



B. RESOLUTION ON FOCUS CRITERIA

A Resolution of the New York City Charter Revision Commission

December 10, 2018

Whereas, the Charter Revision Commission 2019 (“the Commission”) has heard 19 hours of public testimony over the course of hearings in each of the City’s five boroughs; and

Whereas, the Commission has also solicited input from city agencies, community groups, and other interested parties; and

Whereas, the Commission has received over 300 specific proposals for changes to the Charter; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Commission directs the staff to consider the following criteria in the course of its review and evaluation of the ideas and proposals raised, and to recommend to the Commission those ideas and proposals for potential changes to the Charter that should be further studied by the Commission:

- 1) Focus on ideas and proposals that likely would not be accomplished by local law without a referendum—in other words, changes that would likely require a Charter Revision Commission or referendum to accomplish.
- 2) Focus on ideas and proposals that are not precluded by federal or state law, or the federal or state constitution.

- 3) Focus on ideas and proposals that would (a) improve government effectiveness, transparency, accountability, or efficiency; (b) encourage meaningful participation by New Yorkers; or (c) provide for balance between local and citywide interests.
- 4) Focus on ideas and proposals that affect how policy decisions are made, and by whom, rather than ideas and proposals that would involve making particular policy decisions directly.
- 5) Focus on ideas and proposals that would not reverse the decisions of the voters in recent referenda.