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To: Eric Friedman, Press Secretary
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Re: Post Election Hearings

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NYC CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Dear Sir or Madam:

I apologize I could not make it to the hearings because I have to work. however I had to respond because this Election (Mayoral) was the worse display of democracy I have seen in my 43 years in New York City. To no fault of the NYC Campaign Finance Board in which I also commend that you are evaluating and seeking feedback from the public as well as elected officials.

My issues of concern are as follows.

- There should be a cap placed on how much a candidate could spend on a campaign, whether or not they are spending their own money, that way we could be sure that candidates and elected officials are being more responsive to New York City citizens, rather than special interests.
- That candidate should not be able to make donations to non - profits that publicly endorse them so it would not seem that someone is buying the election.
- That news media should not just report what the incumbent is saying and doing but also what their opponent is saying because elections should not be one sided.
- I think that city wide races should have at least 5 debates in each borough, (No Exceptions); as well as town hall meetings across the city.
- I think it might be a good idea for the CFB to send out more Voter guides instead of just days before Election Day. Send out updated brochures through out the campaign. What can also be included is the option to get email updates on candidates.
- Should fund Election Day poll watchers for candidates to ask public on the scene how did they like their election experience?

Once again thank you for serving the public interests.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Wilson