involves the following:

- preserve institutional knowledge of each borough Topographical Bureau, including the records maintained in each office and interpretation of the often-cryptic metadata contained on the paper maps;
- preserve the current mapping conventions that are unique to each borough, instead of forcing an unnecessary centralization solution that creates more inconsistencies than it eliminates;
- prevent data loss during the digitization process by referencing ALL aspects of the current “map” (i.e. those other records in each Topo Office related to street openings, closings, legal status, deeds etc. that are not actually maps); and

- maintain the paper maps and other records of each Topo Office AFTER digitization in a form and place available to land use professionals, property researchers and the general public (either in continuing Topo Offices, an archival function of DCP, or through the Municipal Archives).

On this last point, let me tell a cautionary story. At the culmination of the old City of Brooklyn's long process to standardize its street numbering system in 1870, the municipality created a "Rosetta Stone" map which converted between old and new street numbers. Yet due to carelessness or intentional neglect, this map wasn't preserved after the renumbering process was completed. This loss makes it difficult or even impossible in some cases to accurately research the history of streets in Brooklyn as they existed before 1870.

Therefore, it's essential that DCP maintain archive of the existing paper City Map records. The new Digital City Map will indeed make the land use process in the city more speedy and efficient. But there are other functions of the current City Map that undoubtedly will still require review of the paper records for some time to come even after digitization.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Lechtzin

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**Name:** Leigh Wells

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:**

**Comments:** REJECT Eric Adam's proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary"!

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July 15th, 2025

To: The Charter Revision Commission

From: Leigh Wells, Brooklyn resident

As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I was deeply concerned to learn about this closed door effort to change the structure of our primaries. I urge you to **REJECT Eric Adam's proposal** to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

Thank you,

Leigh Wells

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Name: Andrew Chang

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Andrew Chang

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Thank you,

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**Topic:** Submit Written Testimony

**Name:** Jordan Ellis

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Comments:** As a New Yorker committed to real democracy and fair elections, I urge you to oppose Eric Adams' proposal to move New York City to a so-called "jungle primary." This change, being pushed without meaningful public input, would weaken the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, reduce youth turnout. New York City should not overhaul its election system. Please respect the will of the people and keep our primaries intact. Thank you, Jordan Ellis

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to submit testimony opposing the proposal to replace New York City's current primary system with a so-called "jungle primary."

As a New Yorker who values fair elections and accountable government, I believe this proposal threatens to undermine democratic participation in our city. Moving to a nonpartisan "jungle primary" would reduce representation for Black and Brown communities and depress turnout among younger voters who already face obstacles to engaging in our political process.

This proposed change is being advanced without sufficient public debate or meaningful community input. It appears designed not to strengthen democracy.

New York City deserves an inclusive, representative electoral process that encourages participation from all communities. I urge you to reject this attempt to impose an undemocratic primary system and to preserve our existing structure, which better reflects the will of the people.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Jordan Ellis  
New York City Resident



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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Minna Randolph

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Thank you!

July, 15<sup>th</sup> 2025

Good afternoon, and thank you for your attention.

As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary."

During our 2025 Mayoral elections, Eric Adams chose to drop out of the Democratic Party line for the primary contest. He understands how his lack of credibility, popularity, and low public opinion rating (earned during his tenure as Mayor of NYC) undermine his ambitions. Eric Adams is not fit to decide how elections are facilitated in the future.

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Minna K. Randolph

Brooklyn Ny 11207

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Nathaniel Korzekwa

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: To Whom it May Concern, I am a New Yorker who strongly supports Democracy-strengthening electoral reform, and NYC has actually done a great job at this with RCV, and it led to a truly dynamic Democratic primary this past cycle. I urge you to REJECT Mayor Adams' proposal to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Nathaniel Korzekwa [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Nathaniel Korzekwa



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Name: Faria Noman

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: We can't let our rank choice voting be done with!

Hello,

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Thank you,  
Faria Noman.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Luke Hein Martin

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I would like to state my strong support for Proposals 1-5. They are well considered ideas that if implemented would improve the lives all New Yorkers. I strongly urge the Commission to put these proposals to the great people of New York this coming November. Please find my longer testimony in the attached document.

**Dear Charter Revision Commission,**

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Charter Revisions.

As a current Brooklyn resident, **I'm writing to express my strong support for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.** I believe these reforms will make New York City more affordable and democratically representative.

From 2010 to 2023, New York averaged about 22,000 new homes each year—less than a third of 1920s rates. With demand far outpacing supply, just 1.4% of apartments are vacant, rents are rising seven times faster than wages, and record numbers of our neighbors are sleeping in shelters or on the street. New York will not be able to survive this level of vacancy, it will force out those who cannot afford to stay, push people into homelessness, slow growth, damage the tax base, and generally leave NYC a weaker version of itself.

**I support Proposals 1-4 to fast-track affordable housing, simplify review, strike a better balance in the land use process, and digitize the City Map.** The city's housing shortage demands bold action.

- Proposal 1 would make it easier and faster to produce affordable housing, lowering costs and ensuring that all neighborhoods contribute to solving this crisis. This reform is long overdue and essential to reversing the tide of displacement.
- Proposal 2 would streamline the approval process for smaller rezonings that add housing, protect against flooding, and create open space. These are exactly the kinds of projects that should not be delayed by red tape, and this proposal would allow the city to respond more nimbly to urgent infrastructure and climate needs.
- The current system of member deference gives individual councilmembers outsized power to block citywide priorities. Proposal 3's new Appeals Board would ensure that development decisions reflect borough-wide and citywide considerations- not just the narrowest political interests. This will better serve the needs of our multi-cultural, growing, and diverse city.
- A unified City Map is a step in the right direction, since the current system can impose significant costs and time on infrastructure, housing, and other projects. Proposal 4's Digital City Map would allow processes that today take months or even years to occur nearly instantly.

**I also support considering [Open New York's recommendations](#) for a fairer and more affordable NYC,** many of which are already very well-aligned with the commission's



proposals. I encourage the commission to dedicate additional time to exploring Open New York's proposal to bring the housing shortage into landmarks decisions.

**Proposal 5 is a no-brainer:** moving local elections to even years would save the city money and dramatically increase turnout, especially among younger voters, working-class communities, and voters of color. This reform would help ensure that the voices shaping local government reflect the full diversity of our city.

I urge the Commission to put these five measures on the November ballot so that voters can weigh in, and to use every lever at its disposal to streamline the approval of new homes

Sincerely,

Luke Hein Martin

Bedford-Stuyvesant 11238

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Name: Council Member Carmen De La Rosa

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Written testimony attached.



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**NYC Council Member Carmen De La Rosa's  
Testimony to the Charter Revision Commission**

*July 15, 2025*

Thank you Chair Buery Jr. and members of the Charter Revision Commission for the opportunity to provide testimony.

As the Council Member representing District 10 encompassing the communities of Washington Heights, Inwood, and Marble Hill in Northern Manhattan, I fully understand the desire and intention to address the housing crisis our city is facing by expediting the process by which we build truly affordable housing. I can also assure you that this City Council is not an obstacle to addressing the housing crisis, we are a critical partner.

My district in Upper Manhattan underwent a large-scale rezoning in 2018 under the previous mayoral administration. While Inwood NYC did yield some deeply affordable housing and numerous community benefits, the process was deeply flawed as it lacked serious environmental and racial impact studies. One of the biggest lessons we drew from that process is that we must allow for deeper review and community input. I believe the NYC Council and the local Council Member must play a central role in bringing in the community and ensuring accountability and transparency. With the passing of the Inwood NYC plan came a list of demands, one that constituents could hold their leaders to account, and preserve the identity of the area without exacerbating mass displacement.

In the past, the role of the City Council in the land use process has been fruitful in providing community centers, accessibility, affordability, local funding, small business solutions, childcare, libraries, increased transit options, and so much more. I share the same commitment as the rest of my colleagues in supporting the creation of much needed

affordable housing for the working class that contributes to our city. However, eliminating Council input will only remove power directly from the people of the City of New York and will not help with building community support and trust in local governments.

Shifting more power to the Mayor's office can undermine the success in confronting the city's housing crisis through negotiations, limiting power to one side of the checks and balances, eliminating the hyper-local lens of the millions of New Yorkers the Council collectively represents.

We urge you to take consider other solutions to improve the land use process while maintaining community at its core:

- Accelerate Pre-ULURP reviews to get more projects moving faster
- Ease ULURP requirements for resiliency-related land use applications that are currently being overlooked because of the challenges and expense of proceeding through the ULURP process.
- Strengthen the Council and Speaker's ability to advance land use approvals in the public interest of the City's need for housing and overcome political obstruction.
- Enact reforms that strengthen the power of the Fair Housing Framework law by increasing accountability measures for community districts that do not meet the law's fair housing targets by requiring land use changes that advance compliance.
- Expand public education and engagement on housing and land use, and reform processes to increase the inclusion of input from residents without secure and stable housing, who are too often underrepresented in the public review process
- Address the lack of capacity of DCP to advance neighborhood planning and rezoning efforts that produce housing and within housing agencies that slows post-ULURP housing production.
- Constrain post-approval discretionary power of the mayor to interfere and overturn housing and development projects approved through ULURP.

Council Members care deeply about the effects of development on their constituents because we are the front line of local government. We live in our communities, care for our neighbors, fund local initiatives and collaborate with Mayoral agencies to improve quality of life for New Yorkers. The City Council should not be silenced. The Council's input is crucial in the development of better, more community-oriented projects that better serve our people. We urge you not to move forward with ballot proposals 1-3 in their current form and consider alternative solutions to enhance the land use process.

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Name: Guiselle Rivera

Email:

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**Name:** Olivia Mignone

**Email:**

**Phone:**

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Sincerely,  
Olivia Mignone



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Name: Jay Hauben

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone:

Comments: Dear CRC, This comment is my written testimony. As a low income family, we are only able to live in NYC because of the Mitchell-Lama program. For us there is no housing crisis, only an affordable housing crisis. I agree with the written testimony which says:"The City Council is the people's voice and must not be limited, especially in zoning questions which affect our neighbor-hoods and lives." I oppose the creation of a New Appeals Board made up of the borough president, City Council speaker, and the mayor, which would have the power to reverse the Council's decision on a land use application with a two-thirds majority vote. Such an appeals board would overcome member deference decisions but is inherently anti-democratic. Also, democracy is slow. The City is best served by more mandatory public hearings not fast tracking the ULURP process. I also oppose ending party primaries and having jungle primaries, although I would favor a many party system to a two party system Thank you for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Alexander Rabb

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Please see the attached written testimony and appended case law.

# WORKING FAMILIES PARTY

Dear Commissioners.

I serve as the General Counsel to the Working Families Party of New York State. I have been practicing election law in New York for close to 20 years. I write to draw your attention to serious concerns with changes to the municipal primary election system that the Commission is considering proposing to the voters of New York City. Specifically, both “jungle” primaries (in which all candidates appear on a single primary ballot identified by their party affiliation, and the top two or top four candidates advance to the general election, regardless of party) and open primaries (in which any voter may participate in any party’s primary election) would violate longstanding principles of New York constitutional law.

It is a hallmark of New York elections that political parties have the right to choose which candidate will be their standard-bearer. Under our hallmark system of fusion voting, this is true whether or not the candidate is a member and/or nominee of another party. In New York elections, cross-endorsed candidates appear multiple times on a General Election ballot, on each separate line of every party that nominated them. Fusion voting yields practical benefits. Voters can cast their vote on the line of the party that they feel best represents their interests, knowing that their votes will be tallied together in their candidate’s final count. This system fights polarization by allowing parties with different priorities to form coalitions around the same, mutually-agreeable candidates. It allows more opportunities for meaningful voter participation, by allowing voters who may not identify with or agree with the principles of a major party to cast a meaningful vote for a candidate who can actually win, as opposed to a protest or spoiler vote for a non-viable independent.

The Commission is considering proposing a revision of the New York City Charter to open party primary elections to all voters, or to create a single primary election whose top two or top four candidates would go on to the General (commonly called a “jungle primary”). In an open primary system, the members of a party would lose control over the choice of who would be the party’s nominee. In the standard jungle primary system, both the primary and general elections would be partisan, in that each candidate would appear with the label of the party in which they were enrolled. Under this formulation, candidates could not appear more than once on the Primary or General ballot, and therefore could not appear with the separate labels of more than one party. Either way, this system would very clearly violate the New York State Constitution’s protections of fusion voting.

## Fusion Voting is Protected by the New York State Constitution

The New York State Court of Appeals has repeatedly and unequivocally held that the New York State Constitution guarantees voters, candidates and political parties the right to participate in a system of fusion voting. The Court’s words leave no doubt, and the history of their decisions is instructive.

In 1910, in the Matter of Callahan, the Court of Appeals struck down a new law that prohibited some types of party committees from nominating any candidate who was already the nominee of another Party (200 NY 59). In the Court’s decision, Chief Justice Cullen and Justice Gray affirmed that the state “cannot enact arbitrary exclusions from candidacy for office” and asked “What exclusion could be more

arbitrary than that one party or organization should not be permitted to nominate the candidate of another.” They likened such an exclusion to a law prohibiting the nomination of red-headed candidates. Ultimately, the court found, the state legislature had no power “to forbid such fusions and combinations as the electors choose to make.”

