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Commissioner

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Jerry Boone, Commissioner and President New York State Civil Service Commission New York State Department of Civil Service Alfred E. Smith State Office Building Albany, New York 12239

Dear Commissioner Boone:

This letter follows-up on our recent discussion regarding the City's need for a 1-year extension to implement the Five-Year Provisional Reduction Plan (Plan) that the City adopted pursuant to New York State Civil Service Law Section 65(5)(b). The City formally requests a 1-year extension to implement the Plan. While we have reduced the number of provisional employees serving in City government by nearly 45% since the Plan was initiated in October of 2008, considerable work remains to be done. As we discussed, a primary driver of the City's need for an extension is because the Civil Service Commission has not acted on a number of resolutions submitted by the City, many of which have been pending since 2009. Moreover, the Commission has not used the \$600,000 of City funds at its disposal to assist in acting on those resolutions, as well as other work related to the Plan.

Prior to your appointment, we submitted numerous resolutions to the Commission for approval. Resolution DH 1-2009, a proposal to create 12 computer and information technology titles in the non-competitive class (1,800 provisionals), and Resolution DH 3-2009, a proposal to classify 15 temporary titles in the NYPD into the Non-Competitive and Exempt classes, are two examples that have been before the Commission since 2009.

While we have made significant progress since your appointment, the City's proposals are still subject to significant delays. We believe that this work can be done quickly if the Commission would use the \$600,000 of City funding made available by law and through the Plan. To date, however, the Commission has used only a small amount of that funding for work performed by existing staff.

Competition is a core principal of the civil service system, and the majority of Civil Service positions in the City (as elsewhere in New York State) are administered through competitive examination. DCAS administers competitive exams for more than 182,000 competitive class positions. But certain jobs should be non-competitive or exempt to fill specific strategic roles. The City's Plan focuses mostly on administering additional exams—and we have administered an average of 20 additional tests per year above the historical average since the plan was launched. But the resolutions before the Commission

are also critical components of the Plan, and we seek an expedited review and approval of our classification proposals so that we can fully implement it as soon as possible.

At our October 2012 meeting, we indicated that we would seek the State's approval of our request for an extension of time to complete the Plan. In support of that request, we have attached two Plan modifications:

- A list of classification actions that we will be withdrawing (101 titles)
- A list of competitive exams that we plan to conduct during the next year and a half to address significant numbers of provisionals (82 exams).

We are pleased to have reduced the number of provisional employees serving in City government by 44 percent in four years, from 37,797 down to 21,237, as of the end of our last reporting period. I am confident with your partnership we will reduce that number even further in the coming year.

Thank you for your continued assistance and support.

