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Council Member Banks Statement on Advice and Consent

July, 22, 2024

Good Evening everyone,

I am here today to discuss the critical importance of the proposed charter revision. The City Council firmly believes that advice and consent are essential when appointing leaders to some of the most influential roles in New York City. It is imperative that these key roles receive approval from the Council. For far too long, we have relied on a single person to make these appointments, which can lead to a concentration of power and decisions that may not always benefit New Yorkers.

This past June, the City Council, in a strong show of unity, voted overwhelmingly to pass a measure that would place before the voters a proposal requiring the advice and consent of the Council in the appointment process for 20 additional city agency commissioners. The Council is a co-equal branch of government, and its authority should not be undermined by any individual or agency.

It is our democratic right, and the right of all New Yorkers, to have a say in who we appoint to lead key agencies and help shape the future of our city. We must ensure accountability and transparency in this process. I strongly support the principles of checks and balances, which is why I believe we should move forward with placing this charter revision on the ballot. Let us respect the will of the voters.

The residents of the 42nd Council District sent me here to fight for them, and I am committed to up-holding my promise to them.

Hon. Chris Banks
Chair, Public Housing Committee
42nd Council District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Banks".