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To Chair Scissura and members of the Charter Revision Commission,

I am writing to express my concern over the rushed nature of the 2024 Charter Revision Commission (CRC) process. Reviewing the New York City Charter is a significant task that requires adequate time for both the commission and the residents of our city. Currently, the Commission is pushing through the process in less than two months to meet the August 5th deadline for this year's General Election. This rush deprives New Yorkers of the opportunity to decide on expanding advice and consent for themselves and the City Council in the appointment process for 20 city agency commissioners. The City Council firmly calls for an honest and democratic process that includes feedback from a diverse group of New Yorkers across all five boroughs before the CRC submits its report.

A Charter Revision Commission should be a deeply participatory process that improves the City Charter and good governance through a thorough review and public engagement. The law allows the Commission to operate until the 2025 General Election, providing ample time for intentional participation and extensive feedback from New Yorkers. I urge today's CRC to take the necessary time to offer a truly comprehensive report for the success and future of our city. The City Council's Democratic Majority and I urge the Commission not to rush this important process and to allow New Yorkers to decide how they want their local government to function.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Farías".

Hon. Amanda Farías
Majority Leader and Council Member, District 18