MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2008 AT 1:30 P.M. 42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR HEARING ROOM NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: James Sampel, President

Frederic Umane, Secretary

Commissioners Como, Dent, O'Connor, Schacher, Soumas, Yennella

Marcus Cederqvist, Executive Director
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Lucille Grimaldi, Director, EVS
Karen Viggiano, Consultant, Gartner
Gladys Fernandez, Technical Liaison, EVS
Marilyn Reyes, Technical Writer, EVS
Yi Yu, Senior Computer Programmer, EVS
Beth Fossella, Coordinator, Voter Registration
Troy Johnson, Chief Clerk, Manhattan Borough Office
Barbara Conacchio, Chief Clerk, Queens Borough Office
Steve Ferguson, Director, MIS
Jack Courtney, Temporary Attorney

GUEST: John Poulos, Vice President, Sequoia

Andrew Wynham, Senior Program Engineer, Sequoia James Hoover, Senior Program Engineer, Sequoia Christine Valeriano, Systems Sales Executive, Sequoia

Liam Maley, Project Manager, Sequoia

Henry Berger, Esq.

Adrienne Kivelson, League of Women Voters

Alyssa Usui, Coordinator, Voters Assistance Commission

Andrea Senteno, Citizen Union

Aaron Belisle, CIDNY

Soji Adu, Bronx Independent Living Services

Israel Rodriguez, NYC Council Teresa Hummel, Community Church of NY

President Sampel called the meeting to order at 1:38 P.M.

The President added the following as Item 1 on the agenda:

1) Communication from the Staff of the State Board of Elections

The General Counsel reported that the Special Counsel for the State Board of Elections sent an Amended Certification for the February 5, 2008 Republican Party Primary for President.

After a lengthy discussion, Secretary Umane moved that the City Board act in accordance with the amended certification from the State Board staff, unless advised by the staff of the State Board that it is rescinded. Commissioner Schacher seconded the motion.

In a roll call vote, Secretary Umane's motion failed by a vote of 4 in favor (Secretary Umane, Commissioners Schacher, Yennella, and

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Como) and 4 opposed (President Sampel Commissioners Dent, O'Connor, and Soumas).

President Sampel announced that representatives from Sequoia would conduct a demonstration of their Ballot Marking Device.

President Sampel moved to adjourn. Secretary Umane seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The President announced that the Commissioner's next meeting will be Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.