

THE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Proceedings for the

STATED MEETING

of

Thursday, September 12, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

Council Members

Adrienne E. Adams, *The Speaker*

Amanda C. Farías, *The Majority Leader
and Acting President Pro Tempore*

Joseph C. Borelli, *The Minority Leader*

Shaun Abreu	Shahana K. Hanif	Vickie Paladino
Joann Ariola	Robert F. Holden	Keith Powers
Alexa Avilés	Crystal Hudson	Lincoln Restler
Diana I. Ayala	Rita C. Joseph	Kevin C. Riley
Chris Banks	Shekar Krishnan	Yusef Salaam
Erik D. Bottcher	Linda Lee	Rafael Salamanca, Jr
Justin L. Brannan	Farah N. Louis	Pierina A. Sanchez
Gale A. Brewer	Kristy Marmorato	Lynn C. Schulman
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers	Christopher Marte	Althea V. Stevens
Tiffany L. Cabán	Darlene Mealy	Sandra Ung
David M. Carr	Julie Menin	Inna Vernikov
Carmen N. De La Rosa	Francisco P. Moya	Nantasha M. Williams
Eric Dinowitz	Mercedes Narcisse	Julie Won
Oswald J. Feliz	Sandy Nurse	Kalman Yeger
James F. Gennaro	Chi A. Ossé	Susan Zhuang
Jennifer Gutiérrez		

Absent: Council Member Hanks;
Parental Leave: Council Member Rivera.

The Majority Leader (Council Member Farías) assumed the chair as the Acting President Pro Tempore and Presiding Officer for these proceedings. Following the gaveling-in of the Meeting and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, the Roll Call for Attendance was called by the City Clerk and the Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney).

After consulting with the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney), the presence of a quorum was announced by the Majority Leader and the Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Farías).

There were 49 Council Members marked present at this Stated Meeting held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, New York, N.Y. (including Council Members Banks, Moya, and Narcisse who all participated remotely).

INVOCATION

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Louis Straker, Reflections Church located at 1078 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203.

Madam Speaker, the Honorable Adrienne Adams,
Majority Leader Farías,
to our illustrious Councilmember
of the 45th District of New York City, Farah Louis,
thank you for your gracious invitation
to deliver the Invocation before this body
in our city's Council Chambers.
It is with great honor
I stand before you on this historic day,
as you deliberate on the passage
of this most significant legislation
that serves as a milestone
towards restoring opportunity for those
who have been disadvantaged and disenfranchised,
And to create a hollowed space
for peace, conversation, and inclusion.

Let us all pray.

Most gracious Lord and our Heavenly Father,
we humbly beseech your throne of grace and mercy.
As we invoke your presence with us today,
we ask that your spirit would descend upon us
in this Chamber and give guidance
to the hearts and the minds of those
whom you have sovereignly chosen
to represent the people of this great city,
grant them wisdom, knowledge and understanding
to govern over the affairs of your people
and the complexities that we face
in our ever-changing world,
give to them the insight of the sons of Issachar
that they may be able to
discern the times and seasons
in which we live, and respond justly
with grace and mercy,
and walk humbly before you,
who is the creator and sustainer of all life.
I command a blessing upon
every elected official assembled here today.
As these great men and women
commence on this afternoon session,

may your justice roll down
in these chambers like waters,
and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
I ask that you bind them together in the power of unity
and the sacrificial love exemplified by your son,
the greatest representative of all humanity.
It is in his mighty and matchless name
that I humbly make these requests and petitions known,
with respect and acknowledgement
of all faith traditions present here today,
I pray this in the precious name
of my Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

Council Member Louis moved to spread the Invocation in full upon the record.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Council Member Ariola moved that the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of August 15, 2024 be adopted as printed.

MESSAGES & PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR

M-66

Communication from the Mayor – Withdrawing the name of Randy Mastro (M 0063-2024) from consideration for his appointment as Corporation Counsel.

September 10, 2024

The Honorable Adrienne E. Adams
Speaker
New York City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Speaker Adams:

Please be advised that Mr. Randy Mastro has withdrawn his name as a nominee for the position of New York City Corporation Counsel. Based upon his request, I hereby ask the City Council to withdraw his name from consideration at this time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Eric Adams
Mayor

EA:gt

cc: Randy Mastro
Sheena Wright, First Deputy Mayor
Connor Martinez, Director, Mayor's Office of City Legislative Affairs

Received, Ordered, Printed and Filed.

Editor's Note: With the receipt of M-66 of 20204 above, M-63 of 2024 has been Withdrawn by the Mayor and Filed by the Council thereby removing this item from the legislative calendar.

LAND USE CALL-UPS

M-67

By The Chair of the Land Use Committee (Council Member Salamanca):

Pursuant to Sections 11.20(b-d) of the Council Rules and Section 197-d(b)(3) of the New York City Charter, the Council hereby resolves that the actions of the City Planning Commission on Application Nos. C 230208 ZSM and C 230209 ZSM (135th Street Rezoning) shall be subject to Council review. These items are related to Application Nos. C 230206 ZMM and N 230207 ZRM.

Coupled on Call-Up Vote.

M-68

By The Chair of the Land Use Committee (Council Member Salamanca):

Pursuant to Rule 11.20(b) of the Council Rules and Section 19-160.2 of the New York City Administrative Code, the Council resolves that the action of the Department of Transportation approving a sidewalk café located at 640 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, NY 10455, Borough the Bronx, Council District 17, Community District 2, related to Application No. D 2450065822 SWX (Seis Vecinos Restaurant), shall be subject to review by the Council.

Coupled on Call-Up Vote.

M-69

By Council Member Bottcher:

Pursuant to Sections 11.20(b-d) of the Council Rules and Section 197-d(b)(3) of the New York City Charter, the Council hereby resolves that the action of the City Planning Commission on Application No. C 240244 ZSM (343 West 47th Street Demolition Special Permit) shall be subject to Council review.

Coupled on Call-Up Vote.

M-70

By Council Member Holden:

Pursuant to Rule 11.20(b) of the Council Rules and Section 19-160.2 of the New York City Administrative Code, the Council resolves that the action of the Department of Transportation approving a sidewalk café located at 6001 70th Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11358, Borough of Queens, Council District 30, Community District 5, related to Application No. D 2450082809 SWQ (Cozy Corner Bar), shall be subject to review by the Council.

Coupled on Call-Up Vote.

The Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Farías) put the question whether the Council would agree with and adopt such motions which were decided in the **affirmative** by the following vote:

Affirmative – Abreu, Ariola, Avilés, Ayala, Banks, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Holden, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marmorato, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Salaam, Salamanca, Sanchez, Schulman, Stevens, Ung, Vernikov, Williams, Won, Yeger, Zhuang, the Minority Leader (Council Member Borelli), the Majority Leader (Council Member Farías) and the Speaker (Council Member Adams) - **48**.

Present, Not Voting – Feliz.

At this point, the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Farías) declared the aforementioned items **adopted** and referred these items to the Committee on Land Use and to the appropriate Land Use subcommittee.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Report of the Committee on Civil and Human Rights

Report for Int. No. 242-A

Report of the Committee on Civil and Human Rights in favor of approving and adopting, as amended, a Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a truth, healing, and reconciliation process.

The Committee on Civil and Human Rights, to which the annexed proposed amended local law was referred on February 28, 2024 (Minutes, page 594), respectfully

REPORTS:

I. INTRODUCTION

On September 12, 2024, the Committee on Civil and Human Rights, chaired by Council Member Nantasha Williams, held a vote on the following legislation: Proposed Int. 242-A, to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a truth, healing, and reconciliation process; Proposed Int. 279-A, to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to studying the impacts of slavery and its legacies in New York city and recommending potential reparative measures for resulting harms; Proposed Int. 471-A, in relation to establishing a New York city freedom trail task force; and Proposed Int. 833-A, in relation to requiring the installation and maintenance of an informational sign at the intersection of Wall and Pearl Streets in Manhattan to mark the site of New York's first slave market. A previous version of each bill was heard by the Committee on June 27, 2024, and was also heard during the prior session, on September 19, 2023, during a joint hearing with the Committee on Civil and Human Rights and the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International Intergroup Relations. At the hearing, the Committee heard testimony from the Mayor's Office of Racial Equity and Justice (MOERJ), the Commission on Racial Equity (CORE), the New York City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR), advocates, community organizations, and members of the public. Testimony received at the aforementioned hearings, as well as ongoing feedback, has informed the amendments to these bills. The bills passed with 4 votes in the affirmative, 0 votes in the negative, and no abstentions.

II. BACKGROUND

a. *History of slavery and its legacies in New York City*

For over 200 years, the City of New York legally sanctioned the wrongful¹ enslavement of human beings of African and indigenous American descent. After slavery was banned statewide in 1827, racially motivated

¹ The prohibition against slavery is a universal principle of international law recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which the United States ratified in 1992. See *International Law and Agreements: Their Effect upon U.S. Law*, CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE (updated July 13, 2023), <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/RL/RL32528>; United Nations, *Ratification Status for International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*, https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/Treaty.aspx?Treaty=CCPR&Lang=en; *The Core International Human Rights Treaties*, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/publications/coretreatiesen.pdf>; see also Restatement (Third) of Foreign Relations Law § 702 (1987) (prohibition against slavery is *jus cogens* and as such "is part of the law of the United States to be applied as such by State as well as federal courts").

discrimination, segregation and violence continued, not only overtly in practice but inherently through formal laws and policies.²

Legacies of slavery and racial discrimination continue to the present day. Hundreds of schools, public art works, subway stations, and streets are dedicated to historical figures who owned and trafficked enslaved persons.³ And, although segregation was formally outlawed in the City in 1920,⁴ New York City neighborhoods and schools remain the most segregated in the nation.⁵ Further, stark disparities in access to employment opportunities and fair wages for Black New Yorkers persist across dozens of industries.⁶

b. The Racial Justice Commission and proposed reforms for racial equity

In 2021, then-Mayor Bill de Blasio established a Racial Justice Commission (RJC) to examine historical and present-day racial inequities in New York City, and to recommend revisions to the City’s Charter to help eliminate structural barriers to racial equity.⁷ Pursuant to this mandate, the RJC solicited community and expert input to identify the most common barriers to racial equity, and then conducted a “root cause” analysis of these inequities. The RJC’s findings were published in interim⁸ and final⁹ reports.

The RJC identified structural reforms that could help to address these inequities, and proposed three Charter amendments that would require and enable the City government to undertake such structural reforms.¹⁰ Specifically, the RJC proposed amending the Charter to add a Preamble, or statement of values; to establish a Mayor’s Office of Equity and Racial Justice (MOERJ) and a Commission of Racial Equity (CORE); and to measure the true cost of living in the City, as a foundation for designing policies that can more accurately address economic inequities in the City.¹¹ In November 2022, the City held a referendum on the RJC’s proposed Charter

² For example, segregation was widespread and legally sanctioned in New York before and after the Civil War, until the northern civil rights movement led to. Martha Biondi, “How does New York change the story of the Civil Rights Movement?”, *Afro-Americans in New York Life and History* (2007), https://www.nyc.gov/html/cchr/justice/downloads/pdf/how_new_york_changes_the_civil_rights_movement.pdf.

³ Julianne McShane, *The Stealth Sticker Campaign to Expose New York’s History of Slavery*, NEW YORK TIMES, May 7, 2021, <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/07/nyregion/slavery-nyc.html>; Alan J. Singer, *Manhattan Street Names Tied to Slavery Listed from A to Z*, NEW YORK ALMANACK, Oct. 23, 2021, <https://www.newyorkalmanack.com/2021/10/manhattan-street-names-tied-to-slavery-from-a-to-z/>.

⁴ Brian Purnell & Jeanne Theoharis, *How New York City Became the Capital of the Jim Crow North*, WASHINGTON POST (Aug. 23, 2017) Available at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2017/08/23/how-new-york-city-became-the-capital-of-the-jim-crow-north/>.

⁵ Christopher Bonastia, *Confronting and Addressing K-12 Segregation in New York City Schools*, PBS, March 23, 2023, <https://www.thirteen.org/blog-post/segregation-new-york-city-schools-continues/>; Yasmeen Khan, *Demand for School Integration Leads to Massive 1964 Boycott — In New York City*, NEW YORK PUBLIC RADIO, Feb. 3, 2016, <https://www.wnyc.org/story/school-boycott-1964/>.

⁶ Jonathan Bowles, Eli Dvorkin, and Charles Shaviro, *Stark Disparities in Employment and Wages for Black New Yorkers* (2020), CENTER FOR AN URBAN FUTURE, <https://nycfuture.org/research/stark-disparities-in-employment-and-wages-for-black-new-yorkers>.

⁷ See <https://racialjustice.cityofnewyork.us/about/more-info-about-rjc-and-charter/>.

⁸ NYC for Racial Justice: An Interim Report from the Racial Justice Commission Staff (cityofnewyork.us)

⁹ NYC FOR RACIAL JUSTICE: FINAL REPORT OF THE NYC RACIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION (cityofnewyork.us). The six main categories of barriers identified were: (1) inequity in access to high-quality socioemotional services; (2) inequity within and across neighborhoods that undermines individual, family, and community well-being; (3) inequities in work and wealth-building; (4) marginalization and over-criminalization of persons and communities that are black, indigenous, or of color (“BIPOC”); (5) inequities in political power and representation; and (6) inequities in government enforcement efforts and government accountability to BIPOC individuals and communities.