The next year, Tammany Hall was reeling from municipal elections in New York City, in which a fusion ticket ousted the machine from control of the City Council. In response, the Tammany-controlled delegation to the state legislature took steps to curtail the effectiveness of minor parties and fusion tickets at the ballot box. Unable simply to ban fusion, the legislature enacted a statute that, among its provisions, prohibited the names of candidates from appearing twice on the ballot. Instead, a candidate’s name would appear only on the line of the party appearing first on the ballot. Any subsequent party line that would also otherwise include the candidate’s name would instead simply say ‘See Column A’ or B, referring the voter to the line of the (presumably major) party in which the candidate’s name appeared.

The Court of Appeals considered this statute in 1911’s Hopper v. Britt (203 NY 144). Agreeing with Citizen’s Union that the statute was unconstitutional, the Court again affirmed that the legislature “cannot forbid coalition nominations or indirectly effect the same thing by rendering it more difficult to vote for a coalition nominee.” Writing again for the Court, Chief Justice Cullen noted that “the otherwise plenary power of the legislature to prescribe the method of conducting elections cannot be so exercised as to disenfranchise constitutionally qualified electors, and any system of election that unnecessarily prevents the elector... from voting for the candidate of his choice violates the Constitution.”

The Court has since revisited and reaffirmed the Constitution’s absolute protection of fusion voting. In the 1973 case Devane v. Touhey, the Court of Appeals considered a statute that prohibited most candidates from receiving the nomination of both a party and an independent body (33 NY2d 48). Striking down this law, the Court again cited Callahan’s statement – which it described as “prophetic” – that no exclusion from candidacy could be more arbitrary than a ban on fusion voting, and reaffirmed that no law may “prevent a qualified elector from exercising his constitutional right to vote for a candidate and party of his choice.”

### The New York State Constitution Protects Closed Partisan Primaries

While over a century of Court of Appeals case law has made it clear that our system of fusion voting enjoys the protection of the state Constitution, the same cases stand for the principle that only a party’s members may choose its nominee. In Callahan, the Court found that, equal to the right of the electors to vote for whom they will for public office, “any body of the electors has the right to choose whom it will for its candidate for office” (emphasis added). Opening partisan primaries to all voters would strip away parties’ rights to choose their own candidates.

It is notable that the Commission may propose taking away the rights of party members to support the choices - not the rights - of unaffiliated voters. The Commission has heard testimony, which Commission members have echoed, that partisan primaries “disenfranchise” voters who choose not to enroll in a political party. The Albany County Supreme Court addressed this choice in 1947’s Ingersoll v. Curran, another fusion case (70 NYS2d 435). In that case, the court noted that

it might be argued that the rights of a person who will be qualified to vote at the general election has been invaded by his statutory preclusion from participating in a party primary election. This preclusion is not an invasion of the rights of such a voter. It is a situation which under his right of free choice he elected to occupy.

There are several simple solutions available to voters who do not feel an affinity with an existing political party. First, they may form an independent body and work to qualify it for office. The set of parties on the ballot is hardly set in stone: Since 1998, six independent bodies have achieved party status in New York. Unaffiliated voters may also join an existing political party and work to push it in a direction they agree with more. Finally, they may nominate independent candidates and vote for them in the general election. It is notable that the upcoming mayoral election will feature three independent candidates, giving unaffiliated voters a broad selection of candidates from which to choose.

It is simply incorrect to say that our primary system disenfranchises “independent” voters. These voters are hardly disenfranchised, and to the extent that their ability to choose a party candidate is limited, it is their choices, and not our system, that imposes that limit. These choices do not justify stripping party members of the right to choose their own candidates.

### Conclusion

Commissioners, pursuant to section 10 of the Public Officers law, you swore an oath to uphold the Constitution of the State of New York. The Court of Appeals has made it clear time and again that fusion voting and the right of parties to choose their candidates enjoy the absolute protection of the constitution you swore to uphold.

No provision of New York’s Municipal Home Rule Law allows New York City to adopt a charter provision that violates the state constitution. I understand that you are hearing from some jungle primary advocates that fusion can somehow be saved in this system, perhaps by a separate election law change at the state level that affects the timing of minor party nominations and allows them the consolation prize of choosing to sit out the General Election or cross nominate one of the top Primary candidates. Even if this truly upheld the right of a minor party to choose any candidate as its standard-bearer (and it does not), this Commission cannot rely on a hoped-for change by the State Legislature to cure Constitutional defects in its proposals. Consistent with your oath of office, this Commission simply may not recommend that the City ban or even burden our longstanding system of fusion voting.

For your convenience, I have attached the cases I cited.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexander Rabb', with a stylized, flowing script.

Alexander Rabb

## *In re Callahan*

Court of Appeals of New York

October 27, 1910, Argued ; November 22, 1910, Decided

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### **Reporter**

200 N.Y. 59 \*; 93 N.E. 262 \*\*; 1910 N.Y. LEXIS 1419 \*\*\*

In the Matter of the Application of Patrick E. Callahan, Appellant, to Review a Determination of the Secretary of State of the State of New York. Garret J. Garretson et al., Respondents

**Prior History:** [\*\*\*1] Appeal from an order of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the second judicial department, entered October 19, 1910, which affirmed an order of Special Term confirming the decision of the secretary of state in overruling objections to a certificate of nomination filed by the Independence League party and nominating Garret J. Garretson, Samuel T. Maddox and Harrington Putnam for the office of justices of the Supreme Court.

*Matter of Callahan*, 140 App. Div. 897, affirmed.

**Disposition:** Orders affirmed, with costs.

## **Syllabus**

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The provisions of section 136 of the Election Law (Cons. Laws, ch. 17), forbidding a committee of any party or independent body authorized either to make nominations or to fill vacancies to nominate a candidate of another party or independent body for the same office, are invalid and unconstitutional.

The facts, so far as material, are stated in the dissenting opinion.

**Counsel:** *Edward M. Shepard, William N. Dykman, William F. Hagarty and Maurice V. Theall* for appellant. The Election Law expressly prohibits both the nomination by committee of nominees already named by another political [\*\*\*2] party and the substitution of candidates already named to fill vacancies by committee. (Cons. Laws, ch. 17, §§ 120, 121, 133, 135, 136; [Matter of Gillespie v. McDonough](#), 39 Misc. Rep. 147.)

*Robert Stewart and Eugene L. N. Young* for respondents. The nomination in question by the committee of the judicial convention of the Independence League is an original nomination. ([Matter of Gillespie v. McDonough](#), 39 Misc. Rep. 147.) In construing the part of the Election Law herein referred to the doctrine of practical construction should be applied, to wit: That where a course of conduct or line of action under a statute has been observed by public officers for a long period, acquiesced in by all concerned, and never questioned in the courts, a practical construction is put upon the statute which the courts will not disturb. ([People ex rel. Einsfeld v. Murray](#), 149 N. Y. 376; [Matter of W. S. R. Co.](#), 115 N. Y. 442.)

*Edward R. O'Malley, Attorney-General (Frederick C. Tanner of counsel)*, for secretary of state, respondent.

**Judges:** Cullen, Ch. J. Gray, J. Hiscock, J., concurring. Werner and Willard Bartlett, JJ., concur with Cullen, Ch. J., and Gray, [\*\*\*3] J.; Chase, J., concurs with Cullen, Ch. J., only; Hiscock, J., concurs, in memorandum, with Gray, J., only on the ground first stated in his opinion; Haight, J., reads dissenting opinion.



Opinion by: CULLEN; GRAY

## Opinion

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[\*60] [\*\*262] While I think the decision of the courts below could well be sustained on the ground of long acquiescence by the public and legislature in the interpretation of section 136 of the Election Law, declared by Mr. Justice Bischoff in [Matter of Gillespie v. McDonough \(39 Misc. Rep. 147\)](#), and while I agree in the opinion of my brother Gray on that question, I wish to place my vote on a broader ground. In my opinion the provisions of section 136 forbidding a committee of any party or independent body authorized either to make nominations or to fill vacancies to nominate a candidate of another party or independent body for the same office are plainly invalid and unconstitutional. I shall not discuss the extent of the power of the legislature to regulate elections other than to say that concededly the power must be so exercised as not to deny or impair the rights of the electors. I [\*61] shall assume that the legislature may prescribe in what [\*\*\*4] manner and by what bodies nominations for office may be made. I will assume also that the legislature might have refused to grant committees of parties or of independent bodies the power to make nominations at all, but have required all nominations to be made by conventions. The proposition which I assert is this: That if the legislature does grant to any convention, committee or body the right to make nominations, it cannot limit the right of such convention, committee or body to nominate as its candidate any person who is qualified for the office. The electors have the right to vote for whom they will for public office, and this right cannot be denied them by any legislation. ([People ex rel. Bradley v. Shaw, 133 N. Y. 493](#); [People ex rel. Goring v. President, etc., of Wappinger Falls, 144 id. 616.](#)) Equally, any body of the electors has the right to choose whom it will for its candidate for office and to appeal to the whole electorate for votes in his behalf. If the legislature has the constitutional power to prevent a committee of a party from nominating as its own candidate a candidate already in nomination by another party or body, it may equally, if it sees [\*\*\*5] fit, forbid a convention from making such a nomination. It is true that the legislature may prescribe qualifications for office where there is no constitutional provision on the subject, but it has been settled law from the earliest period in the history of our state that it cannot enact arbitrary exclusions from office. ([Barker v. \[\\*\\*263\] People, 3 Cow. 686](#); [Rathbone v. Wirth, 150 N. Y. 459](#); [People ex rel. Devery v. Coler, 173 N. Y. 103.](#)) If it cannot enact arbitrary exclusions from office, equally it cannot enact arbitrary exclusions from candidacy for office. What exclusion could be more arbitrary than that one party or organization should not be permitted to nominate the candidate of another. For years the great popular outcry has been against the domination of partisanship in the election of administrative and judicial officers. To some extent the voters have felt the effect of the popular demand, especially this has been the case in this state in reference to the judiciary. For the past nine [\*62] years every member of this court has been elected on the common nomination of the two great political parties. The same was the case with [\*\*\*6] the election this year, but under the construction of the statute contended for by the appellant, assuming its validity, the candidate of the party which made the latest nomination was not entitled to a place on the ticket of the other party because that party had first held its convention and intrusted the nomination to one of the vacancies to a committee in the hope that there might be presented to the electors two common nominees worthy of the support of all the people and thus avoid division on partisan lines. Personally, I should think it a subject for public congratulation that a candidate was so well qualified for the office he sought as to command the support of other political bodies. But I do not base my argument at all on the claim that the legislation operates against non-partisanship; that may seem to me an objection, but to others not an objection. I insist that the legislature has not the right to legislate so as to induce either partisan voting or independent voting. The liberty of the electors in the exercise of the right vested in them by the Constitution to choose public officers on whatever principle or dictated by whatever motive they see fit, unless those [\*\*\*7] motives contravene common morality and are, therefore, criminal, such as bribery, violence, intimidation or fraud, cannot be denied.

It has been suggested that committees can more readily makes fusions and combinations than conventions. If such is the case what power is there to forbid such fusions and combinations as the electors choose to make? It has also been suggested that a committee may be exposed to corrupt influences. I do not see why corruption might not be used to prevent the indorsement of another candidate as well as to indorse him. But assuming the suggestion



well founded, it may be a reason for denying the power of nominating to a committee, but the power cannot be vested in them to be exercised in favor of one class of nominees and against another. Could a provision be upheld that the committee should not nominate [\*63] a man worth more than a million dollars on the theory that he would be more able to corrupt it than a poor man? The fact is plain that the legislative provision is solely intended to prevent political combinations and fusions, and this is the very thing that I insist there is no right to prevent or hamper as long as our theory of government [\*\*\*8] prevails, that the source of all power is the people, as represented by the electors.

A similar question arose in Michigan. A primary election law in that state provided that before the name of any candidate should be placed upon the ballot at the primary election such candidate should make oath that he was a candidate for the office. This provision was held unconstitutional. The court said: "The authority of the legislature to enact laws for the purpose of securing purity in elections does not include the right to impose any conditions which will destroy or seriously impede the enjoyment of the elective franchise. \* \* \* We cannot escape the conclusion that the provision in question does most seriously impede the electors in the choice of candidates for office, and that it is in conflict with the provisions of section 1 of article 18 of the Constitution. \* \* \* This provision \* \* \* precludes the voters from choosing as a candidate one who declines to himself seek the office." ([\*Dapper v. Smith\*, 138 Mich. 104.](#))

It is no answer to this position to say that the law permits conventions to nominate the candidates of other parties, and that, therefore, neither the right of the [\*\*\*9] elector nor that of the candidate is impaired. Legislation to be valid must not only not deprive the elector of his right to vote for whom he will, but for what candidate he will, and it must not discriminate in favor of one set of candidates against another set. Would a statute which authorized a committee to nominate as its own candidate a candidate of either of the two great political parties, but not a candidate of one of the smaller parties, or authorized it to name a black-haired man, but not a redhaired man, be valid? Yet, if the argument by which it is sought to sustain the legislation before us is sound, it would equally support such legislation. It could be said that no [\*64] right was impaired because conventions were at liberty to nominate red-haired men, though committees were not.

The orders of the Appellate Division and Special Term should be affirmed, with costs.

