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I am Council Member Shaun Abreu, and I'm here to fight for the integrity of our city government.

Changing our city's charter is a serious task. It offers the opportunity to make real changes to how we govern ourselves, and it demands months of planning and rounds of community feedback from New Yorkers. This is not a process to rush blindly into.

Of course, we all know the real reason this commission is scrambling: to keep Advice and Consent off the ballot. But Advice and Consent is Democracy 101. It's one of our most basic tools for holding our government accountable, and it's used in DC and Albany and already in our city for select positions. If we want a transparent, effective, and responsible government—a government that gives New Yorkers a voice in the affairs of their city—we will reject this half-hearted attempt at a Charter Revision and put Advice and Consent on the ballot this November.

We shouldn't have petty fights over basic government functions. Let's let the people decide in November.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shaun Abreu".

Council Member Shaun Abreu
New York City Council, District 7