EQUAL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION CITY OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION #09/06-906C: Determination of implementation by the Office of the Public Advocate of the recommended corrective actions made by the Equal Employment Practices Commission pursuant to its audit of the Office of the Public Advocate's Charter-mandated Equal Employment Opportunity Program from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006.

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 36, Section 831(d)(2) and (5) of the New York City Charter, the Equal Employment Practices Commission is authorized to audit and evaluate the employment practices, programs, policies, and procedures of city agencies and their efforts to insure fair and effective equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women, and to make recommendations to city agencies to insure equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women; and

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 35, Section 814(a) (12) of the New York City Charter, the City established the Citywide Equal Employment Opportunity Policy, a set of uniform standards and procedures designed to ensure the equality of opportunity for municipal government employees and job applicants, and, consistent with federal, state and local laws, identified other groups for protection from discrimination in employment; and

Whereas, pursuant to its audit of the Office of the Public Advocate (PA), the Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEPC) issued a preliminary determination letter June 19, 2008 setting forth its findings and recommended corrective actions; and

Whereas, the PA submitted its response to EEPC's preliminary determination letter on September 23, 2008; and

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter 36, Section 832(c) of the New York City Charter, the EEPC issued its response on September 30, 2008; and

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter 36, Section 832 (c) of the City Charter, the EEPC was required to monitor the PA for a period not to exceed six months, from December 2008 through May 2009, to determine whether it implemented the aforementioned recommended corrective actions; and

Whereas, the Office of the Public Advocate submitted its Final Compliance Report on January 12, 2009; and

Whereas, all of the aforementioned recommended corrective actions are required by, or are consistent with, the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy; and

Whereas, the members of this Commission have reviewed a Summary Compliance Report prepared by EEPC staff, affirming that the aforementioned recommendations have been implemented to the Commission's satisfaction. Now Therefore,

Be It Resolved,

that the Office of the Public Advocate has implemented the recommended corrective actions deemed necessary to ensure compliance with equal employment opportunity pursuant to the requirements of Chapters 35 and 36 of the City Charter.

Be It Finally Resolved,

that the Commission authorizes the Chair, Ernest F. Hart, Esq., to forward a letter to the Honorable Betsy Gotbaum, formally informing her that the Office of the Public Advocate has implemented the recommended corrective actions to the Commission's satisfaction.

Approved unanimously on March 12, 2009.

Angela Cabrera Commissioner Cesar A. Perez, Esq. Commissioner

Ernest F. Hart, Esq. Chair