Gray, J. I think that the determination below was right and that the order appealed from should be affirmed. The courts have followed, as I understand, a decision made in 1902 by Mr. Justice Bischoff in [\*Matter of Gillespie v. McDonough\*, \(39 Misc. Rep. 147\)](#). There a precisely similar situation [\*\*\*10] existed; the committee of the state convention of the Prohibition party nominating as their candidate for the office of attorney-general the candidate of the Democratic [\*\*264] party for the same office. That decision has been acquiesced in for the past eight years. The legislature has, repeatedly, had under consideration amendments of the Election Law (Cons. Laws, ch. 17) and, in 1909, revised and consolidated that law; but the provisions of the section, (136), in question then and now, have not been changed. I am clear that when the committee of the Independence League party, duly authorized by resolution of its delegates, in convention assembled, "to make original nominations for justices of the Supreme Court," etc., placed in nomination the respondent, Garret J. Garretson, that was an original nomination by the party and that it was not invalidated, within the provisions of section 136 of the Election Law, because Garretson was a candidate for the same office on the ticket of the Republican party. Section 120 of the law is entitled "Party Nominations" and provides that "Party nominations of candidates for public office can only be made by a convention, or by a duly authorized [\*\*\*11] committee of such convention, of a political party which at the last preceding general election, \* \* \* at which a governor was elected, cast ten thousand votes," etc. The section contemplates that the "party nomination" may be made by the convention, or by its committee appointed for the purpose. The ordinary mind would, irresistibly, infer that the nomination by such committee would be as "original," as [\*65] though made by delegates in convention. That such was, also, the legislative understanding seems to be apparent from the language in the next section. Section 121, in providing for "Party certificates of nomination," requires that "the party certificate \* \* \* shall contain the title of the office for which each person is nominated, and \* \* \* shall, also, designate \* \* \* the name of the political, party which the convention, primary or committee *making such nomination* represents. \* \* \* *When the nomination is made by a committee*, the certificate of nomination shall

contain a copy of the resolution passed at the convention," etc. The whole intendment of this section is aimed at the certificate, whereby an original nomination of a candidate is made by a political [\*\*\*12] party, whether made in convention, or by the committee there selected by the delegates for the purpose. When, later, the situation is considered, which may arise from vacancies occurring, we find section 135 enacted to meet it. It is entitled "Filling vacancies in nominations." It provides that "If a nomination is duly declined, or the attempt to nominate at a primary results in a tie, or a candidate regularly nominated dies before election day, or is found to be disqualified \* \* \* or if any certificate of nomination is found to be defective, \* \* \*, the committee appointed on the face of such certificate of nomination \* \* \* may make a *new nomination* to fill the vacancy so created, or may supply such defect," etc. Then section 136 follows, whose language gives rise to the question before us, which is entitled "Certificates of new nominations." It provides how "the certificate so made" shall be executed and filed, and what shall be the duty of the secretary of state upon its filing. Then, immediately, follows in the section the provision that "*When no nomination shall have been originally made* by a political party or by an independent body for an office, or when a vacancy [\*\*\*13] shall exist, it shall not be lawful for any committee of such party or independent body authorized to make nominations or to fill vacancies, to nominate or substitute the name of a candidate of another party or independent body for such office; it [\*66] being the intention of this chapter that when a candidate of one party is nominated and placed on the ticket of another party or independent body, such nomination must be made at the time and in the manner provided for making original nominations by such party or independent body." I think that this section, when read in the light of the preceding sections, should be regarded as having reference to the "new nominations" to be made, where the vacancies have occurred, which the preceding section 135 has covered in its provisions. If we take the view, which I think proper and reasonable, of section 120, that nominations of party candidates made according to its provisions are original nominations, we have no difficulty in referring the language of section 136 to, and in harmonizing it with, the provisions for making new nominations, made necessary by the happening of the events specified in section 135. The inhibition of section [\*\*\*14] 136 against the selection of a candidate on another ticket for the same office would not apply to a case where the committee was acting for the convention, in making nominations for offices upon their party's ticket. In that case the intendment of section 136, that such a nomination "must be made at the time and in the manner provided for making original nominations by such party," would be satisfied. The intent of the statute may be so inartificially expressed as to give rise to debate; but, when we consider the provisions in their order and in their apparent connection with the subjects of each, we should find no difficulty in interpreting their purport in the way I have indicated. The question has been fully discussed in the opinions rendered by Justice Bischoff, in *Gillespie v. McDonough*, (*supra*), and by Justice Stapleton in the present case, and I deem it unnecessary to speak further. I think that our affirmance should be rested upon the ground stated, as sufficient for the disposition of the appeal. As a majority of my associates, however, desire, also, to concur with the chief judge in the views expressed by him, I shall join with them in holding that the provisions [\*\*\*15] of section 136 are unconstitutional and, therefore, invalid, in forbidding the [\*\*\*265] committee [\*67] of a political party, authorized to make nominations, to nominate as a candidate for an office on the party ticket a person who is the candidate of another party for the same office. The power of the legislature to regulate may not, validly, be stretched so far as to restrict a body, authorized to make nominations for a political party, in its right to select any duly qualified person as a candidate for public office. It cannot deprive the electors of the right to vote for any person for a public office not disqualified under our laws.

I think the affirmance may well be placed upon the first ground discussed; but if necessary to the affirmance, I shall concur with the chief judge's opinion.

**Concur by:** HISCOCK

## **Concur**

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Hiscock, J. I concur for affirmance on the first ground stated by Judge Gray. The provisions of the Election Law governing the question now before us are not entirely free from ambiguity and uncertainty. I think, however, that they may fairly be construed as permitting what was done in this case, and in view of the fact that the legislature for

several years has [\*\*\*16] allowed such interpretation by the courts to prevail and be followed by political parties when, independent of the question of constitutionality raised by Chief Judge Cullen, it could have avoided or prevented the same by a slight amendment of the statute makes me the more ready to adopt this view.

**Dissent by:** HAIGHT

## **Dissent**

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Haight, J. (dissenting). On the 6th day of October, 1910, at a convention of delegates of the Independence League party, held in and for the second judicial district, a resolution was adopted appointing a committee to make original nominations for three justices of the Supreme Court on the Independence League ticket for that district, and subsequently on the 7th day of October, at a meeting of that committee, it placed in nomination for the offices aforesaid Garret J. Garretson, Samuel T. Maddox and Harrington Putnam, who previously, and on the 1st day of October, 1910, had been placed in nomination by the Republican party at its judicial convention held in and for that judicial district. Upon filing the [\*68] certificate of such nomination with the secretary of state by the committee of the Independence League, the appellant entered a protest with the secretary [\*\*\*17] of state, in which he claimed that such nomination made by the committee was void and in violation of the provisions of section 136 of the Election Law. The protest having been overruled by the secretary of state, these proceedings were instituted by the appellant, who was the nominee for justice of the Supreme Court in that district by the Democratic party.

The question thus presented for determination is as to whether a candidate who has been nominated by a political party for an office can be nominated by a duly authorized committee of a convention of another political party under the Election Law of our state.

Section 120 of the Election Law provides that "Party nominations of candidates for public office can only be made by a convention, or by a duly authorized committee of such convention." It thus will be observed that the convention of a party is its supreme power, and is invested with primary and original power to make nominations of candidates for an office. No committee, primarily or originally, possesses such power. It is only after the convention has duly authorized a committee to make nominations that it is vested with power to do so. Its power is, therefore, delegated [\*\*\*18] and secondary to that of the convention. Section 135 contains provisions with reference to filling vacancies occurring in party nominations by the declination, death or disqualification of a person nominated, and section 136 contains provisions with reference to the making of a certificate by the committee, the signing and filing of it, and then concludes as follows: "When no nomination shall have been originally made by a political party or by an independent body for an office, or when a vacancy shall exist, it shall not be lawful for any committee of such party or independent body authorized to make nominations or to fill vacancies, to nominate or substitute the name of a candidate of another party or independent body for such office; it being the intention of this chapter that when a candidate [\*69] of one party is nominated and placed on the ticket of another party or independent body, such nomination must be made at the time and in the manner provided for making original nominations by such party or independent body."

Some confusion appears to exist with reference to the meaning of the word "originally," as appears in the first clause of the statute: "When no nomination [\*\*\*19] shall have been *originally* made by a political party for an office," the contention being that "originally" refers to a nomination made either at a convention or by a committee appointed by the convention. But it appears to me that this question is answered by the statute itself, for in construing it we are bound to give force to all of its provisions, provided they can be harmonized with each other. True, the nomination by a committee is original in the sense that it is first made. But it must be remembered that the statute has invested the convention with the power to make nominations and that its power is primary and original. When the convention is called for the purpose of making nominations, its power so to do is original, and when it delegates that power to a committee, the committee's action is secondary and subject to the power of the convention. An examination of the provisions of sections 120, 121 and 135, and those under review of section 136, make it clear that the convention [\*\*266] is empowered to appoint two committees, and only two, one to make

nominations and the other to fill vacancies. If the convention itself nominates candidates for all the positions [\*\*\*20] to be filled, then no committee to make nominations could be properly appointed, for there would be nothing for the committee to do; and the only committee that would be necessary in such a case would be a committee to fill vacancies. If the word "originally," therefore, refers to nominations made in the first instance by the convention, then all of the provisions which follow become of force and effect. If, however, the word "originally" means the nomination made by a committee, then no force or effect can be given to a portion of the statute which follows: "When no nomination shall have been originally made by a political party \* \* \* [\*70] for an office, or when a vacancy shall exist." Here we have distinct reference to the two committees which the convention has been authorized to appoint in the preceding sections of the statute, to wit, a committee to make nominations, and a committee to fill vacancies. The statute then proceeds: "It shall not be lawful for *any* committee of such party \* \* \* to make nominations or to fill vacancies" (here again we have the two functions distinctly referred to, to make nominations and to fill vacancies), "to nominate or substitute the [\*\*\*21] name of a candidate of another party or independent body for such office." And then the statute concludes: "It being the intention of this chapter that when a candidate of one party is nominated and placed on the ticket of another party or independent body, such nomination must be made at the time and in the manner provided for making original nominations by such party or independent body." The time and manner provided for making original nominations, under the statute, is the convention called for that purpose. If the committee to make nominations is to be exempted from the restrictions of the statute, then all of the provisions specifically relating to its functions become meaningless and senseless. If, however, the legislature referred to a nomination by the convention, then every provision becomes clear and operative.

The committee appointed to make nominations, as well as the committee appointed to fill vacancies possess separate, independent functions; but those functions may be delegated to one committee who is empowered to make nominations as well as to fill vacancies. In such case the limitations of the statute extend to each of the functions of the committee.

The provisions [\*\*\*22] of the statute under review were inserted in the Election Law in 1896, chapter 909, section 66. Its purpose was to correct an evil that had made its appearance in the nomination of candidates for office. A number of parties had come into existence in which nominations for office were made and placed upon the official ballot. Some of these parties, meeting in convention, only made nominations for one [\*71] or two positions, and then adjourned after appointing a committee to make nominations and to fill vacancies. In some instances rumors were circulated that positions upon such party ballot had been improperly disposed of to candidates upon other party ballots, so that it was not uncommon to find the name of a candidate on three or four columns of the official ballot. This evil the legislature attempted to correct. If the statute is now to be construed as having no reference to committees appointed to make nominations, then the evil sought to be remedied by the legislature chiefly fails. It is true that it is conceded that it applies to the committee authorized to fill vacancies, but it was not in the committee that filled vacancies that the evil practice referred to existed. [\*\*\*23] It consequently would follow that the statute is practically meaningless and accomplished no beneficial results.

It is now contended that "originally" means a nomination not made before the time required by the statute for the filing of a certificate of nominations thirty days before election, and that the limitation upon the powers of the committee thereafter applies, whether it be a committee to make nominations or of filling vacancies. I had supposed that the power of a party to make nominations ended with the limitation of time in which the certificate is required to be filed, and that thereafter its power was limited to the filling of vacancies. In order to construe the statute in accordance with the suggestion, it would practically have to be rewritten and reference made to the thirty-day clause. It would require something more than the transposing of words and sentences or the substituting of words in order to make the meaning of the legislature clear.

It has been further suggested that the legislature had no power to limit a party in making nominations. Assume this to be so. The legislature in this case has not limited the power of the convention to make nominations [\*\*\*24] of candidates of another party. The convention may do so, or it may appoint a committee to meet a committee of another political party and agree upon candidates who shall be supported by their respective [\*72] parties. Nor

has the legislature limited the power of a convention to dispense with an annual session and delegate its power to a committee to make nominations for the next succeeding year. But in such a case the committee so appointed becomes the sole and original power to make nominations for that year, and consequently the provisions of the statute do not apply to nominations "made at the time and in the manner provided for making original nominations by such party." All that the legislature has attempted to do in this case is to regulate the manner in **[\*\*267]** which nominations shall be made and to specify the extent to which a convention may delegate its powers to a committee. This does not, to my mind, infringe upon any of the constitutional provisions.

The order appealed from should be reversed.

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## Hopper v. Britt

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In the Matter of the Application of John J. Hopper, Appellant, v. J. Gabriel Britt et al., Constituting the Board of Elections of the City of New York, Respondents

**Prior History:** [\*\*\*1] Appeal from an order of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the first judicial department, entered September 28, 1911, which reversed, as matter of law, an order of Special Term granting a motion for a peremptory writ of mandamus to compel the board of elections of the city of New York to print sample and official ballots for the ensuing general election in accordance with the provisions of section 331 of the Election Law as they stood prior to the passage of chapter 649 of the Laws of 1911.

Matter of Hopper v. Britt, 146 App. Div. 363, reversed.

