

INDEPENDENT

VILLAGE  DEMOCRATS

CITY APPOINTMENT REFORM LEGISLATION RESOLUTION

Whereas, the present climate of corruption in Mayor Koch's Administration, which has resulted in numerous indictments and resignations of Commissioners and their appointees, has demonstrated the need for greater participation in the appointment process by the citizens of New York City through their elected councilpeople;

Whereas, two principles of government of a democracy are the separation of powers and checks and balances;

Whereas, both the Federal government and all State governments operate with the principles of separation of powers and checks and balances;

Whereas, a crucial component of both principles is the practice of advice and consent which operates by the U.S. Senate giving approval to U.S. Cabinet officers, and the N.Y.S. Senate approving State Cabinet officers;

Whereas, the practice of advice and consent operates not only in the Federal government and all State governments, but in thousands of cities, villages, and other units of government in the U.S.;

Whereas, presently the City Council gives approval only to members of the Mayor's Art Commission, Board of Health (except chairperson), City Planning Commission (except chairperson), Civil Service Commission, Landmarks Preservation Commission, Tax Commission, Taxi and Limosine Commission and Public members of the Environmental Control Board;

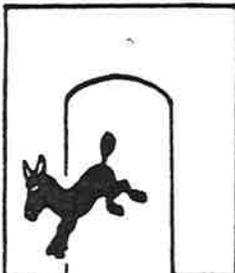
Therefore, be it resolved that:

The Village Independent Democrats urges that legislation be enacted creating advice and consent for Commissioners and Deputy Mayors in New York City by the City Council.

Submitted by Sherri Donovan  
Executive Member.

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RESOLUTION II CONCERNING THE WATERFRONT

Whereas, the waterfront belongs to the public and should exist as an open space for recreational use by the community,

Therefore, be it resolved that:

- VID highly commends Community Board 2 for successfully working to have the fences removed from the piers.

VID particularly would like to congratulate Arthur Strichler, Chairperson of the Traffic Committee, Rita Lee, District Manager, and Charlie Persell, Chairperson of Community Board 2.

VID pledges its support and assistance to ensure that the barriers be removed from the piers and that the waterfront be returned to the public for recreational use.

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