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ The RJC explained that tracking the true cost of living in New York City was essential to understanding racial and other equity gaps, and also required using a different calculation from those currently in use. NYC FOR RACIAL JUSTICE: FINAL REPORT OF THE NYC RACIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION (cityofnewyork.us). The Committee on Civil and Human Rights held an oversight hearing on October 26, 2022 to learn more about the RJC’s recommended ballot measures for Charter reform and to raise awareness of the measures among New Yorkers ahead of that year’s election. Further information can be found in the Committee Report and minutes, available at <https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5859901&GUID=0BD5D04C-6171-4BCA-9353-C62502F9E3E8&Options=&Search=>.

amendments,¹² which New Yorkers overwhelmingly approved.¹³ On June 27, 2024, the Committee on Civil and Human Rights held an oversight hearing to track the City’s progress in implementing these Charter amendments.¹⁴

Finally, the RJC proposed a “Roadmap for Racial Justice,” which recommended that the City consider creating a truth and reconciliation process to publicly acknowledge and repair past and present harms caused by racial injustice.¹⁵ Specifically, the RJC recommended that the City undertake a process of “[r]acial reconciliation and healing—or ‘truth and reconciliation’—involv[ing] the public naming and acknowledgement of past harms and traumas, recognition of responsibility in causing or creating the conditions that caused those harms, and action to repair relationships and social bonds.”¹⁶

The RJC also recommended that the City explore possible reparative frameworks for severe racial injustices, which it described as “closely tied to reconciliation,” in order to “bring justice to those impacted by severe injustice.”¹⁷ While the RJC recognized that much reparative work must occur through action at the federal level, it also called on the City to devote resources to improving and strengthening accountability for racial equity commitments, implementation of anti-discrimination measures, and equitable access to essential living standards and rights.¹⁸

III. LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

a. Proposed Int. 242-A – A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a truth, healing, and reconciliation process

This bill creates a new chapter in the Administrative Code dedicated to that requires the Commission on Racial Equity (CORE) to establish a truth and reconciliation process that would study, document, facilitate public discussion about, and memorialize New York City’s role in perpetrating and perpetuating slavery and related rights violations, historically and in the present day, and to propose restorative measures for those injustices. This bill would find that New Yorkers voted in support of Charter amendments that commit the City to intentional action for the purpose of remedying such past and continuing harms, with the goal of promoting justice and equity for all New Yorkers. This bill requires CORE to create a plan for a truth and reconciliation process by June 19, 2027. The plan would include a description of public forums where the truth and reconciliation process would occur, a list of topics to be addressed, an implementation timeline, and guidelines for the constructive participation of all New Yorkers, including measures to support and protect the physical and psychological health of participants. The plan would be formulated in consultation with affected communities, community leaders, and experts in truth and reconciliation processes.

This bill requires the truth and reconciliation to begin no later than June 19, 2028, in at least one designated public forum per borough. CORE must make relevant information and records from these proceedings available

¹² The full text of the ballot measures can be found at <https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5978814&GUID=40F90D36-43C9-4372-B1D3-373ED75E751C&Options=Advanced&Search=>.

¹³ The Preamble was adopted after receiving 72% of the vote, while the Office of Equity was established with 70% voters in support. *New York Election Results*, NEW YORK TIMES (last updated Dec. 21, 2022), <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2022/11/08/us/elections/results-new-york.html>.

¹⁴ See the Committee Report for the Committee on Civil and Human Rights, June 27, 2024, available at <https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6700556&GUID=32A569A2-A7CC-493C-9934-FBC75E60C54B&Options=&Search=>.

¹⁵ [NYC FOR RACIAL JUSTICE: FINAL REPORT OF THE NYC RACIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION \(cityofnewyork.us\)](https://www.cityofnewyork.us/racial-justice/nyrc-final-report) at 89.

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ *Id.* at 89-95.

online, including advance information about how to attend each public meeting. Agencies would be required to support CORE's research and provide it with access to public and non-public city records.

Before and during implementation of the truth and reconciliation process, CORE would be required to publicize the proceedings and otherwise facilitate widespread public education about and engagement with the process. CORE would also be required to preserve and memorialize its records and findings. One year after the proceedings conclude, CORE would be required to produce a narrative report of the proceedings and research findings, and recommendations for steps that the City can take to repair and combat racial injustices in connection with the City's responsibility for perpetrating and perpetuating slavery and related rights violations.

This bill has been amended from its original version in order to extend the deadlines for CORE to issue a plan and to begin implementation of the truth, healing and reconciliation process. The amended version of the bill also includes new requirements for reporting and coordination with the reparations study to be required by Proposed Int. 279-A, and with the New York State Community Commission on Reparations Remedies.

This local law would take effect immediately.

b. Proposed Int. 279-A – A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to studying the impacts of slavery and its legacies in New York city and recommending potential reparative measures for resulting harms

This bill would require the Commission on Racial Equity ("CORE") to study the historical and present-day role of New York City government in perpetrating or perpetuating slavery and related past and present racial inequities and injustices in the City, and to consider reparative measures for such injustices. Recommended measures may include but would not be limited to monetary reparations, non-monetary forms of redress, or symbolic measures such as public apologies or memorials. The required report would also propose eligibility requirements for receiving reparations.

The bill would require CORE to work with subject-matter experts to study and document the impacts and harms of slavery and its legacies in the City, to apply legal, international human rights, and racial equity frameworks to identify the range of violations that have occurred or may be occurring, and make recommendations as to potential legal and policy measures, funding sources, or other tools that could remedy or provide redress for harms inflicted by slavery and its legacies. CORE would also be empowered to conduct special inquiries by requesting information from city agencies. The bill would require CORE to publish three reports: two progress updates and a final report with findings and recommendations. Finally, CORE would also be required to hold at least three public meetings to highlight its work and solicit input for its final report.

The study and reports produced by this bill would be conducted in coordination with New York State's recently initiated process for studying reparations and reconciliation in relation to slavery, and would also be coordinated with the City planning process for Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation required by Proposed Int. 242-A.

This bill was amended to assign CORE oversight responsibility for conducting the reparations study; to require that persons with demonstrated expertise in relevant fields conduct the study; and to require that the study be conducted in coordination with the planning process for truth, healing, and reconciliation to be required by Proposed Int. 242-A, and with the New York State Community Commission on Reparations Remedies.

This local law would take effect at the same time as Proposed Int. 242-A, in relation to the creation of a truth, healing, and reconciliation process.

c. Proposed Int. 471-A – A Local Law in relation to establishing a New York city freedom trail task force

This bill would establish a task force to consider the creation of a citywide New York City freedom trail and a “Lower Manhattan freedom trail” in Lower Manhattan. The freedom trails would be walkable tours, which mark and commemorate historical sites in New York City that are associated with the abolitionist movement and Underground Railroad. The task force would be chaired by the Commissioner of Cultural Affairs, and other members would include academic and historical scholars, representatives from relevant organizations, and representatives from the Departments of Transportation, Parks and Recreation, Small Business Services, and the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Within 90 days of the law’s enactment, the Mayor and the Speaker of the Council must appoint task force members. The task force would submit their final report and recommendations for the establishment of the freedom trails within one year of the task force’s establishment.

This bill has been amended from its original version in order to allow flexibility for how often the task force meets, and to require that any vacancies on the Task Force be filled within 30 days of their occurrence.

This local law would take effect immediately.

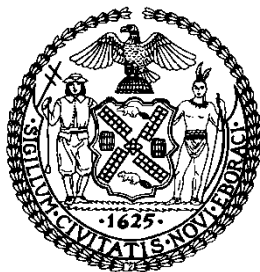
d. Proposed Int. 833-A – A Local Law in relation to requiring the placement of an informational sign near the intersection of Wall and Pearl Streets in Manhattan to mark the site of New York’s first slave market

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to facilitate the installation and maintenance of an informational sign near the intersection of Wall and Pearl Streets in Manhattan to mark the site of New York’s first slave market. The sign would be required to describe key details about the founding, purpose, and history of the market, and its role in the trade of enslaved Africans and Indigenous Americans. The sign would be installed within 250 days of the bill taking effect.

This bill has been modified from the original to extend the timeline for installation.

This local law would take effect immediately.

(The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 242-A:)



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION**

**TANISHA S. EDWARDS, ESQ., CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER, AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE
SPEAKER**

RICHARD LEE, FINANCE DIRECTOR

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROPOSED INTRO. NO: Int. 242-A

COMMITTEE: Civil and Human Rights

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a truth, healing, and reconciliation process.

SPONSOR(S): Hudson, Williams, Restler, Riley, Hanif, Nurse, Stevens, Avilés, Cabán, Ossé, Brooks-Powers, Sanchez, Narcisse, Dinowitz, Marte, Bottcher, Won, Banks, Farías, Krishnan, Gutiérrez and Joseph.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This bill would require the Commission on Racial Equity (CORE) to establish a Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation process in connection with the City's historic involvement in slavery and its present-day legacies. The process's objectives would be to establish facts about slavery and its ongoing legacies in the City; to protect and acknowledge affected persons and communities throughout and after the process; and to recommend changes for government and institutions to prevent recurrence and perpetuation of harm. CORE would be required to hold public proceedings and conduct public engagement activities across all five boroughs, and to publish and memorialize its findings and recommendations. CORE would first undertake a two-year, participatory planning process before implementation, and would coordinate its work with the New York State community commission on reparations remedies and the reparations study to be required by Int. 279-A.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal Year 2026

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY25	Succeeding FY26	Full Fiscal Impact FY26
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures (-)	\$0	\$1,090,000	\$1,090,000
Net	\$0	\$1,090,000	\$1,090,000

IMPACT ON REVENUES: It is estimated that there would be no impact on revenues resulting from the enactment of this legislation.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: It is estimated that the impact on expenditures resulting from the enactment of this legislation would be \$1.1 million in Fiscal 2026, \$890,000 in Fiscal 2027 and decreasing to \$240,000 by Fiscal 2028. For Fiscal 2026, the estimated costs include \$240,000 in personal services for three staff positions and \$850,000 in other than personal services.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division
New York City Office of Management and Budget

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: This legislation was first introduced to the full Council on February 28, 2024, as Intro. No. 242 and was referred to the Committee on Civil and Human Rights. The legislation was considered at a joint hearing held on February 29, 2024, by the Committee on Civil and Human Rights (the Committee) and the

Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection, and the bill was laid over. The legislation has been amended and the amended version, Proposed Intro. No. 242-A will be considered by the Committee on September 12th, 2024. Upon a successful vote by the Committee, Proposed Intro. No. 242-A will be submitted to the full Council for a vote on September 12th, 2024.

DATE PREPARED: September 11, 2024.

(For text of Int. Nos. 279-A, 471-A, and 833-A and their Fiscal Impact Statements, please see the Report of the Committee on Civil and Human Rights for Int. Nos. 279-A, 471-A, and 833-A , respectively, printed in these Minutes; for text of Int. No. 242-A, please see below)

Accordingly, this Committee recommends the adoption of Int. Nos. 242-A, 279-A, 471-A, and 833-A.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 242-A:)

Int. No. 242-A

By Council Members Hudson, Williams, Restler, Riley, Hanif, Nurse, Stevens, Avilés, Cabán, Ossé, Brooks-Powers, Sanchez, Narcisse, Dinowitz, Marte, Bottcher, Won, Banks, Farías, Krishnan, Gutiérrez, Joseph, Louis, Mealy and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams).

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a truth, healing, and reconciliation process

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new title 34 to read as follows:

*TITLE 34: RACIAL EQUITY
CHAPTER 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS*

§ 34-101 Legislative findings. a. The council hereby finds that from 1626 to 1827, the city of New York was the site of the wrongful but legally sanctioned enslavement of human beings of African and indigenous American descent; that in the early 1700s, the city of New York had one of the highest rates of slave ownership in the country, with between 15 and 20 percent of New York city residents enslaved and deprived of their fundamental human rights; that after slavery was banned in the state in 1827, the city of New York continued to generate significant income from the illegal international trade of enslaved persons; and that racially motivated discrimination, riots, segregation, and violence continued after the United States formally abolished slavery in 1865, including through racially discriminatory laws, policies, and practices.

b. The council further finds that on November 8, 2022, New Yorkers voted to adopt a new preamble to the charter acknowledging “the grave injustices and atrocities that form part of our country’s history, including the forced labor of enslaved Africans” and “the discrimination, racial segregation, mass incarceration, and other forms of violence and systemic inequity that continue to be experienced by marginalized groups.” The preamble also acknowledges that these systemic injustices continue to cause profound harms to individuals, families, and communities, and that “we must act intentionally to remedy these past and continuing harms and to reconstruct, revise and reimagine our foundations, structures, institutions, and laws to promote justice and equity for all New Yorkers.”

c. The council further finds that on November 8, 2022, when the preamble to the charter was approved, New Yorkers voted to affirm that “We, the people of New York city, united in our resolve to build a just and equitable city for all, recognize the efforts of those New Yorkers, past and present, who fought for racial equity and social justice, honor the contributions of those New Yorkers who have suffered in the name of freedom, and acknowledge all who fought, struggled, and dreamed for a better life and a better city. Together, we stand on

their shoulders as we move boldly toward a brighter tomorrow for ourselves, our children, and future generations.”

d. Therefore, the council intends by this title to create a truth, healing, and reconciliation process, through which New Yorkers can publicly name and acknowledge the past, present, and ongoing harms and traumas caused by and associated with slavery and its legacies in the city of New York; and by which these grave harms and injustices can be publicly recognized, memorialized, and formally repudiated; and through which New Yorkers may promote accountability for such harms and injustices, including by ensuring that such harms and injustices are not forgotten, perpetuated, or repeated; and through which the city may take action to repair relationships and social bonds amongst all New Yorkers. The council further intends by this title to create a process by which to identify and pursue remedies and reparative measures that are responsive to the needs and priorities of New Yorkers affected by the city’s participation in and perpetuation of slavery and its legacies.