Sincerely,

Edna Wells Handy

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Title Code	Title Description Administrative Park and Recreation Manager	# of Provisionals	SCSC Submission		Original Planned (Non-Competitiv		Revised Plan Action Exam Planned (Winter 2013-14)
31313 31314	Asbestos Handler	2		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	e)	Withdraw Proposal
31312	Asbestos Handler Supervisor Asbestos Hazard Investigator	5		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	e)	Withdraw Proposal Withdraw Proposal
92122	Assistant Environmental Engineer Assistant Printing Press Operator	11			(Non-Competitive ication (Consolidation)		Exam Held, List Established Withdraw Proposal
10271 22508	Associate Call Center Representative	0 23		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	e)	Exam Held, List Established Exam Planned (Fall 2013)
55038	Associate Housing Development Specialist Associate Human Rights Specialist	1		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	9)	Withdraw Proposal
92238 81106	Associate Landmarks Preservationist Associate Park Service Worker	60			(Non-Competitive		Withdraw Proposal Exam Held, List Established
92501	Auto Body Worker Blacksmith's Helper	18		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	e)	Exam Scheduled (Spring 2013) Withdraw Proposal
92105	Bookbinder	5		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	e)	Withdraw Proposal
	Bridge Painter Bridge Repairer and Riveter	20			(Non-Competitive		Exam Held, List Established Exam Planned (Fall 2013)
	Call Center Representative Captain (Sludge Boat)	17 7			(Non-Competitive		Exam Held, List Established Withdraw Proposal
92005	Carpenter	22		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	e)	Exam Planned (Winter 2013-14)
52366 52367	Child Protective Specialist Child Protective Specialist Supervisor	0 2			(Non-Competitive		Exam Held, List Established Withdraw Proposal
90756 91611	Construction Laborer Crane Operator (Any Motive Power Except Steam)	22			(Non-Competitive		Exam Planned (Winter 2013-14) Withdraw Proposal
60888	Customer Information Representative	126		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	e)	Exam Scheduled (Spring 2013)
	Dental Assistant Dental Hygienist	0			(Non-Competitive		Withdraw Proposal Withdraw Proposal
50310	Dietitian Education Analyst Trainee	6 7		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	e)	Exam Held (Fall 2012) Withdraw Proposal
91717	Electrician	3		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	9)	Withdraw Proposal
53053 53054	Emergency Medical Specialist - EMT Emergency Medical Specialist - Paramedic	66 117			(Non-Competitive		Exam Held, List Established Exam Held, List Established
20618	Environmental Engineer Exterminator	15 15		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	e)	Exam Held (Winter 2012-13) Exam Held, List Established
71010	Fire Alarm Dispatcher	0		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	e)	Exam Held, List Established
91415	Fraud Investigator Graphic Artist	2		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	9)	Exam Held, List Established Withdraw Proposal
	Health Services Manager Highway Repairer	152 12			(Non-Competitive		Exam Planned (Winter 2013-14) Withdraw Proposal
22507	Housing Development Specialist	15		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	e)	Exam Planned (Fall 2013)
	Housing Development Specialist Trainee Instrumentation Specialist Trainee	5			(Non-Competitive		Withdraw Proposal Withdraw Proposal
31105 52295	Investigator Juvenile Counselor	39			cation (Consolida (Non-Competitive		Withdraw Proposal Exam Held, List Established
12752	Labor Relations Analyst Trainee	8		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	9)	Withdraw Proposal
92237 91825	Landmarks Preservationist Letterer and Sign Painter	6			(Non-Competitive		Withdraw Proposal Withdraw Proposal
90723 92610	Locksmith Machinist	14 51			(Non-Competitive		Exam Held, List Published Exam Planned (Spring 2014)
92611	Machinist's Helper	16		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	9)	Exam Planned (Spring 2014)
90698 40501	Maintenance Worker  Management Auditor Trainee	15 32			(Non-Competitive		Exam Held, List Established Exam Planned (Fall 2013)
	Marine Engineer Marine Engineer (DC)	14			(Non-Competitive		Exam Held (Spring 2012) Withdraw Proposal
70316	Marine Engineer (Uniformed - Fire Department)	2		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	9)	Exam Held (Spring 2012)
91212 06216	Motor Vehicle Operator Occupational Therapist (Board of Education)	194		TTC to be Class	(Non-Competitive sified (Non-Comp	etitive)	Exam Held, List Established Exam Scheduled (Spring 2013)
91830	Painter Physical Therapist (Board of Education)	36 42			(Non-Competitive sified (Non-Comp		Exam Planned (Winter 2013-14) Exam Scheduled (Spring 2013)
92235	Plasterer	61		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	9)	Exams Held (Winter 2012) Withdraw Proposal
	Plumber Plumber's Helper	0		Position Classifi	(Non-Competitive cation (Consolida	tion)	Withdraw Proposal
71012 92123	Police Communications Technician Printing Press Operator	0 2			(Non-Competitive		Exam Held, List Established  Exam Held, List Established
51105	Public Health Education Trainee	1		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	9)	Withdraw Proposal Withdraw Proposal
	Rigger Senior Institutional Trades Instructor (Tailoring)	6 1		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive (Non-Competitive	9)	Withdraw Proposal
06217 06219	Senior Occupational Therapist (Board of Education) Senior Physical Therapist (Board of Education)	882 530			sified (Non-Comp sified (Non-Comp		Exam Scheduled (Spring 2013)  Exam Scheduled (Spring 2013)
90767	Senior Hydrage Treatment Worker Sewage Treatment Worker	0 157		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	9)	Withdraw Proposal Exam Held, List Established
92340	Sheet Metal Worker	8		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	9)	Withdraw Proposal
	Staff Analyst Trainee Steam Fitter's Helper	52 0		Position Classifi	(Non-Competitive cation (Consolida	tion)	Exam Planned (Fall 2013) Withdraw Proposal
	Stock Worker Supervising Computer Service Technician	0 106			(Non-Competitive		Withdraw Proposal Exam Scheduled (Spring 2013)
53055	Supervising Emergency Medical Service Specialist	0		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	3)	Exam Scheduled (Spring 2013)
71060 71013	Supervising Fire Alarm Dispatcher Supervising Police Communications Technician	0		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	<del>=</del> )	Withdraw Proposal Exam Held, List Established
91310	Supervisor Supervisor (Exterminators)	14			(Non-Competitive		Exam Planned (Winter 2013-14) Withdraw Proposal
91314	Supervisor (Watershed Maintenance)	25		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	e)	Exam Planned (Fall 2013) Withdraw Proposal
91871	Supervisor Bricklayer Supervisor Bridge Painter	3		Reclassification	cation (Consolida (Non-Competitive	9)	Withdraw Proposal
92372	Supervisor Bridge Repairer and Riveter Supervisor Carpenter	4 15			(Non-Competitive		Withdraw Proposal Exam Planned (Winter 2013-14)
91769	Supervisor Electrician	23		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	e)	Exam Planned (Fall 2013) Withdraw Proposal
34205	Supervisor Highway Repairer Supervisor of Electrical Installations and Maintenance	0 39		Position Classifi	cation (Broadban	d)	Exam Planned (Fall 2013)
34221 12202	Supervisor of Mechanical Installations and Maintenance Supervisor of Stock Workers	63			cation (Broadban (Non-Competitive		Withdraw Proposal Exam Held (Fall 2012)
91873	Supervisor Painter	0		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	9)	Withdraw Proposal Withdraw Proposal
92272 91972	Supervisor Plasterer Supervisor Plumber	4		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	9)	Withdraw Proposal
92343 92073	Supervisor Sheet Metal Worker Supervisor Ship Carpenter	1			(Non-Competitive cation (Consolida		Withdraw Proposal Withdraw Proposal
91971	Supervisor Steam Fitter	8 0		Position Classifi	cation (Consolida cation (Consolida	tion)	Withdraw Proposal Withdraw Proposal
91964 91215	Supervisor Thermostat Repairer Tractor Operator	7		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	9)	Withdraw Proposal
90910 91011	Traffic Device Maintainer Watershed Maintainer	0 54		Reclassification	(Non-Competitive	9)	Exam Held, List Established Exam Held (Spring 2012)
	Welder	10			(Non-Competitive		Withdraw Proposal

