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### RESOLUTION #157

#### IN SUPPORT OF AN EQUITABLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLANNING PROCESS IN LONG ISLAND CITY

WHEREAS P.S. 384, which opened in 2018 in a temporary space and is now located in Q375 at 1-35 57 Avenue, is unzoned, and is currently serving as an overflow site for the P.S./I.S. 78 zone, and

WHEREAS the population of Long Island City has grown at an extraordinary pace, and will continue to grow, as new residential buildings are under construction and planned throughout the area,<sup>1</sup> and

WHEREAS Long Island City has the most segregated schools by race and economic need of any area in District 30: the demographics of several schools in Long Island City differ dramatically from one another and from those of the district as a whole,<sup>2</sup> and

WHEREAS the Department of Education has prioritized school integration, striving to bring the demographics of individual schools in line with those of their district,<sup>3</sup> and

WHEREAS parents, students, and other community members have not historically had active roles in school zoning or planning processes, and low-income communities, communities of color, and residents of public housing have been especially denied this participation, and

WHEREAS the Department of Education's Office of District Planning does not have available staff who are experienced in community engagement with diverse communities such as those in Long Island City, and

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1 According to Census data, the population of Queens tracts 51, 1.03, 19.01, 1.04, 1.01, 1.02, 7.01, 7.02, 19.02, 19.03, 25, 31, 33.01, 33.02, 39, 43, 47, 55, 85, which roughly correspond to the neighborhoods of Court Square, Dutch Kills, Hunter's Point, Queens Plaza, Queensbridge, and Ravenswood, increased by 78 percent between 2010 and 2020 (<https://popfactfinder.planning.nyc.gov>).

2 See data on Economic Need Index and the percentage of Asian, Black, Hispanic, Multi-Racial, Native American, and White students at P.S. 76, P.S./I.S. 78, P.S. 111, P.S. 112, and P.S. 166 from the Demographic Snapshot at <https://infohub.nyced.org/reports/school-quality/information-and-data-overview>.

3 See adopted recommendations from the School Diversity Advisory Group at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/vision-and-mission/diversity-in-our-schools/school-diversity-advisory-group-recommendations>.

WHEREAS, in the January 2022, the Office of District Planning hired the Center for Public Research and Leadership at Columbia Law School to facilitate a planning process for Long Island City, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the District 30 Community Education Council supports the engagement by the Office of District Planning of a contractor experienced in fostering equitable participation among diverse populations to organize and execute a robust school planning process for elementary school students in Long Island City.

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