§ 34-102 Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

Affected person or community. The terms “affected person” and “affected community” mean a person and a group of people, respectively, that have experienced harm or injustice as a result of the legacies, badges, and aftereffects of slavery, or whose ancestors were subjected to slavery.

Chair. The term “chair” means the chair of the commission on racial equity pursuant to subdivision b of section 3404 of the charter of the city of New York.

CORE. The term “CORE” means the commission on racial equity established pursuant to section 3404 of the charter of the city of New York.

Community stakeholder. The term “community stakeholder” means a person who is an affected person or member of an affected community, a representative of a community-based organization, a community or religious leader, a scholar or expert, or a representative of a student group.

Healing. The term “healing” means the process of recognizing psychological, social-emotional, or physical harm done to an individual or community and the process of repairing such harm.

Office of racial equity. The term “office of racial equity” means the office established pursuant to section 3401 of the charter of the city of New York.

Public forum. The term “public forum” means a building or other physical location where, in accordance with rules promulgated by CORE, members of the public may learn about and engage with the history, personal experiences, and past or ongoing harms and injustices related to slavery and its legacies.

Racial equity. The term “racial equity” means, when referring to an outcome, the achievement of equity with a particular focus on race or the intersection of race with other characteristics of identity. When referring to a process, the term “racial equity” means the closing of gaps in policy, practice, and allocation of city resources through the prioritization of access, opportunities, and resources to persons and communities who, based on or at least in part due to race, have historically faced or currently face marginalization or oppression, underinvestment, disinvestment, or under-resourcing.

Reconciliation. The term “reconciliation” means an ongoing process of establishing and maintaining respectful societal relationships rooted in the acknowledgement of historical truths, universal human dignity, and the shared pursuit of racial equity.

Reparation. The terms “reparation” or “reparative measure” mean a measure, policy, law, or program designed to remedy or redress one or more violations of human or civil rights by providing material or symbolic benefits to affected persons, families, or communities.

Slavery and its legacies. The term “slavery and its legacies” means the legally sanctioned, race-based practice in New York of holding persons of African and indigenous American descent as chattels between the years 1626 and 1827, and the effects, legacies, badges, and aftereffects of that practice.

Truth and reconciliation. The term “truth and reconciliation” means public proceedings, including public hearings and research efforts, conducted for the purpose of investigating and recording serious human rights violations and abuses with the goal of achieving genuine healing, reconciliation, and progress toward a more just and equitable society. Such proceedings seek to establish patterns, practices, and chains of command that reveal the purposeful and systematic nature of such violations and abuses, potentially but not necessarily in concert with or in anticipation of reparative or restorative justice measures.

CHAPTER 2 TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION

§ 34-201 Truth, healing, and reconciliation process established. a. Objectives. CORE shall establish a truth and reconciliation process with the following objectives:

1. Establishing historical facts about slavery and its legacies in or in connection with the city of New York, including those that remain disputed or denied; identifying the historical and social contexts that gave rise to them; and making recommendations as to whether further investigation is appropriate;

2. Protecting and acknowledging affected persons and communities before, during, and after the process; and

3. Recommending and encouraging policy and social changes for government and community institutions in order to prevent the recurrence or perpetuation of harms and injustices caused by and associated with slavery and its legacies.

b. Plan required. Not later than June 19, 2027, CORE shall deliver to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and shall post publicly on its website, a plan describing the scope and implementation for a truth and reconciliation process, including but not limited to a plan for a public outreach and information campaign; a description of sites, including space and accessibility features, that are to be designated as public forums; the specific topics to be addressed through a truth and reconciliation process; terms and guidelines for public participation in proceedings; a plan to support and protect the physical and psychological health of participants; an implementation timeline; measures to ensure the preservation and memorialization of the proceedings and findings in accordance with section 34-207; and any other steps CORE deems necessary to achieve broad-based public awareness, engagement, and participation before, during, and after the truth and reconciliation process. The plan shall incorporate a start date for truth and reconciliation proceedings no later than June 19, 2028.

c. Participatory and transparent process. In creating a plan, selecting topics, and otherwise carrying out its duties in relation to a truth and reconciliation process pursuant to this chapter, CORE shall consult extensively with community stakeholders and persons with expertise in truth and reconciliation, and publish 2 reports on its progress. Specifically:

1. CORE shall, at a minimum, consult with community stakeholders who represent each of the 5 boroughs and who:

(a) Have relevant personal experience or expertise regarding harms and injustices related to slavery or its legacies in or in connection with the city of New York, which experience may include having descended from enslaved persons;

(b) Represent institutions, organizations, corporations, or associations that are organized or operated primarily for historical, cultural, educational, religious, or charitable purposes and that are connected to African American or indigenous American heritage, history, or culture; or

(c) Have relevant personal experience or expertise in promoting racial justice and equity in the city of New York;

2. No later than January 15, 2026, CORE shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post publicly on its website, a written update on its selection, and terms of engagement with, community stakeholders and persons with expertise in truth and reconciliation; and

3. No later than January 15, 2027, and in consultation with community stakeholders and persons with expertise in truth and reconciliation, CORE shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post publicly on its website, a progress report on CORE's research process and preliminary findings in preparing the plan required by subdivision b of this section.

d. Coordination. In undertaking work pursuant to this chapter, the chair shall coordinate with the New York state community commission on reparation remedies established pursuant to section 3 of chapter 729 of the laws of 2023.

§ 34-202 Truth and reconciliation topics and proceedings. a. Topics to be addressed. The truth and reconciliation process shall address topics relating to the history and effects of slavery and its legacies in or in connection with the territory that is now the city of New York, as defined in section 34-102. In selecting topics to be addressed, CORE shall consider, at minimum, rights violations, events, practices, systems, and consequences in relation to the following:

1. Topics prioritized by community stakeholders, especially those relating to harms and injustices experienced by descendants and family members of persons who were enslaved in or in connection with the city of New York;

2. Historical or ongoing civil and political injustices and inequities, which may include but need not be limited to the physical and psychological abuses, sexual violence, torture, and death, including by lynching, of enslaved persons and their descendants; race-based, legal and extralegal barriers to voting and other forms of political participation; racially discriminatory police violence and over-criminalization; and other forms of racially discriminatory violence and oppression;

3. Historical or ongoing economic, social, and cultural injustices and inequities, which may include but need not be limited to enslaved persons' abduction from their homelands and communities; deprivation of economic autonomy; forced family separations; cultural oppression and erasure; segregation and "Jim Crow" laws; community displacement; redlining and other forms of discriminatory zoning and development; environmental injustice; mental, physical, and reproductive health inequities; pay and employment disparities; and other psychological and social repercussions of racial discrimination and trauma;

4. Differentiated experiences of harms and injustices associated with race-based discrimination and violence as they may have varied or vary on the basis of sex, gender, religion, ethnic and cultural origin, language, educational attainment, socioeconomic status, ability, or other personal characteristic;

5. The involvement of government, corporate, financial, educational, religious and community-based entities in perpetrating or supporting slavery and its legacies;

6. Time periods, practices, or events of particular relevance to the physical site of a public forum or to nearby residents and affected communities;

7. Systemic and lived connections between various racial injustices or inequities; and

8. Past and present contributions of New Yorkers to addressing, repairing, and fighting against slavery and its legacies.

b. *Opening date.* The truth and reconciliation proceedings required by this chapter shall commence, in accordance with the plan required by subdivision b of section 34-201 no later than June 19, 2028.

§ 34-203 Public forums. a. *Site selection.* CORE, in consultation with community stakeholders, shall select a minimum of 5 sites on which to establish public forums for truth and reconciliation proceedings, as follows:

1. CORE shall select a minimum of 1 site in each borough.

2. CORE shall give priority consideration to sites that are:

(a) Suitable for public hearings, exhibitions, and other relevant proceedings, including those that would support remote viewing and participation, such as through interactive livestream, and are otherwise accessible;

(b) Easily accessed by multiple forms of transportation and otherwise conducive to maximizing public participation, including by ensuring adequate capacity for reasonably foreseeable attendance levels, with particular consideration for affected persons and communities; and

(c) Of particular relevance to the topic or topics to be addressed at that site or generally.

3. CORE may dedicate each public forum to addressing 1 or more specific topics, or CORE may determine that any topic may be raised at multiple or all public forums.

b. *Public access to meetings.* CORE shall list the location, schedule of meetings, and topic or topics to be addressed at each public forum on its website, and to the extent feasible publish materials, video recordings, public testimony, and other research from each public forum on its website as they become available.

c. *Special sites.* At any time during the course of the truth and reconciliation process required by this chapter, CORE may establish a temporary site dedicated to a specific event, performance, exhibition, or other proceeding which is especially or solely suited to such site.

§ 34-204 Public engagement. a. *Public information campaign.* Beginning no later than July 1, 2025, and ending no earlier than 365 days after the conclusion of the truth and reconciliation process required by this chapter, CORE, in consultation with the civic engagement commission, the commission on human rights, and the office of ethnic and community media, shall conduct a public outreach and information campaign designed to encourage awareness of, engagement with, and participation in the truth and reconciliation process and findings. Such information campaign shall at a minimum include:

1. Creating educational materials tailored to persons of different ages, backgrounds, and community leadership and education roles;

2. Identifying community outreach partners, stakeholders, and opportunities for engagement; and

3. Distributing and publicizing materials and resources through the use of print, radio, internet, and public space, as practicable.

b. Terms and guidelines for participation. CORE shall issue terms and guidelines for the creation and safeguarding of a physically and psychologically secure space and process for truth and reconciliation. CORE shall describe these terms and guidelines, as well as any relevant training needs, in the plan required pursuant to subdivision b of section 34-201 of this chapter. In creating these terms and guidelines, CORE shall take into particular consideration the interests and needs of affected persons and communities.

c. Public notice of proceedings. CORE shall post public notice of the time and place of meetings, hearings, and other proceedings of CORE in which it is planned to address matters relating to truth and reconciliation. Wherever practicable, such proceedings shall be scheduled and publicly noticed at least 30 days in advance, or within 2 days of when the meeting was scheduled, whichever is earlier. If videoconferencing is used to conduct a meeting, the public notice for the meeting shall inform the public that videoconferencing will be used, identify the locations for the meeting, and state that the public has the right to attend the meeting at any of the locations. The public notice provided for by this section shall not be construed to require publication as a legal notice. Public notice shall include:

- 1. Giving notice to the news media;*
- 2. Conspicuously posting notice in 1 or more designated public locations at a reasonable time, preferably at least 2 weeks before a scheduled proceeding; and*
- 3. Conspicuously posting notice on the website of CORE.*

d. Language access. Publicly available materials distributed pursuant to this section shall be made available in the designated citywide languages, as defined in section 23-1101 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

§ 34-205 Special inquiries. a. Special inquiries authorized. In carrying out their duties pursuant to this chapter, the chair or CORE may conduct or cause to be conducted relevant research on public and non-public city records, including retrieval of relevant historical documents or interviews with persons with relevant knowledge or experience.

b. Support for special inquiries. Pursuant to request by the chair or CORE, city agencies shall provide appropriate staff and resources to facilitate and support any reasonably defined inquiry authorized by this section.

§ 34-206 Narrative report and recommendations. No later than 1 year following the conclusion of the truth and reconciliation process required by this chapter, CORE shall publish a report on the history and legacies of slavery in the city of New York, including but not limited to the legacies and badges of such slavery, if any, that continue to undermine racial equity in the city of New York in the present day. The report shall, at a minimum:

a. Document the findings of the truth and reconciliation process, including the experiences and recommendations shared by participants, including those affected by slavery and its legacies in or in connection with the city of New York; and

b. Recommend steps that the city can take to address, repair, and combat race-based discrimination and injustice in the present and future, which may include but need not be limited to proposed steps toward memorialization, as described in section 34-207; recommendations regarding specific cases for referral to any local, state, or national reparations mechanism that exists or may exist in future, or to any other tribunal, as appropriate; and identification of other grave injustices raised during the truth and reconciliation process but outside the scope of this chapter that may benefit from a separate, dedicated truth and reconciliation process.