## PROPOSED EXAM SCHEDULE for Revised 5-YEAR PLAN

Year 5		
A The Control of the Fall of		
Title	# of Provisionals	
Caseworker	0	
Child Protective Specialist	0	
Eligibility Specialist	0	
Job Opportunity Specialist	71	
Procurement Analyst	101	
School Food Service Manager	45	
Supervisor of Stock Workers	63	
Chemical Engineer	3	
Civil Engineer	32	
Electrical Engineer	29	
Environmental Engineer	15	
Mechanical Engineer	23	
High Pressure Plant Tender	64	

Winter		
Title	# of Provisionals	
Assistant Superintendent of Welfare Shelters	21	
Associate Chemist	29	
Associate Public Information Specialist	61	
Customer Information Representative	126	
Auto Body Worker	18	
Civil Engineering Intern	54	
Engineering Technician	63	
Heating Plant Technician	175	

Spring		
Title	# of Provisionals	
Assistant Housing Manager	56	
Associate Public Health Sanitarian	73	
Clerical Associate	0	
Secretary	0	
Supervising Computer Service Technician	106	
Auto Mechanic	72	
Auto Mechanic (Diesel)	116	
Custodian Engineer (BOE)	46	
Occupational Therapist (Board of Education)	1,076	
Physical Therapist (Board of Education)	572	

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Title	# of Provisionals
Caseworker	0
Child Protective Specialist	0
Eligibility Specialist	0
Job Opportunity Specialist	0
Associate Housing Development Specialist	23
Management Auditor Trainee	32
Bridge Repairer and Riveter	20
Supervisor of Electrical Installations and Maintenance	39
Supervisor (Watershed Maintenance)	25
Supervisor Electrician	23
Senior Quality Control Specialist	47
Congregate Care Specialist	32

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Title	# of Provisionals	
Administrative Contract Specialist	94	
Administrative Job Opportunity Specialist	78	
Administrative Manager	654	
Administrative Park And Recreation Manager	57	
Administrative Procurement Analyst	109	
Administrative Architect	70	
Administrative Engineer	350	
Administrative Project Manager	372	
Administrative Housing Superintendent	54	
Computer Aide	79	
Painter	36	
Carpenter	22	
Construction Laborer	22	
Supervisor Carpenter	15	
Supervisor	14	
Mariner	14	
Associate Real Property Manager	18	
Associate Retirement Benefits Examiner	34	
Housing Development Specialist	15	
Machinist	51	
Machinist's Helper	16	

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Title	# of Provisionals	
Administrative Accountant	117	
Administrative Education Analyst	349	
Administrative Education Officer	245	
Administrative Director Of Social Services	392	
Administrative Public Information Specialist	85	
Administrative Staff Analyst	2,277	
Computer Programmer Analyst Trainee	33	
Associate Inspector (Construction)	51	
Oiler	21	
Inspector (Plumbing)	21	
Senior Stationary Engineer (Electric)	18	
Supervisor of Bridge Operations	16	
Mate (Ferry)	29	
Mate (DEP)	13	
Recreation Supervisor	55	
Staff Analyst Trainee	52	
Supervisor of Office Machine Operations	34	
Health Services Manager	152	

Total # of Provisionals to be Addressed:

9,485