

THE CITY OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE MAYOR NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 90

March 13, 1986

MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

By the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Committee Established. The Mayor's Committee on Appointments (hereinafter called the Committee) is hereby established in the Office of the Mayor to recruit, to evaluate, to consider and to nominate candidates fully qualified for appointment and to evaluate incumbent members for reappointment to the following commissions and boards: art commission, board of health (other than the chair), board of standards and appeals, city planning commission (other than the chair), civil service commission, landmarks preservation commission, tax commission, taxi and limousine commission and the public members of the environmental control board, and any other commission, board or public body as shall be determined by the Mayor.

Section 2. Functions. The Committee shall:

- (a) Recruit for consideration persons appearing to have the highest qualifications for the offices referred to in section one, receive recommendations of persons for consideration as provided by law, and accept applications from persons seeking appointment to such offices;
- (b) Evaluate and conduct all necessary inquiry to identify those persons whose character, ability, training, experience temperament and commitment to public service fully qualify them for such offices;
- (c) Refer to the Department of Investigation for screening all persons the Committee proposes to nominate for appointment;

- (d) Nominate three or more candidates for appointment to each vacancy arising each in such office and submit to the Mayor the names of the nominees and such information as may be necessary to inform the Mayor of the qualifications of each nominee; provided that when the Committee have received recommendations of persons for consideration as provided by law, the Committee may, where appropriate, nominate such persons or report its recommendation against the appointment of such persons to the Mayor; and provided further that if there is more than one vacancy on any commission, board or other public body the Committee may submit fewer than three nominations for each vacancy unless the Mayor specifically requests three nominations; and
- (e) Evaluate the qualifications of each incumbent in such offices for reappointment to such office and report the Committee's recommendation to the Mayor, provided that if the Committee shall recommend against reappointment it shall nominate three or more candidates for appointment to the vacancy as provided above.

Section 3/. Appointments by the Mayor.

- (a) The Mayor shall not appoint initially any person to an office referred to in section one unless such person is nominated, or reappoint an incumbent to any such office unless such incumbent is recommended for reappointment, by the Committee.
- (b) Within ninety days of a vacancy occurring in such office the Mayor shall submit the name of the nominee to fill such vacancy for the advice and consent of the Council pursuant to section forty-six of the Charter, unless a longer period is required in the public interest. The Committee may begin the process of considering nominees for a vacancy before the term of the incumbent expires, and should act expeditiously to assure that nominations are timely made.
- (c) After the nominee to such office is confirmed by the Council, the remaining nominations shall be valid for appointment to any vacancy occurring in that commission, board or other public body within six months after their submission to the Mayor; provided, however, that the Committee may nominate additional persons to fill any such vacancy, and may renominate persons for any such vacancy occurring more than six months after their prior submission.

Section 4. Committee Membership.

- The Committee shall consist of five members including a chair, each residing or having a principal place of business in the City of New York, appointed by the Mayor. Such members shall designate adjunct members who shall function under section two as voting members with regard to appointments and reappointments to specific commissions, boards or other public bodies. Adjunct members will be professionals or knowledgeable persons of high standing with expertise appropriate for enabling the Committee to make a reasoned, informed and impartial evaluation of candidates for the offices referred to in There shall be between two and four adjunct section one. members for each commission, board or other public body for which candidates are evaluated, according to the determination of the members.
- (b) Members shall serve terms of two years commencing January 1, 1986. Adjunct members shall function under section two as voting members until the appointments or reappointments for which they have been designated are confirmed and may be redesignated at the discretion of the full members. Vacancies in the Committee shall be filled in the same manner as initial appointments. A member of the Committee may by removed by the Mayor for cause.
- (c) The Committee shall be selected with due consideration for broad community representation. The membership shall include men and women and members of minority and other groups, who are qualified to perform the functions of the Committee.
- (d) No person shall be considered by the Committee for any position covered by this order while serving as a member of the Committee or within one year thereafter.
- Section 5. <u>Confidentiality</u>. All Committee communications concerning the qualifications of candidates shall be made and held in confidence except such communications as the Committee may submit to the Mayor or as may be otherwise necessary and proper to the conduct of Committee proceedings.
- Section 6. Committee Action and Procedure. The Committee may adopt such procedures and policies as it may deem appropriate to its functions, including standards for

evaluating the best qualified candidates for nomination and criteria for recommending the reappointment of incumbents.

Section 7. Financing and Staff.

- (a) Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their service as members.
- (b) The Committee shall be provided with paid staff and sufficient facilities to carry out its functions.
- (c) Members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in connection with the responsibilities of the Committee.

Section 8. Effective Date. This order shall take effect immediately.

Edward I. Koch