§ 34-207 Preservation and memorialization. CORE shall preserve its working documents, videos, transcripts, and operational and administrative records and shall recommend, as part of the report required by section 34-206, a means of memorializing and making available to the public its records and findings for the purpose of public education and engagement in perpetuity. Such means may include but need not be limited to making some or all documents, exhibits, and other materials permanently available online; establishing a museum of truth, healing, and reconciliation; creating physical markers such as a map, monument, or permanent or temporary art installation; commissioning works of artistic expression such as a theatrical performance, film, poetry, or essay; establishing future forums or processes for truth-telling, healing, and community engagement; and proposing other measures for the promotion of racial healing, understanding, and equity.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, *Chairperson*; KEVIN C. RILEY, RITA C. JOSEPH, CHRISTOPHER MARTE; 4-0-0; *Absent*: Rafael Salamanca, Jr.; Committee on Civil and Human Rights, September 12, 2024. *Also Attending*: Council Members Hudson, Louis, and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams).

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

Report for Int. No. 279-A

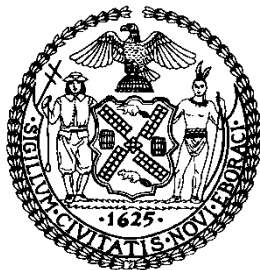
Report of the Committee on Civil and Human Rights in favor of approving and adopting, as amended, a Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to studying the impacts of slavery and its legacies in New York city and recommending potential reparative measures for resulting harms.

The Committee on Civil and Human Rights, to which the annexed proposed amended local law was referred on February 28, 2024 (Minutes, page 667), respectfully

REPORTS:

(For text of report, please see the Report of the Committee on Civil and Human Rights for Int. No. 242-A printed above in these Minutes)

The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 279-A:



THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION

TANISHA S. EDWARDS, ESQ., CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER, AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE
SPEAKER

RICHARD LEE, FINANCE DIRECTOR

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROPOSED INTRO. NO: 279-A

COMMITTEE: Civil and Human Rights

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to studying the impacts of slavery and its legacies in New York city and recommending potential reparative measures for resulting harms.

SPONSOR(S): Louis, Williams, Hudson, Brooks-Powers, Ossé, Rivera, Cabán, Avilés, Won, Krishnan, Restler, Riley, Narcisse, Salaam, Hanif, Nurse, Stevens, Sanchez, Dinowitz, Marte, Bottcher, Banks, Fariás, Gutiérrez and Joseph.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This bill would require the Commission on Racial Equity (CORE) to work with subject experts to study the historical and present-day role of New York City government in perpetrating or perpetuating slavery and related racial injustices, and to consider reparative measures for such injustices. The reparations study would document the harms of slavery and its legacies in the City, identify associated rights violations, and recommend potential legal, policy and other measures to help remedy or redress associated harms. City agencies would be required to cooperate with any related special inquiries by CORE. Recommended

measures may include monetary or non-monetary reparations, including symbolic measures such as public apologies or memorials. The study would also propose eligibility criteria for receiving reparations, and would coordinate with the New York State community commission on reparations remedies and the City's process for Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation required by Int. 242-A.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal Year 2026

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY25	Succeeding FY26	Full Fiscal Impact FY26
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures (-)	\$57,500	\$1,415,000	\$1,415,000
Net	\$57,500	\$1,415,000	\$1,415,000

IMPACT ON REVENUES: It is estimated that there would be no impact on revenues resulting from the enactment of this legislation.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: It is estimated that the impact on expenditures resulting from the enactment of this legislation would be \$1.4 million in Fiscal 2026, \$1.3 million in Fiscal 2027 and decreasing to \$115,000 by Fiscal 2028 for Personal Services (PS) and Other Than Personal Services (OTPS) costs. For Fiscal 2025, the prorated cost would be \$57,500 for one staff position.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division
New York City Office of Management and Budget

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY: Nia Hyatt, Senior Financial Analyst

ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY: Florentine Kabore, Unit Head
Chima Obichere, Deputy Director
Eisha Wright, Deputy Director
Michael Twomey, Assistant Counsel
Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Deputy Director

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: This legislation was first introduced to the full Council on February 28, 2024, as Proposed Intro. No. 279 and was referred to the Committee on Civil and Human Rights. The legislation was considered at a joint hearing held on February 29, 2024, by the Committee on Civil and Human Rights (the Committee) and the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection, and the bill was laid over. The legislation has been amended and the amended version, Proposed Intro. No. 279-A will be considered by the Committee on September 12, 2024. Upon a successful vote by the Committee, Proposed Intro. No. 279-A will be submitted to the full Council for a vote on September 12, 2024.

DATE PREPARED: September 11, 2024.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption, as amended.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 279-A:)

Int. No. 279-A

By Council Members Louis, Williams, Hudson, Brooks-Powers, Ossé, Rivera, Cabán, Avilés, Won, Krishnan, Restler, Riley, Narcisse, Salaam, Hanif, Nurse, Stevens, Sanchez, Dinowitz, Marte, Bottcher, Banks, Fariás, Gutiérrez, Joseph, De La Rosa, Mealy and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams).

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to studying the impacts of slavery and its legacies in New York city and recommending potential reparative measures for resulting harms

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 34 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by a local law for the year 2024 amending the administrative code of the city of New York, relating to the creation of a truth, healing, and reconciliation process, as proposed in introduction number 242-A, is amended by adding a new chapter 3 to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 3
STUDY ON REPARATIONS**

§ 34-301 *Study on reparations related to slavery and its legacies. a. Purpose of study. CORE, in consultation with the office of racial equity, shall conduct a study of the role of the governing bodies and agencies of the city of New York in perpetrating or perpetuating historical and ongoing impacts of slavery and its legacies and recommend reparative measures for affected individuals or communities in New York city. Such recommendations may include, for example, provision of services to redress rights violations, such as medical and psychological care, legal or social services, or remediation of environmental hazards; measures to stop ongoing rights violations and prevent their recurrence; financial or in-kind restitution; compensation for moral or economically assessable damage; and symbolic measures such as truth-finding commissions, public apologies, judicial and administrative processes, memorials, and commemorations.*

b. Methodology. CORE, in consultation with the office of racial equity, shall conduct the study on reparations related to slavery and its legacies, with consideration for racial equity frameworks, in accordance with the following methodology:

1. Document and quantify, to the extent feasible, the impacts of slavery and its legacies in the city of New York using relevant historical and present-day evidence, including by collecting and analyzing statistical information and other quantitative data, narrative accounts and other qualitative data, laws, public policies, and economic policies and outcomes;

2. Apply federal and state constitutional and statutory frameworks as well as international human rights frameworks to identify rights violations that have previously occurred or are presently occurring as a result of slavery and its legacies;

3. Identify the scope of harms resulting from the rights violations identified pursuant to paragraph 2 of this section;

4. Recommend legal and policy mechanisms and measures, funding sources, and other resources or tools that could help to remedy violations or provide redress for the harms and rights violations identified pursuant to paragraph 3 of this section, taking into account the nature, extent, and gravity of identified violations, the role of New York city, if any, in perpetrating or perpetuating such violations, the flexibility of proposed mechanisms and measures to address the diverse needs and priorities of the persons or communities to which reparative measures would be addressed, and the feasibility of implementing such reparative measures;

5. Propose criteria for determining which persons or communities might be eligible to receive reparations related to slavery and its legacies via the mechanisms and measures identified pursuant to paragraph 4 of this section; and

6. Propose ways to address foreseeable challenges, including legal, political, administrative, or financial challenges, to assigning and administering any remedy or reparative measure identified pursuant to this section.

c. *Special inquiries.* 1. *Special inquiries authorized.* In carrying out its duties pursuant to this chapter, CORE may conduct or cause to be conducted relevant research on public and non-public city records, including retrieval of relevant historical documents or interviews with persons with relevant knowledge or experience.

2. *Support for special inquiries.* Pursuant to CORE's request, city agencies shall provide appropriate staff and resources to facilitate and support any reasonably defined inquiry authorized by this section.

d. *Timeline and reporting.* CORE shall conduct its work, and submit and publish 3 progress updates, according to the following schedule:

1. *Expert selection and first progress update.* No later than July 1, 2025, CORE shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and publish on CORE's website a written update regarding the progress made in identifying persons with expertise, as required by section 34-302 and summarizing the qualifications of such persons. Such persons shall commence the study required by section 34-301 no later than July 1, 2025;

2. *Progress report on research.* No later than January 1, 2027, CORE shall:

(a) *Undertake comparative research to learn about reparations efforts, experiences, and lessons learned in other jurisdictions, including jurisdictions within and outside the United States;*

(b) *Hold at least 3 public meetings highlighting CORE's work pursuant to this chapter and soliciting input from stakeholders, including the general public; and*

(c) *Submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and publish on CORE's website a written progress update on CORE's activities pursuant to this paragraph, including a summary of best practices identified from other jurisdictions, input received during public meetings, and coordination efforts undertaken pursuant to section 34-303.*

3. *Final report and recommendations.* No later than July 1, 2027, CORE shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and publish on CORE's website a written update on its findings and recommendations pursuant to subdivisions a and b of this section, and a summary of all coordination efforts undertaken pursuant to section 34-303.

e. *Use of personally identifiable information.* CORE may satisfy the requirements of this section using information and analysis relating to groups of people or geographic areas, without including personally identifiable information about individual members of the public. If CORE includes personally identifiable information in its published findings, it shall first obtain the informed consent of any persons whose information is to be included.

§ 34-302 *Expertise required.* The study required by section 34-301 shall be conducted by persons who collectively have demonstrated expertise in the following subjects: constitutional law, New York state or municipal law, history, econometrics, international human rights law, urban planning, anthropology or sociology, and racial equity. To the extent feasible, such persons shall also have expertise in health, housing, banking and financial systems, taxation, criminal justice and policing, education, and collective or historical trauma.

§ 34-303. *Coordination.* a. *Truth and reconciliation process.* The chair shall coordinate and harmonize work undertaken pursuant to this chapter with truth and reconciliation work undertaken pursuant to chapter 2 of this title, including with regard to the following, as applicable:

1. *Expert selection criteria pursuant to section 34-302;*

2. *Public engagement and consultation with community stakeholders, including with respect to public outreach, meetings, interviews, and hearings conducted pursuant to subdivision c of section 34-201, section 34-204, and subparagraph (b) of paragraph 2 of subdivision d of section 34-301;*

3. *Research methodology, analytical frameworks, and topics selected pursuant to section 34-202 and subdivision b of section 34-301;*

4. *The collection and inclusion of public testimony in research and reports produced pursuant to this chapter and chapter 2 of this title; and*

5. *The preparation and presentation of interim reports, key findings, and final recommendations pursuant to sections 34-201 and 34-301.*

b. *New York State community commission on reparations remedies.* In undertaking work pursuant to this chapter, the chair shall coordinate with the New York state community commission on reparation remedies established pursuant to section 3 of chapter 729 of the laws of 2023.

§ 34-304. *Monitoring of follow-up measures.* In carrying out its duties pursuant to subdivision i of section 3404 of the charter of the city of New York, CORE shall consider the extent to which the findings and

recommendations contained in the final report submitted pursuant to paragraph 3 of subdivision d of section 34-301 have been taken into account or implemented.

§ 34-305. Legal import. Findings pursuant to this chapter shall not constitute or replace a determination by a court of law or other governmental body.

§ 2. This local law takes effect on the same date as a local law for the year 2024 amending the administrative code of the city of New York, relating to the creation of a truth, healing, and reconciliation process, as proposed in introduction number 242-A.

NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, *Chairperson*; KEVIN C. RILEY, RITA C. JOSEPH, CHRISTOPHER MARTE; 4-0-0; *Absent*: Rafael Salamanca, Jr.; Committee on Civil and Human Rights, September 12, 2024. *Also Attending*: Council Members Hudson, Louis, and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams).

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

Report for Int. No. 471-A

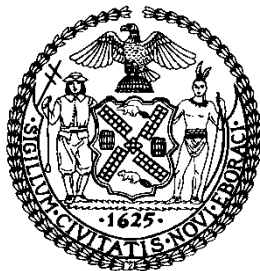
Report of the Committee on Civil and Human Rights in favor of approving and adopting, as amended, a Local Law in relation to establishing a New York city freedom trail task force.

The Committee on Civil and Human Rights, to which the annexed proposed amended local law was referred on February 28, 2024 (Minutes, page 983), respectfully

REPORTS:

(For text of report, please see the Report of the Committee on Civil and Human Rights for Int. No. 242-A printed above in these Minutes)

The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 471-A:



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION**

**TANISHA S. EDWARDS, ESQ., CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER, AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE
SPEAKER**

RICHARD LEE, FINANCE DIRECTOR

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROPOSED INTRO. NO: 471-A

COMMITTEE: Civil and Human Rights

TITLE: A Local Law in relation to establishing a New York City freedom trail task force.

SPONSOR(S): Williams, Marte, Restler, Salaam, Brewer, Stevens, Hanif, Menin, Hanks, Rivera, Ossé, Cabán, Farías, Gutiérrez, Hudson, Avilés, Gennaro, Sanchez, Narcisse, Bottcher, Won, Joseph, Public Advocate (Mr. Jumaane Williams).