**Disposition:** Ordered accordingly.

## Syllabus

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1. Not only is legislation contravening the express commands of the Constitution void, but legislation contravening what the Constitution necessarily implies is also void.
2. The power granted to the legislature to prescribe the method of [\*\*\*2] conducting elections cannot be so exercised as to disfranchise constitutionally qualified electors, and any system that unnecessarily prevents the elector from voting or from voting for the candidate of his choice violates the Constitution.
3. The provision of section 12 of chapter 649 of the Laws of 1911, that the name of a person nominated by more than one political party shall be printed but once upon the ballot, and regulating in detail the method of carrying out such provision, is unconstitutional as unjustly discriminating between electors in the facility afforded them for casting their votes for the candidates of their choice.

The facts, so far as material, are stated in the opinion.

**Counsel:** *Herbert R. Limburg* and *Clarence J. Shearn* for appellant. The portions of chapter 946 of the Laws of 1911 which amend sections 331, 368 and 134 of the Election Law are clearly unconstitutional and void. (Matter of Halpin, 108 App. Div. 271; Matter of Callahan, 200 N. Y. 60; Matter of McCloskey, 21 Misc. Rep. 365; Matter of Bolger, 48 Misc. Rep. 584; Matter of Independent Nominations, 186 N. Y. 278; Wynehamer v. People, 13 N. Y. 393; People ex rel. Devery [\*\*\*3] v. Coler, 173 N. Y. 103; People ex rel. Goring v. President, etc., 144 N. Y. 616; Matter of Madden, 148 N. Y. 136; Fernbacher v. Roosevelt, 90 Hun, 441.)

*A. S. Gilbert* and *Julius M. Mayer* for appellant. The law under discussion violates the provisions of section 1 of article 1 and of article 2 of the Constitution of the state. (Wynehamer v. People, 13 N. Y. 393; Taylor v. Porter, 4 Hill, 140; White v. White, 5 Barb. 474; People v. Toynbee, 20 Barb. 198; Burby v. Howland, 155 N. Y. 270; People ex rel. Bolton v. Albertson, 55 N. Y. 50; Matter of Callahan, 200 N. Y. 60.)

*Albert S. Bard* for Citizens' Union, intervening. The ballot provisions of the statute are unconstitutional because of the arbitrary discrimination between different political organizations with respect to the granting or withholding of a place on the ballot. Among other discriminations "political parties" are given a place on the ballot, but "independent bodies" are denied a place under precisely similar circumstances. ([Matter of Callahan, 200 N. Y. 59](#); [Murphy v. Curry, 137 Cal. 479](#).) The obvious purpose of the [\*\*\*4] act is to put artificial and arbitrary barriers in the way of fusion of parties and independent voting. These are violations of equal rights of suffrage and render the act unconstitutional. The right to nominate is an empty right unless a political organization may compete with other organizations at the polls upon equal terms. ([Matter of Callahan, 200 N. Y. 59](#).)

*Archibald R. Watson, Corporation Counsel* (*Abram I. Elkus, Terence Farley and George P. Nicholson* of counsel), for respondents. The act is a reasonable regulation, and is within the legislative discretion. ([Matter of Madden, 148 N. Y. 136](#).) The only rights which the Constitution safeguards are the rights of electors. No such rights are violated by the act of 1911. ([Matter of Madden, 148 N. Y. 136](#); [Todd v. Election Comrs., 104 Mich. 474](#); [State v. Bode, 55 Ohio St. 224](#).) The Constitution does not guarantee to a party a column on the ballot. ([State ex rel. Runge v. Anderson, 100 Wis. 525](#).)

*D-Cady Herrick, R. Burnham Moffat, John B. Stanchfield, Bartow S. Weeks, Ellwood M. Rabenold and Frank M. Patterson* for Democratic State Committee, intervening.

**Judges:** Cullen, [\*\*\*5] Ch. J. Haight, Vann, Werner, Willard Bartlett, Hiscock and Chase, JJ., concur.

**Opinion by:** CULLEN

## Opinion

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[\*146] [\*\*371] This appeal presents a single issue, the constitutionality and validity of certain provisions of an act of the legislature of this year (Chap. 649, Laws 1911) entitled "An act to amend the election law generally." In this state for some years in the conduct of elections we have had the official ballot. Under the various statutes prescribing the form and character of that ballot, every political party that cast at the preceding election 10,000 votes for governor is entitled to a column on the ballot in which are placed the names of its nominees for the various offices to be filled by election. [\*\*372] In the caption of the column is the name of the party and also any emblem that it may select to designate it. Further provision is made for independent nominations; that is to say, any body of electors may by certificate place in nomination for offices any persons they choose and select a party name and party emblem. Such independent [\*147] nominations are given a column or part of a column as may be requisite, together with a caption giving the name and [\*\*\*6] emblem adopted by the body, the same as in the case of nominations by political parties. For such independent nominations, if the nominees are candidates for state offices, six thousand or more voters are required to execute the certificate; if for municipal offices, two thousand in cities of the first class, one thousand in those of the second class, and five hundred in those of the third. Finally, there is a blank column containing no names of candidates, in which the elector may write the name of any person whom he chooses. Prior to the legislation under review a voter might by a cross mark in the circle at the head of any column vote for all of the nominees contained in such column, and if he chose to vote for some other person for any particular office he might make a similar mark opposite the name of that person, if such name was printed on the ballot; or, if not, write the name in the blank column. Physically disabled or illiterate voters, unable to read the ballot, are entitled to assistance in preparing their votes. A narration of further details is unnecessary for the disposition of this case.



It will be seen by this statement that the names of various candidates if [\*\*\*7] placed in nomination by more than one political party or independent body would appear on the ballot in more than one place. By the statute of this year it has been enacted that "If any person shall have been nominated by more than one political party or independent body for the same office, his name shall be printed but once upon the ballot, and shall appear in the party column of the party nominating him which appears first upon said ballot, unless the said candidate shall by a certificate in writing duly signed and acknowledged by him request the custodian of primary records to print his name in the column of some other party or independent body which shall have nominated him, in which event [\*\*\*148] his name shall be printed in such other column only. \* \* \* When the same person has been nominated for the same office to be filled at the election, by more than one party or independent body, the title of such office shall be printed in the columns where his name is not printed, and underneath such title shall be printed in briefer capital type the words 'See column,' the blank space to contain the name of the party column in which his name is printed, excepting that if any independent [\*\*\*8] body shall have nominated only the candidates of the other party or independent body, no separate column for the independent body in which the candidates' names do not appear shall be printed upon the ballot." (Section 12.) The relator contends that the statute is unconstitutional as unjustly discriminating between electors in the facilities afforded them for casting their respective votes, because where candidates are nominated by two or more organizations they can receive the "straight vote" of the electors of but one organization, while those affiliated with the other organizations which have placed them in nomination are compelled to seek other columns on the ballot referred to only by name, and there make the necessary additional marks, thus tending to confuse the electors and defeat their intention to vote for all the nominees of their organization. The Special Term of the Supreme Court held these provisions of the statute bad and granted a writ of mandamus to the election officers commanding the preparation and issue of the ballots in accordance with the old form. The Appellate Division has, by a divided court, reversed this order and denied the application as a matter of [\*\*\*9] law and not in the exercise of discretion.

In the consideration of the question before us we are not unmindful of the principle that before a court should declare a statute of the legislature invalid it must be clearly shown that the statute is irreconcilable with the Constitution; nor do we fail to appreciate the hesitation [\*\*\*149] with which courts should hold enactments of the legislature void. It may be true, as urged by the learned counsel for the respondents, that at the present day some courts are disposed to invade the constitutional prerogatives of a co-ordinate branch of the government by regarding what they believe to be the spirit of the Constitution, rather than its express mandates. But necessarily in all Constitutions or other instruments there are certain propositions which the instruments import, as well as those they expressly and in terms assert. Therefore, it is well settled that legislation contravening what the Constitution necessarily implies is void equally with the legislation contravening its express commands. A notable instance of this is the right to condemn private property. Our Constitution has never expressly forbidden taking private property [\*\*\*10] for private use, but only prescribes that "Nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." (Article 1, section 6.) Yet the courts early held that this necessarily excluded the right to take such property for private use, with or without compensation ([Matter of Albany Street, 11 Wend. 149](#)), a doctrine which has been steadily adhered to. (*Taylor v. Porter*, 4 Hill, 140; [Matter of Ryers, 72 N. Y. 1.](#)) The only provision of the Federal Constitution on the subject which affects the [\*\*\*373] power of the states is that contained in the fourteenth amendment, that no state shall deprive any person of property without due process of law. It was said by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Madisonville Traction Company v. Saint Bernard Mining Company* (196 U.S. 239, 251): "There ought not to be any dispute, at this day, in reference to the principles which must control in all cases of the condemnation of private property for public purposes. It is fundamental in American jurisprudence that private property cannot be taken by the Government, National or state, except for purposes which are of a public character, although such taking [\*\*\*11] [\*\*\*150] be accompanied by compensation to the owner. That principle, this court has said, grows out of the essential nature of all free governments."

The qualifications of voters are prescribed by section 1 of article 2 of the Constitution and those qualifications are exclusive. By section 5 of the same article it is provided that "All elections by the citizens, except for such town officers as may be law be directed to be otherwise chosen, shall be by ballot, or by such other method as may be prescribed by law, provided that secrecy in voting be preserved." By section 1 of article 1 it is enacted that no member of this state shall be disfranchised unless by the law of the land or the judgment of his peers. It is,



therefore, clear that the otherwise plenary power granted to the legislature to prescribe the method of conducting elections cannot be so exercised as to disfranchise constitutionally qualified electors, and any system of election that unnecessarily prevents the elector from voting or from voting for the candidate of his choice violates the Constitution. We have said "unnecessarily," for there is no practicable system of conducting elections at which some electors [\*\*\*12] by sickness or other misfortune may not be able to vote. Under our law the blanket ballot affords a voter who may be unable to read the ballot from illiteracy or physical defect, an opportunity to vote by securing assistance, and to every elector the right to vote for whom he chooses by writing the name in the blank column if the name of his candidate is not on the ballot. If these rights were not accorded, the present Election Law would be unconstitutional. In [\*People ex rel. Goring v. President, etc., of Wappingers Falls\* \(144 N. Y. 616\)](#) a vacancy occurred in the office of the police justice of the village. At the next election the official ballot did not contain the name of that office or of any candidate to be voted therefor. The relator received votes at the election, the voters writing his name and the office on the ballot. It was contended that under the language of the Election [\*\*151] Law, the votes were invalid. This court held the election good, saying: "The legislature may prescribe regulations for ascertaining the citizens who shall be entitled to exercise the right of suffrage, for that power is given to it by the Constitution. In prescribing regulations [\*\*\*13] for that purpose, or in respect to voting by ballot, it does so subject to and, presumably, in furtherance of the constitutional right and its enactments are to be construed in the broadest spirit of securing to all citizens, possessing the necessary qualifications, the right freely to cast their ballots for offices to be filled by election and the right to have those ballots, when cast in compliance with the law, received and fairly counted. Legislation which fails in such respects and prevents the full exercise of the right as secured by the Constitution is invalid." (p. 229.) Indeed, there has been serious criticism on the constitutionality of the system because so many votes have been declared void by reason of the irregularity in the form of the marks made by the voters.

We think the constitutional provisions recited and the provision that certain officers shall be chosen by the electors necessarily further imply that every elector shall have the right to cast his vote with equal facility to that afforded to other voters, or, to speak more accurately, without unnecessary discrimination against him as to the manner of casting his vote. The learned counsel for the respondents [\*\*\*14] have cited the decisions of the courts of several states upholding election laws with provisions similar to that under discussion. The clearest expression of the ground on which the decisions of those courts proceed is found in the opinion of the Supreme Court of Michigan in [\*Todd v. Election Commrs.\* \(104 Mich. 474\)](#): "The Constitution does not guarantee that each voter shall have the same facilities with every other voter in expressing his will at the ballot-box, or, to apply the rule to the present case, it does not guarantee to each voter the right to express his will by a single mark. \* \* \* It [\*\*152] follows then that every voter has a reasonable opportunity to vote for him (the candidate). This is the sole constitutional right guaranteed him."

