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Public Advocate Letitia James Holds Hearing of the Commission on Public Information and Communication

Hearing Opens Public Discourse On Ways To Increase Access To Governmental Information

(New York, NY)— On December 18, 2014, New York City Public Advocate Letitia James, who serves as the Chair of the Commission on Public Information and Communication (COPIIC), held a hearing to discuss ways of increasing public access to governmental information and data. Prior to today's hearing, the COPIIC commission had met sporadically.

With rapid changes in technology and communications, COPIIC will examine how information can be made more accessible to the general public. Good government group *Citizens Union* submitted testimony at today's hearing, and the public advocate's Deputy General Counsel Umair Khan was appointed Interim Director of COPIIC, joining already-appointed Council Member Ben Kallos.

“As we continue these vital discussions regarding how technology and our developing infrastructure can best serve all New Yorkers, I am proud to re-launch the Commission on Public Information and Communication,” said **New York City Public Advocate Letitia James**. “I welcome Council Member Ben Kallos to the Commission, and I look forward to heading a commission that produces fresh, relevant, and strong policies moving forward.”

Public Advocate Letitia James recently held a public hearing on the proposed Comcast- Time Warner Cable merger. The hearing focused on the economic impact of the proposal, including possible adverse impacts on underserved communities throughout the City of New York.

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