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This bill would establish a task force to consider the creation of a citywide New York City freedom trail and a “Lower Manhattan freedom trail” in Lower Manhattan. The freedom trails would be walkable tours which mark and commemorate historical sites in New York City that are associated with the abolitionist movement and Underground Railroad. The task force would consist of public officials, academic and historical scholars, and representatives from relevant organizations. The freedom trail task force would be required to conduct at least two public meetings. The task force would be required to submit a report of its recommendations to the Mayor and the Speaker of the Council no later than one year after the task force is first convened.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal Year 2026

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY25	Succeeding FY26	Full Fiscal Impact FY26
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES: It is estimated that there would be no impact on revenues resulting from the enactment of this legislation.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: It is estimated that there would be no impact on expenditures resulting from the enactment of this legislation, as the agency responsible for carrying out its requirements will utilize existing resources to fulfill its requirements.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division
New York City Office of Management and Budget
New York City Commission on Human Rights

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY: Nia Hyatt, Senior Financial Analyst

ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY: Florentine Kabore, Unit Head
Michael Twomey, Assistant Counsel
Chima Obichere, Deputy Director
Eisha Wright, Deputy Director
Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Deputy Director

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: This legislation was first introduced to the full Council on February 28, 2024, as Proposed Intro. No. 471 and was referred to the Committee on Civil and Human Rights (the Committee). Subsequently, the legislation was re-referred to the Committee on May 21, 2024. The Committee held a hearing

on June 27, 2024, and the bill was laid over. The legislation has been amended and the amended version, Proposed Intro. No. 471-A will be considered by the Committee on September 12, 2024. Upon a successful vote by the Committee, Proposed Intro. No. 471-A will be submitted to the full Council for a vote on September 12, 2024.

DATE PREPARED: 9/11/2024.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption, as amended.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 471-A:)

Int. No. 471-A

By Council Members Williams, Marte, Restler, Salaam, Brewer, Stevens, Hanif, Menin, Hanks, Rivera, Ossé, Cabán, Farías, Gutiérrez, Hudson, Avilés, Gennaro, Sanchez, Narcisse, Bottcher, Won, Joseph, Louis, Mealy and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams).

A Local Law in relation to establishing a New York city freedom trail task force

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. For purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

City. The term “city” means the city of New York.

Freedom trail. The term “freedom trail” means a walkable tour of historical sites in the city associated with the abolitionist movement and Underground Railroad, including sites that have been marked and sites that remain unmarked, that are linked through unifying signage, programs, or maps.

Task force. The term “task force” means the New York city freedom trail task force established by this local law.

§ 2. Freedom Trail task force established. There is hereby established a task force to be known as the New York city freedom trail task force.

§ 3. Duties. The task force shall study and report on the feasibility of creating two freedom trails in the city: a freedom trail in lower Manhattan and a citywide freedom trail. The task force shall make recommendations for historical sites in lower Manhattan and citywide to be featured on such freedom trails, as well as for legislation and policy in furtherance of that objective. Those recommendations shall take into account the potential educational and cultural value of the freedom trails to persons in the city, the projected costs of implementing any recommended programs, anticipated effects on stakeholders, and any other considerations the task force deems relevant.

§ 4. Membership. a. The task force shall be composed of the following members:

1. Ten members appointed by the mayor, including five representatives of mayoral agencies; and
2. Three members appointed by the speaker of the council.

b. Appointed members shall include academic or historical scholars and representatives of institutions, organizations, corporations, agencies or associations that are organized or operated primarily for historical, cultural, educational, religious, or charitable purposes.

c. The mayor may invite officers and representatives of relevant federal, state, and local agencies and authorities to participate in the work of the task force.

d. All appointments required by this section shall be made no later than 90 days after the effective date of this local law.

e. Each member of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of the officer who appointed the member. In the event of a vacancy on the task force, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointment no later than 30 days after the date that such vacancy occurs. All members of the task force shall serve without compensation.

§ 5. Meetings. a. The chair shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than 30 days after the last member has been appointed, except that where not all members of the task force have been appointed within

the time specified in subdivision d of section four of this local law, the chair shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than 14 days after the appointment of a quorum.

b. The task force may invite experts and stakeholders to attend its meetings and to provide testimony and information relevant to its duties.

c. The task force shall meet regularly, as needed, to carry out the duties described in section three of this local law. The task force shall hold at least 2 public meetings prior to submission of the report required by section six of this local law, to solicit public comment on the establishment of the freedom trails.

§ 6. Report. a. No later than 1 year after the task force first convenes pursuant to subdivision a of section five of this local law, the task force shall submit a report to the mayor and the speaker of the council setting forth its recommendations for legislation and policy relating to the freedom trails, including the task force's recommendations for the feasibility of establishing the freedom trails. The report shall include a summary of information the task force considered in formulating its recommendations. In formulating its recommendations the task force shall consider the following:

1. The feasibility of establishing the freedom trails;
2. Potential sites along the freedom trails;
3. Methods or systems that would be necessary to link the sites along the freedom trails;
4. The extent of coordination among relevant city agencies and organizations that would be necessary to the implementation and operation of the freedom trails; and
5. Outreach and educational materials and efforts, including technological tools, that would be necessary to support the operation of the freedom trails.

b. A mayoral office or agency to be designated by the mayor shall publish the task force's report electronically on its website no later than 14 days after such report's submission to the mayor and the speaker of the council.

§ 7. Agency support. Each agency affected by this local law shall provide appropriate staff and resources to support the work of such agency related to the task force.

§ 8. This local law takes effect immediately.

NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, *Chairperson*; KEVIN C. RILEY, RITA C. JOSEPH, CHRISTOPHER MARTE; 4-0-0; *Absent*: Rafael Salamanca, Jr.; Committee on Civil and Human Rights, September 12, 2024. *Also Attending*: Council Members Hudson, Louis, and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams).

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

Report for Int. No. 833-A

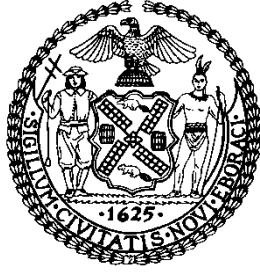
Report of the Committee on Civil and Human Rights in favor of approving and adopting, as amended, a Local Law in relation to requiring the installation and maintenance of an informational sign at the intersection of Wall and Pearl Streets in Manhattan to mark the site of New York's first slave market.

The Committee on Civil and Human Rights, to which the annexed proposed amended local law was referred on April 18, 2024 (Minutes, page 1920), respectfully

REPORTS:

(For text of report, please see the Report of the Committee on Civil and Human Rights for Int. No. 242-A printed above in these Minutes)

The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 833-A:



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION**

**TANISHA S. EDWARDS, ESQ., CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER, AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE
SPEAKER**

RICHARD LEE, FINANCE DIRECTOR

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROPOSED INTRO. NO: 833-A

COMMITTEE: Civil and Human Rights

TITLE: A Local Law in relation to requiring the installation and maintenance of an informational sign at the intersection of Wall and Pearl Streets in Manhattan to mark the site of New York's first slave market.

SPONSOR(S): the Public Advocate (Mr. Jumaane Williams), Council Members Louis, Brewer, Restler, Fariás, Williams, Cabán, Hanif, Yeger, Ossé, Sanchez, Narcisse, Rivera, Bottcher, Won, Holden, Hudson, and Joseph.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This bill would require the New York City Department of Transportation to facilitate the installation and maintenance of an informational sign at the intersection of Wall and Pearl Streets, in Manhattan, to mark the site of New York's first slave market. The sign must be in place within 250 days of the bill's enactment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal Year 2026

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY25	Succeeding FY26	Full Fiscal Impact FY26
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES: It is estimated that there would be no impact on revenues resulting from the enactment of this legislation.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: It is estimated that there would be no impact on expenditures resulting from the enactment of this legislation, as the agency responsible for carrying out its requirements will utilize existing resources to fulfill its requirements.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division
New York City Office of Management and Budget
New York City Commission on Human Rights

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY: Nia Hyatt, Senior Financial Analyst

ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY: Florentine Kabore, Unit Head
Michael Twomey, Assistant Counsel
Chima Obichere, Deputy Director
Eisha Wright, Deputy Director
Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Deputy Director

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: This legislation was first introduced to the full Council on April 18, 2024, as Proposed Intro. No. 833 and was referred to the Committee on Civil and Human Rights (the Committee). Subsequently, the legislation was re-referred to the Committee on May 21, 2024. The Committee held a hearing on June 27, 2024, and the bill was laid over. The legislation has been amended and the amended version, Proposed Intro. No. 833-A will be considered by the Committee on September 12, 2024. Upon a successful vote by the Committee, Proposed Intro. No. 833-A will be submitted to the full Council for a vote on September 12, 2024.

DATE PREPARED: 9/11/2024.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption, as amended.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 833-A:)

Int. No. 833-A

By the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) and Council Members Louis, Brewer, Restler, Farías, Williams, Cabán, Hanif, Yeger, Ossé, Sanchez, Narcisse, Rivera, Bottcher, Won, Holden, Hudson, Joseph and Mealy.

A Local Law in relation to requiring the installation and maintenance of an informational sign at the intersection of Wall and Pearl Streets in Manhattan to mark the site of New York’s first slave market

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The department of transportation shall facilitate the installation and maintenance of an informational sign to memorialize the site of New York’s first slave market at the intersection of Wall Street and Pearl Street in Manhattan. The sign shall bear an inscription that identifies the site as New York’s first slave market and the year of its founding, and describes: the role of the slave market in the city’s economy; the role of the city’s government in establishing the market; and the use of the market in the sale of African and Indigenous American persons. The sign shall be placed at the site described herein within 250 days of the effective date of this local law.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, *Chairperson*; KEVIN C. RILEY, RITA C. JOSEPH, CHRISTOPHER MARTE; 4-0-0; *Absent*: Rafael Salamanca, Jr.; Committee on Civil and Human Rights, September 12, 2024. *Also Attending*: Council Members Hudson, Louis, and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams).

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

Report of the Committee on Finance

Report for Int. No. 898

Report of the Committee on Finance in favor of approving and adopting a Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the establishment of the Cypress Hills Fulton business improvement district.

The Committee on Finance, to which the annexed proposed local law was referred on May 16, 2024 (Minutes, page 2058), respectfully

REPORTS:

BACKGROUND

Under Local Law 82 of 1990, the City Council assumed responsibility for adopting the legislation that would establish individual business improvement districts (“BIDs”).

BIDs are specifically defined areas of designated properties. They use the City’s real property tax collection mechanism to collect a special tax assessment that the BID District Management Association uses to pay for additional services beyond those that the City provides. The additional services are designated to enhance the area and to improve local business. Typically, a BID’s additional services would be in the areas of security, sanitation, physical/capital improvements (lighting, landscaping, sidewalks, etc.), seasonal activities (Christmas lighting) and related business services (marketing and advertising).

Under the process established by law, the City Council has adopted Resolutions No. 412 and No. 421, which set a public hearing date of Thursday, June 20, 2024 for the legislation that would, respectively, establish the Cypress Hills Fulton Business Improvement District (Cypress Hills BID), and authorize a change in the name of the Queens Plaza/Court Square Business Improvement District along with an increase in the amount to be expended annually in such district, an extension of the boundaries of such district, a change in the method of assessment upon which the district charge in such district is based, and an increase in the maximum total amount to be expended for improvements in such district (Amended Plan).

Prior to the Council’s actions, Brooklyn Community Board 5 voted on February 28, 2024 to approve the Cypress Hills BID. Queens Community Boards 1 and 2 voted on January 16, 2024 and March 7, 2024, respectively, to approve the Amended Plan. The City Planning Commission (“CPC”) reviewed the Cypress Hills BID and the Amended Plan and held a public hearing for both on March 6, 2024. The CPC approved resolutions on April 3, 2024 (Calendar No. 5 and Calendar No. 7), which certified the CPC’s unqualified approval of the Cypress Hills BID and the Amended Plan.

Resolutions No. 412 and No. 421 also directed compliance with all notice provisions contained in the law. Therefore, the Department of Small Business Services (SBS) was directed to publish the Resolutions or their summaries in the City Record or a newspaper of general circulation not less than 10 nor more than 30 days before the public hearing. The Cypress Hills Fulton Business Improvement District Steering Committee (Steering Committee) and the Long Island City District Management Association (Association) were directed to mail their respective Resolutions or their summaries to each owner of real property within their respective proposed districts at the address shown on the latest City assessment roll, to such other persons as are registered with the City to receive tax bills for property within the BID, and to occupants of each building within the proposed districts, also not less than 10 nor more than 30 days before the public hearing. Finally, the Steering Committee and the Association were also each directed to publish in a newspaper of general circulation a notice stating the time and place of the hearing. The Association was also directed in its notice to state the increase in the amount to be expended annually in the district not less than 10 days prior to the hearing.