Doubtless the Constitution of this State does not guarantee to each voter the right to express his will by a single mark or in any other particular manner, but with great deference to the learned court from which we have quoted, in our opinion the Constitution, by providing that certain officers shall be chosen by the electors, does guarantee that each voter shall have the same facilities as any other voter in expressing his [\*\*\*15] will at the ballot-box, so far as practicable. Any other principle, in our judgment, would be destructive of fair elections. Some impediments to the exercise of the right to vote are, as already stated, under any practicable system of conducting elections unavoidable, and when these impediments [\*\*374] are dependent on circumstances and conditions not connected with the status of the candidates, for whom the vote is to be cast, they rarely affect the result of an election -- the losses of one candidate being offset by those of the others. Not so with the impediments of the kind prescribed by this statute, which are directed solely at the status of the particular nominee for whom the vote is to be cast. The change from the old system does not diminish the size of the ballot, nor does it decrease the printing on it; it does not tend to make voting easier for the elector, or to avoid confusion on his part, but has the contrary effect. Surely the name of a candidate printed in the appropriate column is less confusing to the elector than a reference to some other column denoted only by its party name. While the Constitution does not guarantee that the elector shall be allowed [\*\*\*16] to express his vote by a single mark, our position is that he is guaranteed the right to express his will by a single mark if other voters are given the right to express theirs by a single mark and there is no difficulty in according the right to all. It is said by the Supreme Court of Ohio in [\*State v. Bode\* \(55 Ohio St. 224\)](#), [\*\*153] in

upholding a law of this kind: "There is no discrimination against or in favor of any one; and if any inequality arises, it arises not from any inequality caused by the statute, but by reason of inequalities in the persons of the voters, and such inequalities are unavoidable. It is always much more difficult for some electors to cast their ballots than others. Distance, bad roads, means of transportation, bad health, and many other considerations, may and do render it much more difficult for some men to cast their ballots than others. But these difficulties inhere in the men themselves, and not in the law. \* \* \* The inconvenience is only that experienced by every one who votes other than a straight ticket." This argument ignores the distinction between difficulties or inconveniences occurring by nature or accident and inconvenience created [\*\*\*17] by statute. Inequality in the facilities afforded the electors in casting their votes may defeat the will of the people as thoroughly as restrictions which the courts would hold to operate as a disfranchisement of voters. In 1884 the control of the government of the whole country was transferred from one political party to another through the vote of this state by an average plurality of less than 1,150 votes. The vote for the electors of the successful party was over 560,000. Therefore, if an inconvenience in the method of casting his vote applicable to one candidate only had affected the vote of but one man in 470, the result would have been changed. If it were provided that voting on the blanket ballot should be done by either writing or pasting thereon under the names of the offices to be filled, the names of the candidates, it is not certain that this plan could be condemned as creating such obstacles to the exercise of the rights of the electors as to render the scheme unconstitutional; but if the plan went further and provided that the candidates of the party polling the highest vote at the last election should be printed in one column and the electors allowed [\*154] [\*\*\*18] to vote therefor by a cross-mark, while all the other candidates were required to be voted for by writing or pasting their names on the ballots, I think no one would hesitate to condemn the scheme as unconstitutional. Certainly under that plan there would be great difficulty in turning out the party in power. The condemnation of such a statute would proceed, at least primarily, not on the ground that it disfranchised the voters, but on account of the unequal opportunities to vote afforded the electors. That we are right in the position that equality of opportunity should be afforded electors is a fundamental principle of the constitutional law of this state, we need only refer to the first Constitution adopted by us. Previous to the Revolution elections in the colony were held *viva voce*. The Constitution of 1777 recited: "Whereas, an opinion has long prevailed among divers of the good people of this State, that voting at elections by ballot would tend more to preserve the liberty and *equal* freedom of the people than voting *viva voce*: to the end, therefore, that a fair experiment be made, which of these two methods of voting is to be preferred:" and it directed that [\*\*\*19] after the termination of the war then existing between the colonies and Great Britain the legislature should enact that elections for senators and representatives should be by ballot, and should direct the manner in which the same should be conducted. We, therefore, hold the statutory provisions challenged to be unconstitutional because they unnecessarily and substantially discriminate between electors in the opportunities and facilities afforded for voting for the candidates of their choice. If the discrimination were trivial our decision would be different, but we know from the election litigations that have come before us that the discrimination here is of a very substantial character, and where voting machines are used the difficulty of voting a split ticket is still greater than where voting is by ballot.

At this point we may call attention to a later decision [\*155] made by the Supreme Court of Michigan. In [\*Dapper v. Smith\* \(138 Mich. 104\)](#) the validity of a provision which required that before the name of any candidate should be placed on the ballot such candidate should on oath declare his purpose to become such, was challenged and held unconstitutional. It [\*\*\*20] was said by the learned court: "The man who may be willing to consent to serve his State or his community in answer to the call of duty when chosen by his fellow-citizens to do so [\*\*375] is excluded, and the electorate has no opportunity to cast their votes for him. It is not an answer to this reasoning to say that the electors may still vote for such a man by using 'pasters.' We cannot ignore the fact that parties have become an important and well-recognized factor in government. Certain it is that this law fully recognizes the potency of parties, and provides for party action as a step towards the choice of an officer at the election. The authority of the legislature to enact laws for the purpose of securing purity in elections does not include the right to impose any conditions which will destroy or seriously impede the enjoyment of the elective franchise." As already said, we think it doubtful whether a form of official ballot by which all voting should be done by pasters which are easily attached to the ballot, could be held such an obstacle as to destroy or defeat the enjoyment of the elective franchise. But the decision could very properly have proceeded on the ground [\*\*\*21] that an unnecessary and substantial discrimination against any body of electors was unconstitutional.

It is urged that there are inequalities under the old form of ballot, but, at least, the most of those inequalities are unavoidable. The party that polled at the last election the greatest number of votes is given the first column on the ballot. As long as the face of the ballot is a plane surface, which has always been the case with us, and there is a party column, some party must have the first place. Every candidate is not given the right to [\*156] have his name printed on the official ballot. Such a provision would render an official ballot impossible. But not only are all parties or bodies polling 10,000 votes, which is less than one per cent of the whole vote of the state, given the right to a separate column, but independent bodies, on the petition of but a small fraction of the electorate, have the same right. Thus, the rights of the electors of all organizations which have the most remote or shadowy chance of electing their nominees are given equal rights with those of the great parties, while the inviolable right of every elector is secured by the blank column. [\*\*\*22] But if the character of the ballot necessarily involves discrimination against certain classes or bodies of electors, it is a reason that the statute should not increase the discrimination.

It has been urged in justification of the statutory provisions before us that independent bodies are often organized for the sake of trading or combining with the regular parties or other organizations on corrupt considerations. It is not pretended, however, that the statute tends to prevent that evil, save in one way, by making it more difficult to vote fusion or coalition tickets. The same argument was advanced in [\*Matter of Callahan\* \(200 N. Y. 59\)](#), where it was held that the legislature could not constitutionally prevent the nomination of fusion or combination candidates. We there said: "The liberty of the electors in the exercise of the right vested in them by the Constitution to choose public officers on whatever principle or dictated by whatever motive they see fit, unless those motives contravene common morality and are, therefore, criminal, such as bribery, violence, intimidation or fraud, cannot be denied." (p. 62.) The legislature might make combinations effected by bribery or [\*\*\*23] illegal considerations criminal and punish the actors. On proof that an organization was effected and nominations made in pursuance of such criminal bargain the courts might be authorized to strike such nominations from the ballot. [\*157] But because many coalitions between various bodies of electors are corrupt and criminal it cannot forbid coalition nominations or indirectly effect the same thing by rendering it more difficult to vote for a coalition nominee. One great object of the present ballot was to prevent bribery by rendering it difficult to determine how any elector voted. There is, however, an opportunity for identification left. The elector may, in the blank column, write the name of some particular candidate and thus identify his vote. Undoubtedly the voter may be punished for so doing on proof of the unlawful purpose for which he wrote the name of the particular person. Fortunately the evil does not seem at all common. But even if it were prevalent, to correct the evil the inviolable right of the elector to vote for whom he chose could not be invaded.

The method of voting on an official ballot which has prevailed with us now for a number of years probably [\*\*\*24] has corrected evils that formerly were prevalent. But, personally, I fear that, in some respects, it has undermined public morality on the question of the right of the elector to vote for whom he will, provided it is dictated by no criminal consideration. Ever since the adoption of the present scheme there has been an attempt to provide a ballot in such form as to prevent the elector from voting in the way he wishes to vote. In this constant effort it must be conceded that persons desirous of so-called ballot reform, and not political partisans, have been the most active, though by the present legislation the latter seem to have been more successful. All labors by a citizen to induce his fellow-citizens to change the principle on which they cast their votes, when he believes that principle is injurious to the welfare of the community, are praiseworthy and patriotic. But however gross may be the error of his fellows he has no moral right to correct that error by making it difficult for them to exercise their constitutional rights.

[\*158] The order of the Appellate Division should be reversed and that of the Special Term in substance affirmed, without costs. There are some [\*\*\*25] errors, however, in the form of the [\*\*376] Special Term order, for which reason it must be modified, and the order may be settled on two days' notice before the judge writing the opinion.

## **Devane v. Touhey**

Court of Appeals of New York

October 9, 1973, Argued ; October 16, 1973, Decided

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### **Reporter**

33 N.Y.2d 48 \*; 304 N.E.2d 229 \*\*; 349 N.Y.S.2d 361 \*\*\*; 1973 N.Y. LEXIS 1015 \*\*\*\*

In the Matter of William F. Devane, Respondent, v. Carl E. Touhey, Appellant, and Thomas F. Donohue et al., Constituting the Board of Elections of Albany County, et al., Respondents. (And Other Proceedings.)

**Prior History:** [\*\*\*\*1] Appeals, on constitutional grounds, from judgments of the Supreme Court, entered, variously, on September 19 and 26, 1973 in Albany County upon decisions of the court at a Trial Term (Harold E. Koreman, J.), invalidating independent nominating petitions purporting to nominate appellant Carl E. Touhey as the candidate of the Clean Government Party, an independent group, for the public office of Mayor of the City of Albany in the general election to be held November 6, 1973, and appellants Betty Gross, A. Lynne Graburn and James P. Faughnan, Jr. as candidates of independent groups for the public offices of, respectively, Alderwoman, 15th Ward, City of Albany; County Legislator, 7th Legislative District, County of Albany, and County Legislator, 15th Legislative District, County of Albany.

**Disposition:** In each case: Judgment reversed, without costs, and judgment granted in favor of appellant.

**Counsel:** *John W. Tabner* for appellants. Section 138-b of the Election [\*\*\*\*3] Law of the State of New York is unconstitutional in that it violates the provisions of [article 1 of the Constitution of the State of New York](#) and violates the [First](#) and [Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution of the United States](#) of America because it deprives, of their rights and privileges, citizens who choose not to enroll in or participate in the activities of one of the four major political parties of the [State of New York](#). ( [Matter of Davis v. Board of Elections of City of N. Y.](#), 5 N Y 2d 66; [Matter of Burke v. Terry](#), 203 N. Y. 293; [Matter of Callaghan v. Voorhis](#), 252 N. Y. 14; [Matter of Crane v. Voorhis](#), 257 N. Y. 298; [Matter of Battista v. Powers](#), 16 N Y 2d 198; [Matter of Belford v. Board of Elections of Nassau County](#), 306 N. Y. 70; [United Ossining Party v. Hayduk](#), 357 F. Supp. 962.)

*Condon A. Lyons*, County Attorney (*Robert E. Harris* of counsel), for Thomas F. Donohue and others, constituting the Board of Elections of Albany County, respondents. I. Section 138-b of the Election Law is a proper State regulation of the elective process. ( [Jenness v. Fortson](#), 403 U.S. 431; [Anderson v. Meisser](#), [\*\*\*\*4] 285 F. Supp. 974; [Lyons v. Davoren](#), 402 F. 2d 890, 393 U.S. 1081; [Voltaggio v. Caputo](#), 210 F. Supp. 337, 371 U.S. 232.) II. The regulation of a State elective process does not fall within the purview of United States constitutional protection. ( [Gentry v. Howard](#), 288 F. Supp. 495; [Bynum v. Burns](#), 379 F. 2d 229; [Snowden v. Hughes](#), 321 U.S. 1.) III. Section 138-b of the Election Law is a proper limitation on the acceptance of political office. ( [Ray v. Blair](#), 343 U.S. 214; [Matter of Yevoli v. Christenfeld](#), 29 N Y 2d 591.)

*Harvey M. Lifset* for remaining respondents. I. The constitutionality of section 138-b should be affirmed both as a matter of law and on the facts of this case. ( [Barcelo v. Saldana](#), 54 F. 2d 852; [Matter of Hooper v. Britt](#), 146 App. Div. 363, 203 N. Y. 144; [Matter of Crane v. Voorhis](#), 257 N. Y. 298; [Matter of Callaghan v. Voorhis](#), 252 N. Y. 14; [Matter of Haskell v. Voorhis](#), 221 App. Div. 873, 246 N. Y. 256; [Matter of Button v. Donohue](#), 51 Misc 2d 712, 26 A D 2d 842, 18 N Y 2d 792; [Matter of Lazer v. McNab](#), 19 A D 2d 830, 13 N Y 2d 935; [Matter of Belford](#) [\*\*\*\*5] v. [Board of Elections of Nassau County](#), 306 N. Y. 70; [Matter of Battista v. Power](#), 24 A D 2d 62, 16 N Y 2d 198; [Matter of Nulty v. Board of Elections of Westchester County](#), 271 App. Div. 791, 296 N. Y. 645.) II. The Ossining decision is distinguishable. ( [United Ossining Party v. Hayduk](#), 357 F. Supp. 962; [Matter of Button v. Donohue](#), 51 Misc 2d 712.)

*Louis J. Lefkowitz, Attorney-General (Lawrence L. Doolittle and Ruth Kessler Toch of counsel)*, in his statutory capacity under section 71 of the Executive Law. Section 138-b of the Election Law is constitutional. ( [\*Matter of Callaghan v. Voorhis\*, 252 N. Y. 14](#); [\*Matter of Crane v. Voorhis\*, 257 N. Y. 298](#); [\*Matter of Belford v. Board of Elections of Nassau County\*, 306 N. Y. 70](#); [\*Matter of Aurelio \[Cohen\]\*, 291 N. Y. 176](#); [\*United Ossining Party v. Hayduk\*, 357 F. Supp. 962](#); [\*Matter of Button v. Donohue\*, 18 N Y 2d 792](#).)

**Judges:** Jasen, J. Chief Judge Fuld and Judges Burke, Gabrielli, Jones and Wachtler concur; Judge Breitel taking no part.

