

**D.I.D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
TO DISCUSS TERM LIMITS/JUDICIAL DELEGATES**

DATE: 10/21/08

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: 125 GREENE STREET, 5TH FLOOR

PRESENT: Sean Sweeney, David Reck, Jim Stratton, Marc Ameruso, Jeanne Wilcke, Diane Stein, Arthur Gregory, Andy Neale

Discussion:

At the District Leaders Meeting, Denny Ferrell recommended getting rid of term limits by any means necessary. It was expressed that this sentiment could backfire, and that it would be better to educate voters and then have a referendum.

All of the members of the Executive Committee who were present were not in favor of term limits in general. There was one Executive Committee member who was not able to attend, but sent a message that he was in favor of the two-term limits.

The main points that came out of the discussion were:

1. Opposition in the past to term limits in general, as being undemocratic.
2. Opposition to the procedure to extend term limits – the time-frame is too rushed and that it is being done due to a crisis since there is always a “crisis” in the city.
3. The Executive Committee would prefer another referendum to end term limits and one that the sitting City Council members would not be able to benefit from. The issue should be returned to the voters.
4. Due to the fact that the Mayor has more power than the other elected officials, the Executive Committee would recommend that in the future, the Mayor should be limited to three terms, but there should not be any term limits for the other City offices.

The Executive Committee wrote a resolution that supported the extension of term limits, even though they objected to the way it was being done, and recommended that there be a future referendum calling for three terms for Mayor but no term limits for other offices.

The resolution passed with 6 in favor and 1 recusal. One member had to leave before the vote.