The public hearing to consider both the Cypress Hills BID, the Amended Plan, and the enacting legislation, is to be closed without a vote according to the provisions of the law. The Committee then must wait at least 30 days before it can again consider and possibly vote to approve the legislation. The 30-day period immediately after this public hearing serves as an objection period. During this time, any property owner may formally object to the plan which affects them by filing such objection in the Office of the City Clerk, on forms provided by the City Clerk. In the event that either at least 51 percent of the total number of property owners or owners with at least 51 percent of the assessed valuation of all the benefited real property within the subject district object to the subject plan, then the City Council is prohibited, by law, from approving such plan.

When the Committee considers this legislation after the conclusion of the objection period, it must answer the following four questions for each legislation:

1. *Were all notices of hearing for all hearings required to be held published and mailed as so required?;*
2. *Does all the real property within the district's boundaries benefit from the extension of the district, except as otherwise provided by the law?;*
3. *Is all real property benefited by the district included within the district?; and*
4. *Is the extension of the district in the best interests of the public?*

If the Committee and the full Council finds in the affirmative on these four questions and the number of objections required to prevent the creation of such district are not filed, then the legislation can be adopted.

In addition, pursuant to Section 25-410(b) of the Administrative Code, a BID may obtain an increase in its budget (i.e. the total amount allowed to be expended annually by the BID or improvements, services, maintenance and operation) by means of the adoption of a local law amending the BID's district plan. So, in addition to the four questions outlined above, the Committee and the full Council must also determine that it is in the public interest to authorize such an increase in the maximum annual amount and that the tax and debt limits prescribed in section 25-412 of the Administrative Code will not be exceeded.

This local law takes effect after the requirements contained in Section 25-408 of the Administrative Code are complied with.

CYPRESS HILLS FULTON BID DETAILS

The proposed Cypress Hills Fulton Business Improvement District is located in the northern section of East Brooklyn in and around the Cypress Hills neighborhood. The Cypress Hills BID is comprised of 26 street blocks, generally to include all properties along both sides of Fulton Street from the east of Van Siclen Avenue to the west of Elderts Lane. The Cypress Hills BID also includes properties on Crescent Street from Fulton Street to Cesiah Toro Mullane Place. The area is generally characterized by multi-story buildings with ground-floor commercial and apartments above.

The Cypress Hills BID will be managed by the Cypress Hills Fulton District Management Association, a long standing community group in the area that was first formed in 1983. Services to be provided within the Cypress Hills BID include sanitation, public safety, marketing & promotion, streetscape/repairs, administration, and miscellaneous other services. The proposed first-year budget is estimated to be \$400,000:

Sanitation	\$139,780
Public Safety	\$51,220
Marketing/Events	\$33,500
Streetscape/Repairs	\$12,500
Other Services	\$2,000
Administration	\$161,000
Total	\$400,000

The Cypress Hills BID assessment will be based on a building's size and street frontage. Commercial, mixed-use, parking facilities, and vacant lots will be assessed at approximately \$20 per frontage foot plus an added \$0.25 per commercial square foot per year. Corner tax lots will be assessed on their liner front footage facing Fulton Street. An additional \$150 charge shall apply to Class A corner properties. Tax lots with only residential uses would be assessed at an annual flat fee of \$1.00. Government and not-for-profit-owned property devoted solely to public or not-for-profit use would be exempt from an assessment. The median annual assessment for a commercial or mixed-use tax lot in the Cypress Hills BID would be approximately \$669.

LONG ISLAND CITY BID DETAILS

The present Queens Plaza/Court Square Business Improvement District (current BID) was established in 2005 in the Long Island City neighborhood of Queens and includes properties generally centered on Jackson Avenue from 45th Avenue/Thomson Avenue to Queens Plaza, and west along Queens Plaza North and South from Northern Boulevard/Jackson Avenue to 21st Street.

Expansion Proposal

As detailed in the Amended Plan, the current BID District Plan would be amended in three main ways.

First, the Amended Plan would expand the current BID boundary to include properties generally along Northern and Vernon Boulevards, along with an expansion to the southern and eastern sides of Sunnyside Yards (expanded BID). The expansion would significantly increase the size of the current BID from approximately 308 businesses to 500 businesses. The expanded BID would be organized in three sub-districts: the North Sub-District (NSD), which will generally include properties from Vernon Boulevard to Jackson Avenue, between the north side of 44th Road and Queens Plaza North, as well as north along Northern Boulevard to Steinway Street; the South Sub-District (SSD), which will generally include properties from the south side of 44th Road to 51st Avenue, between Vernon Boulevard and Skillman Avenue; and the East Sub-District (ESD), which will generally include properties from Skillman Avenue to Borden Avenue, between 21st and 23rd Streets.

Second, the Amended Plan will rename the current BID to the Long Island City Business Improvement District (LIC BID), to reflect the expansion of the BID's service area.

Third, the Amended Plan would alter the formula used to calculate property owner contributions to the LIC BID. Specifically, each property's annual contribution would be based on the building's use and size in the NSD and SSD, and solely on size in the ESD. The assessments collected would be used within the sub-district in which the property is located, to reflect the different needs of each sub-district. The median yearly contribution for a commercial or mixed-use tax lot would be approximately \$701. Tax lots with only residential uses would be assessed at an annual flat fee of \$1.00 per lot. Government and not-for-profit-owned property devoted solely to public or not-for-profit use would be exempt from an assessment. The estimated first-year budget for the LIC BID would be \$2,058,978, allocated as follows:

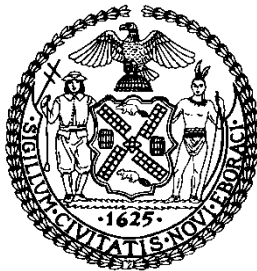
<u>Annual Maximum Budget, NSD</u>	<u>Annual Maximum Budget, SSD</u>	<u>Annual Maximum Budget, ESD</u>	<u>Annual Budget, Total</u>
\$903,963	\$505,015	\$650,000	\$2,058,978

The district management association shall direct performance of services, including marketing, holiday lighting, street cleaning, and economic development. The LIC BID will also coordinate and advocate on behalf of members for area improvements. Amounts to be expended are projected as follows, with differences to reflect the differing needs of each sub-district:

	<u>NSD</u>	<u>SSD</u>	<u>ESD</u>
Ambassador	\$70,000	\$69,000	\$69,592
Sanitation	\$430,000	\$240,000	\$435,247
Maintenance	\$252,000	\$86,000	\$9,400
Marketing	\$36,000	\$27,000	\$26,097
Winter Lighting	\$43,000	\$32,000	\$47,200
Admin	\$72,963	\$51,015	\$36,464
TOTAL	\$903,963	\$505,015	\$624,000

The projected first-year LIC BID budget also includes an additional \$26,000 for the ESD for capital expense and equipment.

(The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 898:)



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION**

**TANISHA EDWARDS, ESQ., CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE SPEAKER**

RICHARD LEE, DIRECTOR

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT
INT. NO. 898**

COMMITTEE: Finance

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the establishment of the Cypress Hills Fulton business improvement district.

SPONSORS: Council Members Nurse and Abreu (by request of the Mayor).

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This bill would establish the Cypress Hills Fulton Business Improvement District.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill takes effect upon compliance with section 25-408 of chapter 4 of title 25 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY25	FY Succeeding Effective FY26	Full Fiscal Impact FY25
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES: This local law would result in no fiscal impact upon the City's revenues or expenditures. Under the Administrative Code, proceeds authorized to be assessed by the District are collected by the City on behalf of the District. None of these proceeds are those of the City and they may not be used for any purpose other than those set forth in the BID's District Plan. The BID will be funded through a self-assessment by property owners within the district.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division
Department of Small Business Services

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY: Michael Twomey, Assistant Counsel

ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY: Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Deputy Director

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: This legislation was introduced to the Council as Intro. No. 898 on May 16, 2024 and referred to the Committee on Finance (Committee). The legislation was considered by the Committee on June 20, 2024, and laid over. Intro. No. 898 will be considered again by the Committee on September 12, 2024. Upon successful vote by the Committee, Intro. No. 898 will be submitted to the full Council for a vote on September 12, 2024.

DATE PREPARED: September 10, 2024.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption, as amended.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 898:)

Int. No. 898

By Council Members Nurse, Abreu and Mealy (by request of the Mayor).

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the establishment of the Cypress Hills Fulton business improvement district

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 5 of title 25 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 25-495 to read as follows:

§ 25-495 Cypress Hills Fulton business improvement district. a. The city council having determined, pursuant to section 25-407 of chapter four of this title: that notice of hearing for all hearings required to be held was published and mailed as required by law and was otherwise sufficient; that, except as otherwise provided in section 25-403 of chapter four of this title, all the real property within the boundaries of the district will benefit from the establishment of the district; that all the real property benefited is included within the limits of the

district; and that the establishment of the district is in the public interest; and the council having determined further that the requisite number of owners have not objected as provided in section 25-406 of chapter four of this title, there is hereby established in the borough of Brooklyn, the Cypress Hills Fulton business improvement district. Such district is established in accordance with the district plan required to be filed with the city clerk pursuant to subdivision b of this section.

b. Immediately upon adoption of this local law by the council, the council shall file with the city clerk the district plan upon which the Cypress Hills Fulton business improvement district is based.

c. The district plan shall not be amended except in accordance with chapter four of this title.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect upon compliance with section 25-408 of chapter 4 of title 25 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

JUSTIN L. BRANNAN, *Chairperson*; DIANA I. AYALA, FRANCISCO P. MOYA, KEITH POWERS, FARAH N. LOUIS, SELVENA N. BROOKS-POWERS, GALE A. BREWER, AMANDA C. FARIAS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, CHI A. OSSÉ, PIERINA A. SANCHEZ, ALTHEA V. STEVENS, NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, DAVID M. CARR; 14-0-0; *Absent*: Kamillah M. Hanks, Yusef Salaam, and Julie Won; *Other Council Members attending*: Council Members De La Rosa and Restler; Committee on Finance, September 12, 2024.

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

Report for Int. No. 906

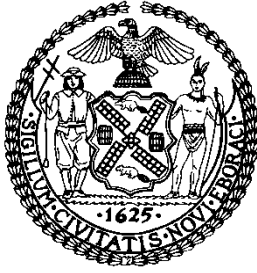
Report of the Committee on Finance in favor of approving and adopting a Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to authorizing a change in the name of the Queens Plaza/Court Square business improvement district, an increase in the amount to be expended annually in such district, an extension of the boundaries of such district, a change in the method of assessment upon which the district charge in such district is based, and an increase in the maximum total amount to be expended for improvements in such district.

The Committee on Finance, to which the annexed proposed local law was referred on May 16, 2024 (Minutes, page 2076), respectfully

REPORTS:

(For text of report, please see the Report of the Committee on Finance for Int. No. 898 printed above in these Minutes)

The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 906:



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION**

TANISHA EDWARDS, ESQ., CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE SPEAKER

RICHARD LEE, DIRECTOR

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

INT. NO. 906

COMMITTEE: Finance

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to authorizing a change in the name of the Queens Plaza/Court Square business improvement district, an increase in the amount to be expended annually in such district, an extension of the boundaries of such district, a change in the method of assessment upon which the district charge in such district is based, and an increase in the maximum total amount to be expended for improvements in such district.

SPONSORS: Council Member Won (by request of the Mayor).

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This bill would authorize the Queens Plaza/Court Square Business Improvement District to change its name to the Long Island City Business Improvement District (BID). This bill would also authorize an increase in the amount to be expended annually in the BID to \$2,058,978. This bill would also extend the boundaries of the existing BID to incorporate new areas, amend the method by which the district charge is assessed, and increase the maximum amount allowed to be spent for improvements in the BID.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill takes effect immediately and is retroactive to and deemed to have been in full force and effect as of July 1, 2024 provided, however, that section three of this local law takes effect upon compliance with section 25-408 of chapter 4 of title 25 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY25	FY Succeeding Effective FY26	Full Fiscal Impact FY25
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES: This local law would result in no fiscal impact upon the City's revenues or expenditures. Under the Administrative Code, proceeds authorized to be assessed by the District are collected by the City on behalf of the District. None of these proceeds are those of the City and they may not be used

for any purpose other than those set forth in the BID's District Plan. The BID will be funded through a self-assessment by property owners within the district.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division
Department of Small Business Services

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY: Michael Twomey, Assistant Counsel

ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY: Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Deputy Director

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: This legislation was introduced to the Council as Intro. No. 906 on May 16, 2024 and referred to the Committee on Finance (Committee). The legislation was considered by the Committee on June 20, 2024, and laid over. Intro. No. 906 will be considered again by the Committee on September 12, 2024. Upon successful vote by the Committee, Intro. No. 906 will be submitted to the full Council for a vote on September 12, 2024.

DATE PREPARED: September 10, 2024.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 906:)

Int. No. 906

By Council Members Won and Mealy (by request of the Mayor).