**Opinion by:** JASEN

## Opinion

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[\*50] [\*\*229] [\*\*\*362] On this direct appeal, appellants in each of these cases [\*\*\*\*6] attack the constitutionality of section 138-b of the Election Law which provides that no candidate for an office, other than a judicial or State-wide office, shall be eligible to receive the [\*51] nomination and to appear on the ballot as the candidate of both a party<sup>1</sup> and an independent body.<sup>2</sup>

[\*\*230] After receiving the nomination of the Republican Party for separate public offices,<sup>3</sup> each of the appellants was nominated by independent groups for the same office. Proceedings were instituted to invalidate and declare null and void the independent [\*\*\*\*7] petitions filed with the Albany County Board of Elections upon the ground that section 138-b bars the independent nominations.

Supreme Court, Albany County, agreed and declared each of the independent petitions null and void.

We conclude that section 138-b is unconstitutional and, therefore, the orders appealed from should be reversed.

There can be no doubt about the authority of the Legislature to enact reasonable laws and regulations for the conduct of primary and general elections. Such laws, of course, may control the manner of preparation of the ballot, so long as they do not prevent a qualified elector from exercising his constitutional right to vote for a candidate [\*\*\*\*8] and party of his choice. On the other hand, it is equally also well [\*\*\*363] "settled law from the earliest period in the history of our state that [the Legislature] cannot enact arbitrary exclusions from office." ( [\*Matter of Callahan\*, 200 N. Y. 59, 61](#).)

The section in question provides, in part, that "[any] candidate who has received and accepted the nomination of a party, for an office other than judicial or statewide shall not be eligible to receive the nomination of any independent

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<sup>1</sup> Section 2 of the Election Law defines a "party" as "any political organization which at the last preceding election for governor polled at least fifty thousand votes for governor."

<sup>2</sup> An "independent body" is defined as "any organization or group of voters which, by independent certificate, nominates a candidate or candidates for office to be voted for at an election at which official ballots are used, and which is not a party as herein provided."

<sup>3</sup> Appellants are Republican candidates for the following offices:

Carl E. Touhey -- Mayor of the City of Albany.

A. Lynne Graburn -- Member of Albany County Legislature -- 7th District.

James P. Faughnan, Jr. -- Member of Albany County Legislature -- 15th District.

Betty Gross -- Member of the Board of Aldermen, City of Albany -- 15th Ward.



group for the same [\*52] office for the same year." This section was added to the Election Law as an outgrowth of section 248 of the Election Law, which was amended by the same act. (L. 1971, ch. 1179.)

Prior to the amendment of section 248 and the enactment of section 138-b, a candidate receiving the cross nominations of a party and an independent group would have his name appear in two separate columns or rows on the ballot, indicating his nomination by the party as well as the independent group. Where, however, a candidate received the nomination of two or more parties, his name would not be placed on the ballot in a separate row or column as the independent nominee, but, instead, [\*\*\*\*9] the symbol or emblem of the independent group would be included with his name in the row or column of one of the parties where his name already appeared.

Now, under section 138-b, a candidate receiving the nomination of a party for an office other than judicial or State-wide, "shall not be eligible to receive the nomination of any independent group for the same office for the same year."

The appellants, as Republican Party candidates for public office, are deemed ineligible to receive and accept the nomination of an independent group, thereby preventing them from having their names listed on the ballot as nominees of an independent group. The statute, however, does not bar their opponents in the general election, nominees of both the Democratic and Conservative Parties, from having their names appear in two separate rows or columns for the same office. Surely, there can be no lawful or rational justification for a statute that allows one candidate to accept the nominations from two different political groups, while at the same time denying another candidate for the same office the same opportunity.

[\*\*231] As we so prophetically stated in *Callahan* (208 N. Y., at p. 61) [\*\*\*\*10] in invalidating a similar legislative enactment, "What exclusion could be more arbitrary than that one party or organization should not be permitted to nominate the candidate of another."

There can be little doubt that the statute, as it now reads, grants an obvious advantage to a candidate who receives and accepts the nomination of more than one party, as his name will appear on the ballot under the emblem of each party nominating him while another [\*\*\*364] candidate, who accepts the nomination of only one party or independent organization, is prevented from [\*53] accepting the nomination of more than one party or organization. The grant of such an advantage to certain candidates, while denying the same privilege to others, represents a denial of the equal protection of our laws.

Although the respondents urge that the statute was designed to prevent the major parties from pre-empting the ballot to the exclusion of valid independent groups, no support for this conclusion is offered. As a matter of fact, the contrary could be inferred, considering the statute was introduced as a bipartisan measure without any explanation or comment.

Accordingly, we reverse the judgments [\*\*\*\*11] of the Supreme Court and declare section 138-b of the Election Law unconstitutional as being violative of both the Federal and State Constitutions ([U. S. Const., 14th Amdt.](#); [N. Y. Const., art. I, § 11](#)).

In each case: Judgment reversed, without costs, and judgment granted in favor of appellant.

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## Ingersoll v. Curran

Supreme Court of New York, Special Term, Albany County

May 13, 1947

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### Reporter

188 Misc. 1003 \*; 70 N.Y.S.2d 435 \*\*; 1947 N.Y. Misc. LEXIS 2414 \*\*\*

In the Matter of Raymond C. Ingersoll, Petitioner, v. Thomas J. Curran, as Secretary of the State of New York,  
Respondent \*

**Subsequent History:** [\*\*\*1] \* See, also, [Matter of Ingersoll v. Heffernan, 188 Misc. 1047](#), affd. without opinion [297 N. Y. 524](#). -- [Rep.]

**Prior History:** Motion to dismiss proceeding under article 78 of Civil Practice Act.

**Counsel:** *Nathaniel L. Goldstein, Attorney-General (Wendell P. Brown, Henry S. Manley and Kent H. Brown of counsel)*, for respondent.

*Samuel M. Blinken* for petitioner.

*Samuel D. Smoleff* for Women's City Club and Citizens' Union of the City of New York, *amicus curiae*.

*Sol Firstenberg* for New York City Chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild, *amicus curiae*.

**Judges:** Bookstein, J.

**Opinion by:** [\*\*\*4] BOOKSTEIN

## Opinion

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[\*1004] [\*\*436] The proceeding is in the nature of mandamus. The petitioner asserts that the Wilson-Pakula Law (L. 1947, ch. 432) is unconstitutional and seeks to compel the respondent, the Secretary of State, to discharge his official duties, as though it had not been enacted. The allegations of fact in the petition are accepted as true as no answer has been interposed and the respondent moves to dismiss the petition.

While the petition states that the petitioner is not an enrolled member of the Democratic Party, the petition has been amended to allege specifically that he is an enrolled member of the American Labor Party in the 23d Senatorial district of the State of New York; that he is a duly qualified elector therein and is eligible to be a candidate for the office of State Senator which is to be filled at the general election on November 4, 1947, a vacancy existing in that office due to the resignation of the former incumbent. Petitioner asserts that he intends to circulate a designating petition among the enrolled members of the Democratic Party enabling him to have his name placed upon the primary ballot for the primary election to be held on July [\*\*\*5] 29, 1947. Circulation of such designating petitions commences on May 13, 1947, and they must be filed by June 24, 1947. Petitioner claims that under the Wilson-Pakula Act his designating petition will not be valid and he cannot therefore be a nominee of the Democratic Party unless the Democratic Party Committee [\*\*437] for the 23d Senatorial District votes to authorize him to be a

designee and nominee, a situation which he does not envision and which, for the purposes of disposing of this matter we shall assume will not come to pass.

The law in question was signed by the Governor on March 25, 1947, and added to the Election Law a new section 136-a. It is sufficient for present purposes to state that it provides that no petition, designating any person as a candidate for party nomination **[\*1005]** at a primary election, shall be valid unless the person so designated shall be enrolled as a member of the party referred to in said designating petition, at the time of the filing thereof. The same law thereafter provides that by appropriate action of the appropriate party committee, the designation and nomination of a person as a candidate for any office who is not enrolled as a **[\*\*\*6]** member of a particular party may be authorized. Petitioner claims that this law violates section 1 of article I and section 1 of article II of the State Constitution.

Section 1 of article I reads as follows: "No member of this state shall be disfranchised, or deprived of any of the rights or privileges secured to any citizen thereof, unless by the law of the land, or the judgment of his peers."

Section 1 of article II reads as follows: "Every citizen of the age of twenty-one years, who shall have been a citizen for ninety days, and an inhabitant of this state for one year next preceding an election, and for the last four months a resident of the county, city, or village and for the last thirty days a resident of the election district in which he or she may offer his or her vote, shall be entitled to vote at such election in the election district of which he or she shall at the time be a resident, and not elsewhere, for all officers that now are or hereafter may be elective by the people, and upon all questions which may be submitted to the vote of the people \* \* \*."

Political bodies are voluntary organizations of people who believe generally in the principles enunciated and the **[\*\*\*7]** candidates offered to the people by the particular party of their choice. It is true that over the years the Legislature has enacted many laws regulating the conduct of political parties in order to correct abuses which had arisen. The voluntary nature of political parties nevertheless continues to be recognized. No qualified voter is required to enroll in any particular political party. He has the freedom of choice of enrolling in a particular party or refraining from enrolling.

Petitioner argues strenuously that the law in question is an invasion of the rights of suffrage of a duly qualified voter; that the invasion of the rights of suffrage of a duly qualified voter would be a violation of the Constitution and that since nominations are an important process in the matter of the ultimate election of candidates, a limitation on the rights **[\*\*438]** of the voter in nominating candidates also contravenes the constitutional provisions referred to.

This court cannot agree with the proposition thus advanced.

**[\*1006]** An unenrolled voter cannot participate in a primary election. Therefore it might be argued that the rights of a person who will be qualified to vote at the general **[\*\*\*8]** election has been invaded by his statutory preclusion from participating in a party primary election. This preclusion is not an invasion of the rights of such a voter. It is a situation which under his right of free choice he elected to occupy. So, too, a person who is enrolled as a Democrat cannot vote in the Republican Party primary election or in the American Labor Party primary election and vice versa. But petitioner argues that the law in question does restrict the rights of suffrage of an enrolled member of a political party because it precludes him from signing a designating petition for a person of his choice who is not a member of his political party or perhaps, to put it more accurately, if he does sign such petition, such act is a nullity. Disregarding for the moment the ultimate end sought to be effectuated by the Legislature in the enactment of this law, to wit, the prevention of raids upon any political party by or on behalf of persons who have elected not to be members of such political party, the fact still remains that the enrolled voter of any political party who desires to have as his nominee a person who is not an enrolled member thereof can do so by the simple **[\*\*\*9]** expedient which is still reserved by the Election Law of writing in such person's name upon the primary ballot at the primary election. Thus, if there is a real demand by the members of any political party for the nomination of an individual who is not an enrolled member of that party, the majority of the enrolled voters of such party may nominate such person at the primary election even if the name of such person does not appear upon the printed ballot, due to the provisions of the law now in question. It is no answer to say that the enrolled voters of a political party will not, in



sufficient numbers, write in the name of such a candidate. If there is merit in the contention that the Legislature cannot deprive a qualified voter of his right of suffrage at the general election and that accordingly the Legislature cannot do so with reference to a qualified enrolled voter with respect to his right of suffrage in the matter of making a nomination at the primary election, it would seem that there is a complete answer in the fact that under the law as it now exists, the ultimate right of voting for any person of his choice whether a member of his political party, or not, is reserved to every [\*\*\*10] qualified voter who, at the general election, can write in the name of his choice; and, in like manner, every qualified enrolled voter of each party, on primary day, can vote for the candidates whose names are printed on the [\*1007] ballot and in the case of more than one name being printed on the ballot then for the one of his choice or, if he is not content with the names printed on the ballot, he can write in the name [\*\*439] of the person of his choice. Whether the required number of the qualified enrolled voters of a party are sufficiently interested to do so or not, is not, in my judgment, a test of the constitutionality of the statute involved. The test is that there is preserved unimpaired for every qualified enrolled voter of any political party the right at the primary election to vote for any person of his choice for a party nomination regardless of whether such person is an enrolled member of his party or not.

The same theory is carried through in our laws for people who are not enrolled in any political party and for whom appropriate machinery has been set up to make independent nominations, and finally, after all of the nominations have been duly made, whether [\*\*\*11] party nominations or independent nominations, at the general election every qualified voter may vote for any one of the candidates printed on the ballot as the candidates of the regular political parties and of each independent body; or at such general election, each voter may vote for the candidate of his choice and is under no restraint, so far as the law is concerned, against voting for the candidate of a party of which he is not a member, and finally, if the qualified voter is not satisfied with any of the candidates printed on the ballot of any of the regular political parties or of any of the independent bodies, there is vested in him the right to write in the name of the candidate of his choice. This right exists unimpaired at the primary election and at the general election. It is true that the law in question establishes a difference in the machinery and mechanics between a nomination by a political party of a person who is an enrolled member of that party and of a person who is not. It does not preclude the nomination by a political party of a person who is not a member of that party nor is the majority of the enrolled voters of a political party foreclosed from nominating [\*\*\*12] for office a person who is not a member of that party. It merely provides for a different method of accomplishing such a nomination. In the case of an enrolled member of a party, if the requisite number of signatures are obtained on the designating petition, such person may have his name printed upon the primary ballot of his party. In the case of a person who is not a member of the political party, then each enrolled member of such political party is free to refrain from signing a designating petition for a member of his own party or to sign a designating petition and yet at the primary election to write [\*1008] in the name of the person of his choice, even if such a person be not a member of the political party of such voter. Thereby is retained unimpaired the absolute right of every enrolled member of every political party to vote for the nominee of his choice, whether such nominee be a member of his party or not. If the Legislature in its wisdom saw fit to remedy what it regarded as an evil of raids on a political party or intrusion into its affairs by persons who are not members thereof, such act cannot be said to be an unreasonable or unlawful exercise of its power and authority, [\*\*\*13] so long as such action does not contravene the mandate of the Constitution.

