Short List of Policy Recommendations
to the 2018 City Charter Revision Commission

Campaign Finance & Voting Reform Recommendations

1. Empower the Campaign Finance Board to monitor and enforce laws and regulations for campaign finance, ethics, and lobbying.
   a. As a first step towards consolidating and strengthening oversight, move lobbying enforcement out of the City Clerk's office into the Conflicts of Interest Board (COIB).
2. Significantly increase the cap limiting candidates' public funds to 55 percent of the spending limit for the office sought.
3. Limit public matching funds to contributions up to $175.
4. Include the clients of lobbyists in the Doing Business definition.
5. Require subcontractors doing large amounts of work on city contracts to be subject to the doing business contribution limits.
6. Strengthen disclosure of independent expenditures by revealing the actual donors or beneficial owners of LLCs making independent expenditures or donating to entities making independent expenditures.[1]
7. Establish Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) or Ranked Choice Voting for primary elections for citywide offices, all special elections, and for military and overseas voters.

Public Integrity/Conflicts of Interest Recommendations

1. Limit contributions to *all* nonprofits affiliated with elected officials.
2. Restrict donations by those doing business with the city to city agencies, public authorities, public benefit corporations and local development corporations.
3. Publish as open data the exact amount of all donations by donors doing business with the city to nonprofits affiliated with elected officials, and to all government entities (city agencies, public authorities, public benefit corporations and local development corporations).
4. Require "volunteers" doing major policy work or senior level appointments for the city to follow city ethics laws.

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[1] CFB 2013 post election report, recommendation #3. Available at: http://www.nyccfb.info/PDF/per/2013_PER/2013_PER.pdf. Pages 123-126.