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to authorizing a change in the name of the Queens Plaza/Court Square business improvement district, an increase in the amount to be expended annually in such district, an extension of the boundaries of such district, a change in the method of assessment upon which the district charge in such district is based, and an increase in the maximum total amount to be expended for improvements in such district

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivisions a and b of section 25-467 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 62 for the year 2004, are amended to read as follows:

§ 25-467 [Queens Plaza/Court Square] *Long Island City* business improvement district. a. The city council having determined, pursuant to section 25-407 of chapter four of this title: that notice of hearing for all hearings required to be held was published and mailed as required by law and was otherwise sufficient; that, except as otherwise provided in section 25-403 of chapter four of this title, all the real property within the boundaries of the district will benefit from the establishment of the district; that all the real property benefited is included within the limits of the district; and that the establishment of the district is in the public interest; and the council having determined further that the requisite number of owners have not objected as provided in section 25-406 of chapter four of this title, there is hereby established in the borough of Queens, the [Queens Plaza/Court Square] *Long Island City* business improvement district. Such district is established in accordance with the district plan required to be filed with the city clerk pursuant to subdivision (b) of this section.

b. Immediately upon adoption of this local law by the council, the council shall file with the city clerk the district plan upon which the [Queens Plaza/Court Square] *Long Island City* business improvement district is based.

§ 2. Section 25-467.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 223 for the year 2018, is amended to read as follows:

§ 25-467.1 [Queens Plaza/Court Square] *Long Island City* business improvement district. a. The city council having determined, pursuant to subdivision b of section 25-410 of chapter four of this title, that it is in the public interest to authorize an increase in the amount to be expended annually in the [Queens Plaza/Court Square] *Long Island City* business improvement district beginning on July 1, [2018] 2024, and the council having determined further that the tax and debt limits prescribed in section 25-412 of chapter four of this title will not be exceeded by such increased expenditure, there is hereby authorized in such district an annual expenditure of [one million dollars (\$1,000,000)] *two million fifty-eight thousand nine hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$2,058,978)*.

b. The amount of such expenditure to be levied upon each property in the district shall be determined in accordance with the method of assessment set forth in the [Queens Plaza/Court Square] *Long Island City* business improvement district plan.

§ 3. Section 25-467.2 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 1 for the year 2017, amended to read as follows:

§ 25-467.2 [Queens Plaza/Court Square] *Long Island City* business improvement district; extension of district. a. The city council having determined, pursuant to section 25-407 of chapter four of this title: that notice of hearing for all hearings required to be held was published and mailed as required by law and was otherwise sufficient; that, except as otherwise provided in section 25-403 of chapter four of this title, all the real property within the boundaries of the district will benefit from the extension of the district; that all the real property benefited is included within the limits of the district; and that the extension of the district is in the public interest; and the council having determined further that the requisite number of owners have not objected as provided in section 25-406 of chapter four of this title, the [Queens Plaza/Court Square] *Long Island City* business improvement district in the borough of Queens is hereby extended. Such district is extended in accordance with the amended district plan of 2024 required to be filed with the city clerk pursuant to subdivision b of this section.

b. Immediately upon adoption of this local law by the council, the council shall file with the city clerk the amended district plan of 2024 upon which the [Queens Plaza/Court Square] *Long Island City* business improvement district, and the extension thereof, is based.

c. The amended district plan of 2024 shall not be further amended except in accordance with chapter four of this title.

§ 4. The heading and subdivision a of section 25-467.3 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 1 for the year 2017, amended to read as follows:

[Queens Plaza/Court Square] *Long Island City* business improvement district; amendment of the district plan. a. The city council having determined, pursuant to subdivision b of section 25-410 of chapter four of this title, that it is in the public interest to authorize a change in the method of assessment upon which the district charge in the [Queens Plaza/Court Square] *Long Island City* business improvement district is based, and the council having determined further that the tax and debt limits prescribed in section 25-412 of chapter four of this title will not be exceeded by such change, there is hereby authorized in such district such change as is set forth in the amended district plan required to be filed with the city clerk pursuant to subdivision b of this section.

§ 5. The heading and subdivision a of section 25-467.4 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 70 for the year 2021, amended to read as follows:

[Queens Plaza/Court Square] *Long Island City* business improvement district; amendment of the district plan. a. The city council having determined, pursuant to subdivision b of section 25-410 of chapter four of this title, that it is in the public interest to authorize a change in the method of assessment upon which the district charge in the [Queens Plaza/Court Square] *Long Island City* business improvement district is based, and the council having determined further that the tax and debt limitations prescribed in section 25-412 of chapter four of this title will not be exceeded by such change, there is hereby authorized in such district such change as is set forth in the amended district plan required to be filed with the city clerk pursuant to subdivision b of this section.

§ 6. Chapter 5 of title 25 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 25-467.5 to read as follows:

§ 25-467.5 Long Island City business improvement district; amendment of the district plan. a. The city council having determined, pursuant to subdivision b of section 25-410 of chapter four of this title, that it is in the public interest to authorize a change in the method of assessment upon which the district charge in the Long Island City business improvement district is based, and the council having determined further that the tax and debt limits prescribed in section 25-412 of chapter four of this title will not be exceeded by such change, there is hereby authorized in such district such change as is set forth in the amended district plan of 2024 required to be filed with the city clerk pursuant to subdivision b of this section.

b. The city council having determined, pursuant to subdivision c of section 25-410 of chapter four of this title, that it is in the public interest to authorize an increase in the maximum total amount to be expended for improvements in the district, and the council having determined further that the tax and debt limits prescribed in section 25-412 of chapter four of this title will not be exceeded by such change, there is hereby authorized in the Long Island City business improvement district such change as is set forth in the amended district plan of 2024 required to be filed with the city clerk pursuant to subdivision c of this section.

c. Immediately upon adoption of this local law, the council shall file with the city clerk the amended district plan of 2024 containing the change in the method of assessment authorized by subdivision a of this section and the increase in the maximum total amount to be expended for improvements authorized by subdivision b of this section.

§ 7. This local law takes effect immediately and is retroactive to and deemed to have been in full force and effect as of July 1, 2024 provided, however, that section three of this local law takes effect upon compliance with section 25-408 of chapter 4 of title 25 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

JUSTIN L. BRANNAN, *Chairperson*; DIANA I. AYALA, FRANCISCO P. MOYA, KEITH POWERS, FARAH N. LOUIS, SELVENA N. BROOKS-POWERS, GALE A. BREWER, AMANDA C. FARIAS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, CHI A. OSSÉ, PIERINA A. SANCHEZ, ALTHEA V. STEVENS, NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, DAVID M. CARR; 14-0-0; *Absent*: Kamillah M. Hanks, Yusef Salaam, and Julie Won; *Other Council Members attending*: Council Members De La Rosa and Restler; Committee on Finance, September 12, 2024.

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

At this point, the Speaker (Council Member Adams) announced that the following item had been **preconsidered** by the Committee on Finance and had been favorably reported for adoption.

Report for Res. No. 559

Report of the Committee on Finance in favor of a Resolution approving the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations to receive funding in the Expense Budget.

The Committee on Finance, to which the annexed preconsidered resolution was referred on September 12, 2024, respectfully

REPORTS:

Introduction. The Council of the City of New York (the “Council”) annually adopts the City’s budget covering expenditures other than for capital projects (the “expense budget”) pursuant to Section 254 of the Charter. On June 13, 2022, the Council adopted the expense budget for fiscal year 2023 with various programs and initiatives (the “Fiscal 2023 Expense Budget”). On June 30, 2023, the Council adopted the expense budget for fiscal year 2024 with various programs and initiatives (the “Fiscal 2024 Expense Budget”). On June 30, 2024, the Council adopted the expense budget for fiscal year 2025 with various programs and initiatives (the “Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget”).

Analysis. In an effort to continue to make the budget process more transparent, the Council is providing a list setting forth new designations and/or changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding in accordance with the Fiscal 2025, Fiscal 2024, and Fiscal 2023 Expense Budgets (“Charts”).

This Resolution, dated September 12, 2024, approves the new designations and the changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving local, aging, youth, anti-poverty, community safety and victim services, and Speaker’s initiative to address citywide needs discretionary funding and funding for certain initiatives in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget; approves the changes in designation of certain organizations receiving funding for certain initiatives in accordance with the Fiscal 2024 Expense Budget; approves the changes in designation of certain organizations receiving funding for certain initiatives in accordance with the Fiscal 2023 Expense Budget; amends the description for the Description/Scope of Services of certain organizations receiving local, youth, and Speaker’s initiative discretionary funding, and funding pursuant to certain initiatives in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget; and amends the description for the Description/Scope of Services of certain organizations receiving Speaker’s initiative discretionary funding in accordance with the Fiscal 2024 Expense Budget. All new designations and changes in designations are as described in the attached Charts and the Resolution text.

It is to be noted that organizations identified in the attached Charts with an asterisk (*) have not yet completed or began the prequalification process conducted by the Mayor’s Office of Contract Services (for organizations to receive more than \$10,000) by the Council (for organizations to receive \$10,000 or less total), or other government agency. Organizations identified without an asterisk have completed the appropriate prequalification review.

It should also be noted that funding for organizations in the attached Charts with a double asterisk (**) will not take effect until the passage of a budget modification.

Description of Above-captioned Resolution. In the above-captioned Resolution, the Council would approve the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations to receive funding in the Fiscal 2025, Fiscal 2024, and Fiscal 2023 Expense Budgets. Such Resolution would take effect as of the date of adoption.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.

(The following is the text of Res. No. 559:)

Preconsidered Res. No. 559

Resolution approving the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations to receive funding in the Expense Budget.

By Council Member Brannan.

Whereas, On June 30, 2024, the Council of the City of New York (the “City Council”) adopted the expense budget for Fiscal Year 2025 with various programs and initiatives (the “Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget”); and

Whereas, On June 30, 2023, the Council of the City of New York (the “City Council”) adopted the expense budget for Fiscal Year 2024 with various programs and initiatives (the “Fiscal 2024 Expense Budget”); and

Whereas, On June 13, 2022, the Council of the City of New York (the “City Council”) adopted the expense budget for Fiscal Year 2023 with various programs and initiatives (the “Fiscal 2023 Expense Budget”); and

Whereas, The City Council is hereby implementing and furthering the appropriations set forth in the Fiscal 2025, Fiscal 2024, and Fiscal 2023 Expense Budgets by approving the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving local, aging, youth, anti-poverty, community safety and victim services, and Speaker’s initiative discretionary funding, and by approving the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations to receive funding pursuant to certain initiatives in accordance therewith; and

Whereas, The City Council is hereby implementing and furthering the appropriations set forth in the Fiscal 2025 and Fiscal 2024 Expense Budgets by approving new Description/Scope of Services for certain organizations receiving local, youth, and Speaker’s initiative discretionary funding; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving local discretionary funding pursuant to the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 1; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the change in the designation of certain organizations receiving aging discretionary funding in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 2; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving youth discretionary funding in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 3; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving anti-poverty discretionary funding in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 4; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the change in the designation of certain organizations receiving community safety and victim services discretionary funding in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 5; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Speaker’s Initiative to Address Citywide Needs in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 6; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the A Greener NYC Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 7; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA) Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 8; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Cultural Immigrant Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 9; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Digital Inclusion and Literacy Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 10; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the Neighborhood Development Grant Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 11; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and change in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the NYC Cleanup Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 12; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Parks Equity Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 13; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Support Our Older Adults Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 14; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 15; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Food Pantries Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 16; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the change in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Art a Catalyst for Change Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 17; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the Community Composting Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 18; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 19; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Afterschool Enrichment Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 20; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the YouthBuild Project Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 21; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the Coalition Theaters of Color Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 22; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Veteran Resource Centers Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 23; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Education Equity Action Plan Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 24; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the Community Development Financial Institutions Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 25; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the Support for Victims of Human Trafficking Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 26; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Discharge Planning Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 27; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Trauma Recovery Centers Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 28; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the Mental Health Services for Vulnerable Populations Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 29; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Ending the Epidemic Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 30; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the HIV/AIDS Faith and Community Based Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 31; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Viral Hepatitis Prevention Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 32; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Legal Services for Low-Income Immigrants Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 33; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Immigrant Opportunities Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 34; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Welcome NYC Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 35; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the Community Interpreter Bank Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 36; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Language Services Worker Cooperatives Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 37; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Adult Literacy Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 38; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Adult Literacy Pilot Project Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 39; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the AAPI Community Support Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 40; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the change in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA) Initiative, in accordance with the Fiscal 2024 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 41; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the change in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Speaker's Initiative to Address Citywide Needs in accordance with the Fiscal 2023 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 42; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the change in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Art a Catalyst for Change Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2024 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 43; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the change in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Art a Catalyst for Change Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2023 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 44; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council amends the Purpose of Funds for certain organizations receiving funding in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 45; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council amends the Purpose of Funds for certain organizations receiving funding in accordance with the Fiscal 2024 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 46.

(For text of the Exhibit Charts, please refer to the attachments section of [the Res. No. 559 of 2024 file](#) in the legislation section of the New York City Council website at <https://council.nyc.gov>)

JUSTIN L. BRANNAN, *Chairperson*; DIANA I. AYALA, FRANCISCO P. MOYA, KEITH POWERS, FARAH N. LOUIS, SELVENA N. BROOKS-POWERS, GALE A. BREWER, AMANDA C. FARIAS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, CHI A. OSSÉ, PIERINA A. SANCHEZ, ALTHEA V. STEVENS, NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, DAVID M. CARR; 14-0-0; *Absent*: Kamillah M. Hanks, Yusef Salaam, and Julie Won; *Other Council Members attending*: Council Members De La Rosa and Restler; Committee on Finance, September 12, 2024.