Before a court should declare a statute of the Legislature void it must be clearly shown that the statute is irreconcilable with the Constitution.

The provisions of the law in question are not an abuse of the legislative power.

The statute in question does not restrain freedom in nominating candidates at the primary.

Here, the Legislature has not enacted a law preventing the nomination of fusion or combination candidates. It has merely given to each political party greater protection against raids and unwarranted intrusion into its affairs by nonmembers thereof.

While petitioner's quarrel is essentially with subdivision 1 of the new law, dealing with designating petitions, he does contend that the entire statute is unconstitutional.

As to subdivision 1, the enrolled members of a party can nominate a nonmember of their party, whether the appropriate party committee desires such a result or not.

As to subdivisions 2 and 3 of the Wilson-Pakula Law, there is still left the right, with the approval of the appropriate party committee, to confer a nomination by such party on a nonmember thereof.

The prohibition [\*\*\*14] against the nomination of a nonmember of a political party, by such party, is not absolute, as it was in [\*Matter of Callahan\* \(200 N.Y. 59\)](#).

In that case, there was an absolute prohibition against a political party naming as its candidate the candidate of another political party, unless such candidate was nominated at the time and in the manner provided for making original nominations.

There a political party could not nominate the candidate of another political party in any circumstances, if he had not been originally nominated by it.

[\*1009] Here, the power is still reserved to name such a candidate, if the appropriate party committee authorizes such nomination.

The law in question does not, in my judgment, violate the provisions of either section 1 of article I or section 1 of article II of the Constitution and accordingly the motion of the respondent to dismiss the petition is granted.

Submit order.

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Dana Stevens

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, Here is my statement regarding Eric Adams' actions against Rank Choice Voting.

Hello,

As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

Thank you,  
Dana Stevens

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Topic: Submit Written Testimony

Name: Charlie Carnow

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: See attached, but in brief: 1. Nonpartisan primary with top 2 by ranked choice voting going to the general election. Keeping RCV means voters get to vote their hearts in their first ranking and also means political minority party members (Ds in R districts, Rs in D districts) won't have to strategically vote for someone with a greater chance of making it to the general. It will also prevent situation where majority party runs so many people that vote is diluted and two members of minority district party get to runoff. 2. Move elections to midterm years (where Governor on ballot) for improved turnout and election focused on New York issues. 3. Support land use changes but include local Councilmembers in decision regarding community board appointments. Needed balance as you centralize more authority in hands of Borough President and City officers.

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July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear NYC Charter Commission Chair Burey and Members,

I am writing first to thank you for all your work to help address some of the greatest problems the City faces, from housing to our democratic deficit in making sure there are as few barriers as possible to participating in City elections.

On the elections question, I support a nonpartisan primary in **even years** that will allow the full spectrum of New Yorkers, whether they are registered with a party or not to participate. However, I encourage you to **keep ranked choice in the primary so that the top 2 selected by ranked choice then move on to a one on one general election**. I believe this better than the so called jungle primary because it allows voters to vote for candidates they believe to best without making a strategic voting choice out of fear their actual preferred candidate won't end up in the top 2. This will reduce the chances (mentioned by many of the candidates) that minority parties and their voters will be cut out of political discourse (for example, Republican voters may feel they must vote for a Democratic candidate in a largely Democratic district or the inverse in heavily Republican districts. If you have ranked choice, such a person can rank the Republican first and rank other candidates closer to their political philosophy second and third with the knowledge that vote will end up helping someone that may be a second or third choice go to the run-off election). It will also stop strange results like so many Democrats in a Democratic majority district (or the inverse for Republicans) such that the vote is split up so much that two Republicans end up advancing to the general. This has happened in a few local state races in California (effecting both parties basically equivalently), its not particularly likely, but it is something that could be avoided if voters can rank candidates with the understanding that the top 2 vote getters by ranked choice will advance to the general. This may also help with concerns that fusion voting would be harmed by these changes. For the General Election ballot for example between the top two vote getters, fusion parties could be given the right to "nominate" one of the two top getters on one of their lines or for example, a rule could be instituted to allow one of the top two vote getters to list more than one party affiliation if the second listed party approves.

**I also believe it is important to implement this new system concurrently with moving the election to even years** to ensure maximum voter turnout and assuage some concerns that this change is about suppressing progressive political voices (by making party designations less valuable), especially in the aftermath of Assemblymember Mamdani's victory in the mayoral election. It was once common wisdom that elections in odd years discriminate against working-class, people of color, and young voters that may be more left-leaning. While I am not sure this any longer the case (witness the disproportionate

turnout of Democratic voters in special elections across the country and the turnout this year in our Mayoral election primary), it is true that moving to even-years in places like Los Angeles that have had a nonpartisan primary and runoff system have allowed more progressive, younger, and minority to win and simply put allowed challengers to much more regularly unseat incumbents, creating real political competition in the City. Making these changes **together** then may assuage any concerns that exist that these changes are intended to favor candidates from any ideological lane. **Most importantly, making these changes together creates the opportunity for maximum voter participation**, allowing all voters regardless of party registration participation in selecting city officers and Councilmembers and making sure the elections are in higher turnout years that will mean less barriers to participation. **I encourage you to move Mayoral elections to the midterm election years** that coincide with the Governor's race to encourage more dialogue between candidates for Mayor and Governor and create an election cycle that is **focused on New York issues**.

In regards to the land use changes, I am writing to express general support for the planning and land use measures you suggest, with a slight modification. I encourage you to make sure that projects that include substantial commercial or any hotel uses are excluded from any streamlining measures, while I understand this is not your intent, it is very important to make sure that housing remains the focus here. Perhaps you could have a definition of mixed use that would only allow neighborhood serving retail as part of a project that would be streamlined from the measures so considered. Additionally, I think as you centralize some functions in the hands of the Borough President, it is only fair to increase some of the power of the local Councilmembers when it comes to appointing Community Board members. Such a measure could help strike the right balance when it comes to a critical source of local input, while also making sure that more of a Citywide approach is considered when it comes to housing.

Thank you very much,

Charlie Carnow

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Name: Shahana Hanif

Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Please see attached pdf. Thanks.





**Testimony of Council Member Shahana Hanif to the 2025 Charter Revision  
Commission**  
*July 15, 2025*

I'm Council Member Shahana Hanif and I have the privilege of representing Brooklyn's 39th District. Thank you to the 2025 Charter Revision Commission for providing the opportunity for public testimony.

Increasing voter turnout in our local elections is an urgent and necessary goal—one that this Commission is well-positioned to advance. I strongly support Proposal 5, which would align municipal elections with federal election years. This change has already proven effective in other localities, significantly boosting voter participation, and I believe it would do the same here in New York City.

In contrast, Proposal 6—which would end party primary elections in favor of a so-called “jungle primary” model—raises serious concerns. A change of this magnitude necessitates a far more robust community engagement process than we've seen so far, as well as broader consensus across diverse stakeholders. At this time, I do not believe either threshold has been met.

That said, I don't reflexively oppose exploring alternatives to our current primary system. Reforms like ranked choice voting have already shown promise in helping voters more fully express their preferences.

However, the merits of other reforms—including open partisan primary models such as those used in Massachusetts and Virginia—have not received sufficient evaluation. The implications for campaign financing, voter behavior, and representation require careful study and public discussion.

Finally, it's important to acknowledge that Proposal 6 is emerging in the immediate aftermath of a highly contentious election cycle. This timing risks undermining public trust in the process and adds to the proposal's polarizing nature.

For these reasons, I urge the Commission to advance Proposal 5 to the ballot and reject Proposal 6 for now.

Turning to Proposal 1, I'm encouraged by its goal to fast-track affordable housing in every community. However, we must also address the significant pre-ULURP delays: land use applications often sit for years at the Department of City Planning (DCP) and in environmental review before reaching certification. The real bottleneck is not ULURP itself; many projects approved through ULURP more than two years ago are still awaiting financing from Housing Preservation & Development (HPD).

There's also widespread confusion about the land use process. Charter reforms should prioritize community education and engagement—both from the City and developers—to combat misinformation and increase transparency.

While Council Members vary in how they negotiate land use projects, many of us play a critical role in balancing competing interests. From my own experience, including the successful Arrow Linen Rezoning in Windsor Terrace, I've seen how a thoughtful process can deliver more affordable housing. But I've also seen how a narrow set of voices—often not representative of those most in need—can dominate public discourse. To truly meet our housing needs, the land use process must amplify input from residents without secure or stable housing, who are too often excluded.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Michael Guardiola

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Keep ranked choice voting reject Eric Adams proposal!



Hello,

As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are.

Thank you,

Michael Guardiola

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Name: Richard Sedlisky

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Hello, As a New Yorker who supports true democracy and fair elections, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS' PROPOSAL to switch New York City to a "jungle primary." This change, which the mayor is clearly trying to force through without public consent, will diminish the voices of Black and Brown New Yorkers, depress youth turnout in our elections, and is a transparent power-grab by our embattled Mayor. New York City cannot afford to upend its election system simply because Eric Adams is desperate. Please respect the will of the people and leave our primaries as they are. Thank you, Richard Sedlisky

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Thank you,

Richard Sedlisky,  
Upper West Side

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Name: Emily Bergquist

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: As a New Yorker who believes in true democracy, I urge you to REJECT ERIC ADAMS PROPOSAL - his plan will diminish BIPOC and young voters and is a clear power grab by Eric Adams Please respect the people's choice to leave rank choice primaries as they are

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Name: Mae Lee

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Testimony from Mae Lee, Executive Director, Chinese Progressive Association, regarding open primaries

TESTIMONY SUBMITTED TO THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION  
RE: OPPOSITION TO THE CONSIDERATION OF A “JUNGLE PRIMARY” SYSTEM  
MAE LEE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHINESE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION  
JULY 15, 2025

My name is Mae Lee, Executive Director of the Chinese Progressive Association (CPA) which is located in Manhattan’s Chinatown/Lower East side.

We are expressing our opposition to the consideration of a “jungle primary” system for NYC municipal elections where all candidates regardless of political party affiliation appear on one ballot with the top two or top four vote getters advancing to a general election in November.

CPA serves those who live, work, or go to school in this area. They are low income. We provide services to new immigrants, classes and assistance to help them become U.S. citizens, and register them to vote after they become American citizens. Since the 1990’s we have conducted non partisan voter registration, outreach, and education to increase the number of people to vote and become civically engaged in our community.

Most of our community are new citizens. Many voters in our community are not enrolled in a political party. Often their decision not to enrollment was made without significant knowledge its significance. Sometimes it is due to their experience in their home country.

However, political parties are important vehicles for building representation, coalitions, candidates and strategies that strategies to empower more communities. Political party primaries the top vote getters from the party (chosen by the voters of that party) to advance to the general election. Voters end up having more choices and more opportunities to vote.

Regarding voter turnout, in our community, the most common reason why a voter does not go to the polls is “the candidates all seem alike, my vote will not make a difference, it does not matter who is in office”

However, voters will become more engaged when 1) careful, meaningful voter education efforts about the issues occur and at the same time 2) candidates come to our communities, engage with us and demonstrate to us why we should support them. This is a multi-year on-going effort.

Simply having all candidates run in a single election in June and then advancing the top 2 or 4 vote getters to November doesn’t allow our community to take advantage of the opportunities to become more engaged, organized, and empowered through local organizing. Long term investments need to be made in these areas. We urge the NYC Charter Revision Commission to **not** consider jungle primaries for NYC elections.

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Name: Aviel Fradkine


Email: [REDACTED]

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Comments: Dear Members of the Commission, I write to express my utmost support for ballot proposals 1 through 4 being considered by the New York City Charter Revision Commission. The housing situation in New York City is dire, and we must do the most we can to prevent the continued harm of unaffordability and ever increasing rent burden to our city and its residents. As a resident of Brooklyn, I have become acquainted with the dire housing situation in our city on a personal level. Conversations with family, friends, and acquaintances inevitably return to anxieties about our ability to stay in the city long term or to start families in the city we grew up in or now call home. Every year, more people dear to me move away from New York City because of rising housing costs or are forced to move to more distant, cheaper neighborhoods in the city far away from their family and friends. We who remain must pay ever higher rents and constantly worry about our ability to ever rent our own place without a roommate or to afford having kids in the city we love. We struggle to get repairs done by our landlords who understand that we do not have anywhere else to go in a market with such a low rental housing supply. We constantly settle for bad housing conditions and overly expensive apartments, knowing that this is likely the best and cheapest we will have again. As a project manager in the city's Housing Preservation and

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In 2019, I joined many other New York City voters to vote in favor of Ranked Choice Voting. While I was born and raised in the US, many of my family members and friends live in the UK, where general elections do not use ranked choice voting, but there is also not a strict two-party system. Over the years, I have watched many of my friends and family feel compelled to vote for candidates they do not at all like, or whose politics they do not actually espouse, because of a perceived need for "tactical voting." "Tactical voting" would hold that these candidates, who they find mediocre, have a better chance of keeping out the candidates whose politics they (and a majority of people) would firmly reject.

