

Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel to the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Kings County Democratic County Committee

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: THE RULES AND PROCESSES OF THE JUDICIAL SCREENING PANEL OF THE KINGS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Hearing is to receive comment from the general public regarding the Rules and Processes of the Judicial Screening Panel of the Kings County Democratic Committee, within the parameters of existing applicable law.

PLACE and TIME:

**St. Francis College
Founders Hall
180 Remsen Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
February 22nd 2006
4:00 to 8:00 PM**

The Hearing will be conducted by The Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel to the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Kings County Democratic County Committee empanelled at the request of the Honorable Vito J. Lopez, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Kings County Democratic County Committee. The Panel consists of the following members:

Dr. Frank J. Macchiarola (Panel Co-Chairman) President St. Francis College.
Honorable Joseph R. Lentol (Panel Co-Chairman) Assemblyman 50th Assembly District Brooklyn.
Gerald B. Lefcourt, Defense and Civil Rights attorney.
Howard A. Glickstein, Former Dean Touro Law School.
Dr. Pamela Straker, President and CEO Brooklyn Psychiatric Centers.
Manuel A. Romero, Immediate Past President Brooklyn Bar Association, Member State Grievance Committee.
Carl J. Landicino, Counsel to the Kings County Democratic Committee.

A copy of current governing rules can be found on the official website of the Kings County Democratic County Committee www.brooklyndems.com

In the event you wish to testify, please contact Alexandria Egler at (718) 489 5345 to set aside a time period for your convenience.

You may submit written comments on or before February 20th 2006 to Co-Chairman Macchiarola at St. Francis College, 180 Remsen Street Brooklyn, NY 11201 rather than appearing to testify.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Panel at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Panel will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to the Panel as early as possible. In the absence of a request, witnesses will be scheduled in the order of their arrival.

7 Copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the registration desk. The Panel would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

Acknowledging that the Screening Panel must operate within the State and Federal Law as it currently exists, the focus of this Advisory Panel must be on the rules of the Judicial Screening Panel with the State and Federal Law in mind.

The Panel would like testimony to address some of the following issues:

1. Should the membership of the screening panel include non-lawyers?
2. Should the Screening Panel include members of organizations not presently represented?
3. Should the tenure of the members of the Screening Panel be greater than one year?
4. Should the length of the approval period for prospective judges be extended for longer than the current time frame?
5. What should the majority or quorum requirements for determinations of the Screening Panel be?
6. What are the most important qualifications and requirements needed to ensure competent members of the Judiciary?
7. Should there be an appeals process, and if so, what should that process be?

PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons wishing to present testimony to the Panel are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail or fax to:

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Fax # (718) 237 8964

I plan to attend the following public hearing on The Rules and Processes of the Judicial Screening Panel of the Kings County Democratic County Committee.

I wish to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 5 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 7 copies of my prepared statement.

I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

I do not plan to attend the above hearing.

I would like to be removed from the Committee mailing list.

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____