This perception of who could "realistically" win an election versus who could "split the vote" then creates a feedback loop, where questions like "which candidate is best qualified for the job?" move further and further down the list of considerations. Instead of voting for the candidate they think might best represent them, they instead feel they must vote for the candidate most likely to shut out the candidates they find unacceptable.

When New York City adopted ranked choice voting after the referendum, I was excited for a system that would allow me to rank multiple candidates I thought were capable of serving New York, and to simply leave off candidates I did not want to give my vote.

I am disturbed that there is now a movement to replace ranked choice voting - which is, again, a system New York City voters voted for - with another process that we did not vote for. Even if the outcome of this discussion would be another referendum, the timing and context of this discussion feels relevant. In the wake of a primary result that was considered a political upset, The New York Times has reported that Eric Adams - who has expressed an intent to run for re-election without the nomination of a major party - has assembled a panel to examine the possibility of replacing our RCV system. If the public is to believe this panel and subsequent research represents something other than the machinations of a mayor who feels like RCV no longer serves his political interests, what evidence supports the idea that our current process needs reform? Primary participation is increasing. How can the public evaluate evidence for moving to "jungle primaries" when these discussions happen quickly and quietly, without our knowledge?

While I am sympathetic to other factors that might complicate primary participation for New York City voters (such as the requirement to register with a political party in order to participate in

closed primaries), I don't think "top-two" primaries solve this problem well, nor do I think they represent what we voted for as a city via referendum. In fact, many reports find that "jungle primaries" can reinforce the kind of decision-making that my friends voting in the UK feel compelled to adopt. Politicians with similar enough platforms are still likely to split the vote, per the following sources, which describe issues with "jungle primaries" as implemented in California:

1. <https://www.vcstar.com/story/news/local/2018/05/19/californias-odd-primary-election-rules-worry-democrats-house-representatives/626273002/>
2. <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/californias-jungle-primary-might-screw-over-both-parties/>
3. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/24/us/california-primary-election-rules-system.html>

Please consider also that 78% of voters reported in an exit poll that they understood our current ranked choice voting extremely well or very well.

1. <http://readme.readmedia.com/rank-the-vote-nyc-releases-edison-research-exit-poll-on-the-election/17989282>

Why change a system that many voters understand and have become accustomed to? Many initial arguments against RCV proposed that voters would find the change difficult. However, opponents of RCV now suggest yet another change in ballot presentation.

The point of an election is not to deliver the outcome that current, sitting elected officials will expect or prefer. The point of an election is to express the will of the people as accurately as possible, and I am not convinced that the proposed changes to primaries will do this.

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# Preserving Community Boards' Essential Role in Democratic Land Use Decision-Making and Other Matters

Submitted by: Lloyd Feng

I am a Full Board Member of Brooklyn Community Board 1 where I serve as Chair of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee, and Co-Chair of the Capital Budget Committee, but I am submitting written testimony today in my *personal capacity*.

## Introduction

I submit this testimony to urge the Charter Revision Commission to preserve and strengthen, rather than undermine, the vital role that community boards play in New York City's land use review process. As a member of Brooklyn Community Board 1, which serves Williamsburg and Greenpoint, I have witnessed firsthand how community boards serve as democracy's front line, ensuring that residents have meaningful input into decisions that directly affect their neighborhoods.

## The Irreplaceable Value of Community Boards

Community boards represent the cornerstone of participatory democracy in New York City. While community boards serve in an advisory capacity—providing recommendations rather than binding decisions—they are uniquely positioned to convene residents, business owners, and community stakeholders to provide essential local knowledge and perspective on land use decisions, State Liquor Authority applications, Dining Out NYC applications, and countless quality of life issues. Under the oversight of borough presidents, community boards ensure that these advisory recommendations reflect genuine community needs and local expertise that would otherwise be absent from top-down planning processes.

The community board system recognizes a fundamental democratic principle: those who live with the consequences of land use decisions should have meaningful opportunities to inform and influence them. While the final authority rests with the City Planning Commission, community boards provide accessible forums where working families, long-term residents, small business owners, and community organizations can participate in shaping recommendations that carry significant weight in the decision-making process. This advisory role, when functioning properly, ensures that technical and political decisions are grounded in community knowledge and democratic input.

### Proactive Community Engagement in Practice

Brooklyn Community Board 1 exemplifies how community boards can serve as constructive facilitators in the land use process. Our board and Land Use Committee actively encourage applicants to present their

proposals even before beginning the formal ULURP process, fostering constructive dialogue between developers and community members. This pre-ULURP engagement allows for meaningful exchange of ideas, identification of community concerns, and collaborative problem-solving that can lead to better projects and stronger community support.

Our board generously dedicates precious time at monthly full board meetings—time that could otherwise be spent on quality of life presentations and other community issues—to accommodate these pre-ULURP presentations. This reflects our collective recognition that bringing applicants and community members together early in the process serves everyone's interests. The best outcome is a community board recommendation that reflects genuine consensus between developers and residents, achieved through transparent dialogue and mutual understanding of both project goals and community needs.

This proactive approach demonstrates how community boards serve not merely as advisory reviewers, but as essential conveners who facilitate democracy in action. When given adequate time and meaningful influence in the overall process, community boards can help transform potentially contentious land use decisions into collaborative solutions that serve both development goals and community interests.

## **Serious Threats in the Proposed Charter Amendments**

### **Ballot Question 1: Fast Track for Affordable Housing - Sections 197-f and 197-e**

While affordable housing is critically important, **the proposed "fast track" process significantly diminishes the weight of community board advisory input.** Under the new Section 197-f, affordable housing projects in the twelve community districts with the lowest affordable housing production would bypass the standard Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) and instead follow an expedited process under Section 197-e.

#### **Specific impacts on community board advisory role:**

- **Elimination of City Council review:** Unlike current ULURP, these expedited applications bypass City Council review entirely (Section 197-e(g)), meaning community board recommendations receive no further democratic consideration beyond the City Planning Commission
- **Compressed overall process:** While community boards retain 60 days for review, the elimination of subsequent Council review and compressed overall timeline reduces the practical weight of community advisory input
- **Limited recourse:** The City Planning Commission can override community board recommendations with only a written explanation, with no further oversight mechanisms to ensure meaningful consideration of local input

**Charter language at risk:** Section 197-e(g) states that expedited applications "shall not be subject to review pursuant to section one hundred ninety-seven-d," eliminating the Council review process where community board recommendations traditionally receive full consideration.

### **Ballot Question 2: Expanded Expedited Land Use Review Procedure**

This proposal dramatically expands the expedited review process to cover numerous additional categories of projects, further reducing the practical influence of community board advisory recommendations:

**Additional projects subject to expedited review include:**

- City map changes for affordable housing, resiliency projects, and infrastructure improvements
- Zoning district designations allowing increases in residential capacity (up to 30% floor area increases or building heights up to 45 feet)
- Site selection for resiliency projects, solar installations, and open space creation with buildings up to 5,000 square feet
- Sale, lease, or disposition of city property to affordable housing developers, abutting property owners, or for solar projects
- Acquisition of property for affordable housing development, voluntary buy-out programs, and resiliency projects

**Impact on community board advisory role:** While community boards retain their 60-day review period, these expanded categories represent a significant portion of land use decisions that currently undergo full ULURP review where community board recommendations receive broader consideration in the decision-making process. Under expedited review, the compressed timeline and reduced oversight substantially diminish the weight and influence of community board input.

### **Ballot Question 3: Land Use Appeals Board - Section 197-g**

I commend the intent behind this proposal to make the land use review process more responsive to the urgent need for increased housing supply in New York City. The housing crisis demands that we examine whether current processes adequately balance community input with the citywide imperative to create more housing opportunities.

However, the proposed Land Use Appeals Board raises serious concerns about democratic governance and conflicts of interest. This three-member board—consisting of the mayor, council speaker, and affected borough president—can override City Council decisions that may reflect community board recommendations and broader public input.

**Democratic and conflict of interest concerns:**

- **Undemocratic structure:** The board concentrates override authority in just three individuals, potentially nullifying decisions made through the broader democratic process involving community boards, borough presidents, and the City Planning Commission
- **Borough President conflicts:** Borough presidents, who oversee community boards and are supposed to represent community interests, face inherent conflicts when serving on a board that can override those same community recommendations
- **Speaker representation questions:** The Council Speaker represents only one district and is elected by Council members rather than citywide voters, raising questions about their authority to override land use decisions affecting communities across all five boroughs where they may lack local knowledge and democratic mandate
- **Reduced accountability:** Unlike the current system where decisions undergo multiple levels of democratic review, the appeals board operates with limited public oversight and compressed timelines

# Fundamental Democratic Principles at Stake

These proposed changes reflect a troubling trend toward technocratic decision-making that diminishes meaningful community advisory input in favor of expedited approvals. While efficiency has value, democracy requires that advisory processes carry genuine weight in decision-making, especially for land use decisions that permanently alter neighborhood character.

## Community boards provide irreplaceable advisory benefits:

- **Local expertise:** Board members live and work in the communities they serve, bringing intimate knowledge of local conditions, needs, and concerns that inform better decision-making
- **Proactive facilitation:** Boards like Brooklyn CB1 actively encourage pre-ULURP presentations, creating opportunities for constructive dialogue between applicants and community members that can lead to better projects and stronger consensus
- **Accessible forums:** Community board meetings provide venues where residents can engage directly with the advisory process and ensure their concerns reach decision-makers, while also allowing developers to present their proposals and respond to community input
- **Transparency:** The public hearing process ensures development proposals receive public scrutiny and community input, with opportunities for collaborative problem-solving
- **Democratic legitimacy:** Regular meetings and public participation create ongoing accountability and ensure that advisory recommendations reflect genuine community perspectives rather than narrow interests

When community board advisory input carries meaningful weight in the decision-making process, it improves outcomes by incorporating local knowledge and ensuring that development serves communities rather than simply occurring within them.

## Recommendations

Rather than diminishing the weight of community board advisory input, the Charter Revision Commission should:

1. **Preserve meaningful review processes** for significant land use decisions, ensuring community board advisory recommendations receive full consideration through adequate oversight mechanisms
2. **Maintain meaningful consultation requirements** that ensure community board input genuinely informs decision-making, not merely satisfies procedural requirements
3. **Strengthen community board resources** to enhance the quality and impact of their advisory role rather than constraining their influence in the process
4. **Address conflicts of interest** in any appeals process to ensure democratic accountability and avoid situations where officials override the very communities they represent

For housing supply challenges specifically, the Commission should explore reforms that expedite review timelines while preserving meaningful opportunities for community advisory input, rather than creating processes that bypass community boards or render their recommendations ineffective.

## Additional Community Board-Related Recommendations

Beyond the critical land use concerns outlined above, the Charter Revision Commission should address other areas where community board effectiveness could be enhanced:

**Dining Out NYC Application Review Period:** The current community input period for Dining Out NYC applications should be extended from 40 days to 60 days to align with other community board review processes. This extension would allow community boards adequate time to coordinate public meetings and gather meaningful community feedback on roadside dining and sidewalk cafe applications that directly impact neighborhood quality of life and pedestrian safety.

**Community Board Member Accountability and Transparency:** The Commission should establish required reporting mechanisms for community board member removals and non-reappointments by borough presidents and/or councilmembers. Such reporting should include the reasons for removal or non-reappointment to ensure transparency in the appointment process and accountability from elected officials who make these decisions. This transparency would help the public understand whether board composition changes reflect legitimate concerns about member performance or inappropriate political interference with community representation.

**Preserve Current Appointment Process:** The Commission should reject any proposals to alter the current community board appointment process and should strongly preserve the borough president's central role in making appointments to the full board. The existing system, where borough presidents make appointments with input from councilmembers, ensures appropriate democratic accountability while maintaining borough-wide perspective in board composition. Any diminishment of the borough president's appointment authority would fragment community board governance and potentially undermine the cohesive, borough-wide coordination that enables effective community representation.

## Conclusion

The community board system represents one of New York City's greatest democratic innovations. These neighborhood-level advisory bodies ensure that development serves communities rather than simply occurring within them. While community boards serve in an advisory capacity, their recommendations have historically carried significant weight because they reflect genuine community knowledge and democratic participation. The proposed charter amendments threaten to transform community boards from meaningful advisory participants whose input genuinely influences decisions into perfunctory consultative bodies whose recommendations can be easily dismissed in the name of expedited approvals.

True democratic governance requires that those most affected by land use decisions have genuine opportunities to inform and influence them through meaningful advisory processes. Community boards, under borough president oversight, provide this essential democratic function. Their advisory role works best when their recommendations receive serious consideration through appropriate levels of democratic review and oversight.



I urge the Charter Revision Commission to preserve and strengthen, rather than undermine, this critical component of New York City's democratic infrastructure. The residents of Williamsburg, Greenpoint, and communities throughout New York City deserve advisory processes that carry genuine weight in decision-making, not expedited procedures that prioritize speed over community input. When community boards have adequate time and meaningful influence—as demonstrated by Brooklyn CB1's successful practice of facilitating pre-ULURP dialogue between applicants and residents—they can help achieve outcomes that serve both development goals and community interests. Democracy requires that advisory input be meaningful, and that the expertise and perspectives of community boards inform better decisions for all New Yorkers.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration,

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