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

At this point, the Speaker (Council Member Adams) announced that the following items had been **preconsidered** by the Committee on Finance and had been favorably reported for adoption.

Report for L.U. No. 142

Report of the Committee on Finance in favor of a Resolution approving Rachel Bridge HDFC, Block 2153, Lot 1; Block 2162, Lot 1, Manhattan, Community District No. 12, Council District No. 10.

The Committee on Finance, to which the annexed preconsidered Land Use item was referred on September 12, 2024 and which same Land Use item was coupled with the resolution shown below, respectfully

REPORTS:

(The following is the text of a Memo to the Finance Committee from the Finance Division of the New York City Council:)

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

September 12, 2024

TO: Hon. Justin Brannan Chair, Finance Committee
Members of the Finance Committee

FROM: Michael Twomey, Assistant Counsel, Finance Division

RE: Finance Committee Agenda of September 12, 2024 – Resolution approving tax exemptions for one Land Use item (Council District 10)

1. Rachel Bridge HDFC

A new full 40-year Article XI exemption for preservation of four buildings containing 960 residential units – 120 studios, 240 one-bedrooms, 360 two-bedrooms, 240 three-bedrooms, and two superintendent units. The average legal rent AMI of the residential units are 53.15% AMI and the current collected rents average 53.59% AMI. The current weighted average market rent is 74% AMI.

As part of the exemption, the buildings will go through HPD's Housing Preservation Opportunities (HPO) program to maintain affordability and complete critical and short-term repairs to the façade, lobby, boiler, as well as implement boiler operational efficiency measures. The buildings will enter into a 40-year regulatory agreement restricting rents, setting aside 10% of units for homeless tenants, and implement HPD's Aging-In-Place initiative.

Summary:

- Borough – Manhattan
- Block 2153, Lot 1; Block 2162, Lot 1
- Council District – 10
- Council Member – De La Rosa
- Council Member approval –Yes
- Number of buildings – 4
- Number of units – 960 residential
- Type of exemption – Article XI, full, 40 years
- Population – Rental
- Sponsors – Clipper Equity
- Purpose – preservation
- Cost to the city – \$96.03 million (net present value)
- Housing Code Violations
 - Class A – 0
 - Class B – 0
 - Class C – 3

Anticipated AMI Targets: 58 units at 50%, 452 units at 60%, 258 units at 80%, 166 units at 105%, 24 units at 120%.

In connection herewith, Council Member Brannan offered the following resolution:

Preconsidered Res. No. 570

Resolution approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 2153, Lot 1; Block 2162, Lot 1) Manhattan, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law (Preconsidered L.U. No. 142).

By Council Member Brannan.

WHEREAS, The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (“HPD”) submitted to the Council its request dated September 3, 2024 that the Council take the following action regarding a housing project located at (Block 2153, Lot 1; Block 2162, Lot 1) Manhattan (“Exemption Area”):

Approve an exemption of the Project from real property taxes pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law (the “Tax Exemption”);

WHEREAS, The project description that HPD provided to the Council states that the purchaser of the Project (the “Owner”) is a duly organized housing development fund company under Article XI of the Private Housing Finance Law;

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the financial implications relating to the Tax Exemption;

RESOLVED:

1. For the purposes hereof, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - a. “Company” shall mean The George Units LLC or any other entity that acquires all or a portion of the beneficial interests in the Exemption Area with the prior written consent of HPD.

- b. “Effective Date” shall mean the later of (i) the date of conveyance of the Exemption Area to the HDFC, or (ii) the date that HPD and the Owner enter into the Regulatory Agreement.
 - c. “Exemption” shall mean the exemption from real property taxation provided hereunder.
 - d. “Exemption Area” shall mean the real property located in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, identified as Block 2153, Lot 1 and Block 2162, Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the City of New York.
 - e. “Expiration Date” shall mean the earlier to occur of (i) a date which is forty (40) years from the Effective Date, (ii) the date of the expiration or termination of the Regulatory Agreement, or (iii) the date upon which the Exemption Area ceases to be owned by either a housing development fund company or an entity wholly controlled by a housing development fund company.
 - f. “HDFC” shall mean HP Rachel Bridge Housing Development Fund Company, Inc. or a housing development fund company that acquires the Exemption Area with the prior written consent of HPD.
 - g. “HPD” shall mean the Department of Housing Preservation and Development of the City of New York.
 - h. “Owner” shall mean, collectively, the HDFC and the Company.
 - i. “Regulatory Agreement” shall mean the regulatory agreement between HPD and the Owner establishing certain controls upon the operation of the Exemption Area during the term of the Exemption.
2. All of the value of the property in the Exemption Area, including both the land and any improvements (excluding those portions, if any, devoted to business, commercial, or community facility use), shall be exempt from real property taxation, other than assessments for local improvements, for a period commencing upon the Effective Date and terminating upon the Expiration Date.
3. Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary:
- a. The Exemption shall terminate if HPD determines at any time that (i) the Exemption Area is not being operated in accordance with the requirements of Article XI of the Private Housing Finance Law, (ii) the Exemption Area is not being operated in accordance with the requirements of the Regulatory Agreement, (iii) the Exemption Area is not being operated in accordance with the requirements of any other agreement with, or for the benefit of, the City of New York, (iv) any interest in the Exemption Area is conveyed or transferred to a new owner without the prior written approval of HPD, or (v) the construction or demolition of any private or multiple dwelling on the Exemption Area has commenced without the prior written consent of HPD. HPD shall deliver written notice of any such determination to Owner and all mortgagees of record, which notice shall provide for an opportunity to cure of not less than sixty (60) days. If the noncompliance specified in such notice is not cured within the time period specified therein, the Exemption shall prospectively terminate.
 - b. The Exemption shall apply to all land in the Exemption Area, but shall only apply to buildings on the Exemption Area that exist on the Effective Date.

- c. Nothing herein shall entitle the HDFC, the Owner, or any other person or entity to a refund of any real property taxes which accrued and were paid with respect to the Exemption Area prior to the Effective Date.
- 4. In consideration of the Exemption, the owner of the Exemption Area shall, for so long as the Exemption shall remain in effect, waive the benefits of any additional or concurrent exemption from or abatement of real property taxation which may be authorized under any existing or future local, state, or federal law, rule, or regulation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prohibit the granting of any real property tax abatement pursuant to Sections 467-b or 467-c of the Real Property Tax Law to real property occupied by senior citizens or persons with disabilities.

JUSTIN L. BRANNAN, *Chairperson*; DIANA I. AYALA, FRANCISCO P. MOYA, KEITH POWERS, FARAH N. LOUIS, SELVENA N. BROOKS-POWERS, GALE A. BREWER, AMANDA C. FARIAS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, CHI A. OSSÉ, PIERINA A. SANCHEZ, ALTHEA V. STEVENS, NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, DAVID M. CARR; 14-0-0; *Absent*: Kamillah M. Hanks, Yusef Salaam, and Julie Won; *Other Council Members attending*: Council Members De La Rosa and Restler; Committee on Finance, September 12, 2024.

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

Report of the Committee on Fire and Emergency Management

Report for Int. No. 89-A

Report of the Committee on Fire and Emergency Management in favor of approving and adopting, as amended, a Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to notification of council members of certain fires occurring within their district.

The Committee on Fire and Emergency Management, to which the annexed amended proposed local law was referred on February 8, 2024 (Minutes, page 314), respectfully

REPORTS:

I. INTRODUCTION

On September 12, 2024, the Committee on Fire and Emergency Management, chaired by Joann Ariola, voted on Proposed Introduction Number 89-A (“Prop. Int. No. 89-A”), in relation to notification of council members of certain fires occurring within their district. The Committee voted in favor of the bill by a vote of seven affirmatives, no opposed, and no abstentions. The Committee heard a previous version of this legislation on February 29, 2024, and received testimony from the New York City Fire Department (“FDNY”) and other interested parties.

II. BACKGROUND

The FDNY is comprised of approximately 11,000 uniformed firefighters, and operates 219 firehouses Citywide.^{1 2} During Fiscal Year 2023 (“FY-23”), the FDNY responded to 23,901 structural fires.³ FDNY categorizes the severity of fire by the number of units and personnel deployed to a fire based on the severity of conditions at the scene—from “All Hands,” which require the deployment of at least 12 units and 60 employees to the scene of a fire, to “5th Alarm,” which require the deployment of at least 44 units and 198 employees.⁴ Further, according to the FDNY, there were over 2,000 serious fires in FY-23 that required an All Hands or greater response by the Department.⁵

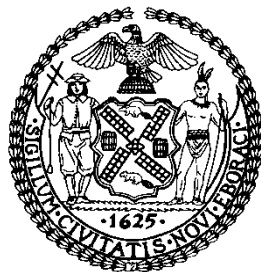
III. LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

Prop. Int. No. 89-A

Prop. Int. No. 89-A would require an agency designated by the Mayor to provide notice to Council Members of certain serious fires occurring within their council district. Notifications would be sent within three hours of the Fire Department’s deployment of personnel to the scene of the fire, and would notify local Council Members of basic information relating to the fire, such as the location of the incident, and the details regarding the Fire Department’s emergency response. The bill would take effect 540 days after becoming law.

Since introduction the legislation has been amended in several respects. First, amendments were made to narrow the scope of the legislation by: (i) removing requirements that Borough Presidents and Community Boards receive notifications; and (ii) limiting notifications to only occur following serious fires that require substantial FDNY deployment. Additionally, amendments were made to require that notifications be sent to Council Members within three hours of the Fire Department’s deployment of personnel to the scene, and to provide the Administration with discretion regarding the City agency that will be responsible for fulfilling the requirements contained in the legislation. Finally, the legislation’s effective date was extended such that the Administration will have 540 days (around 18 months) to implement the law’s requirements.

(The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 89-A:)



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION**

**TANISHA EDWARDS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE SPEAKER**

**RICHARD LEE, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

PROPOSED INTRO. NO. 89-A

COMMITTEE: Fire and Emergency Management

¹ FDNY, Preliminary Mayor’s Management Report, FY-2022; available at: <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/operations/downloads/pdf/pmmr2022/fdny.pdf>.

² NYC Open Data, FDNY Fire House Listings; available at: <https://data.cityofnewyork.us/widgets/hc8x-tcnd>.

³ FDNY, Preliminary Mayor’s Management Report, FY-2024; available at: <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/operations/downloads/pdf/pmmr2024/fdny.pdf>.

⁴ Information provided by the Fire Department to the Committee on Fire and Emergency Management.

⁵ *Id.*

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to notification of council members of certain fires occurring within their district.

Sponsors: Council Members Sanchez, Abreu, Hudson, Louis, Yeger, Restler, Gutiérrez, Feliz, Stevens, Won, Menin, Schulman, Hanif, Ung, Ossé and Narcisse (in conjunction with the Bronx Borough President).

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This bill would require an agency designated by the Mayor, to provide notice to Council Members of certain fires occurring within their districts. The notification would need to be sent within three hours of the Fire Department deploying personnel to the scene of the fire, and would include the following information relating to the fire: the date and time of the fire, the address of the fire, and details of the department's emergency response to the fire.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 540 days after becoming law.

FISCAL YEAR (FY) IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY26	Succeeding FY27	Full Fiscal Impact FY26
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures (-)	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Net	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

IMPACT ON REVENUES: It is estimated that there would be no impact on revenues resulting from the enactment of this legislation.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: It is estimated that the enactment of this legislation would result in an annual expenditure of \$100,000 to fulfill the requirements of this legislation. This cost is associated with the Fire Department contracting with an outside vendor to create an automated email system that would be used to notify Council Members of all-hands fires.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: General Fund

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY: Tanveer Singh, Legislative Financial Analyst

ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY: Aliya Ali, Unit Head
Chima Obichere, Deputy Director
Michael Twomey, Assistant Counsel
Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Director

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: This legislation was introduced to the Council on February 8, 2024, as Intro. No. 89 and referred to the Committee on Fire and Emergency Management (the Committee). The legislation was considered by the Committee on Housing and Buildings and the Committee at a joint hearing held on February 29, 2024, and laid over. The legislation was subsequently amended, and the amended version, Proposed Intro. No. 89-A will be considered by the Committee on September 12, 2024. Upon a successful vote by the Committee, Proposed Intro. No.89-A will be submitted to the full Council for a vote on September 12, 2024.

DATE PREPARED: 9/11/2024.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption, as amended.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 89-A:)

Int. No. 89-A

By Council Members Sanchez, Abreu, Hudson, Louis, Yeger, Restler, Gutiérrez, Feliz, Stevens, Won, Menin, Schulman, Hanif, Ung, Ossé, Narcisse, De La Rosa and Mealy (in conjunction with the Bronx Borough President).

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to notification of council members of certain fires occurring within their district

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 15 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 15-150 to read as follows:

§ 15-150 Notification of council members regarding fires. a. Definitions. For the purpose of this section, the following term has the following meaning:

All hands fire. The term “all hands fire” means any operation conducted by the fire department where the severity of conditions, as determined by the fire department, requires the deployment of at least 12 units and 60 employees of such department to the scene of a fire.

b. An agency designated by the mayor shall notify a council member when an all hands fire occurs within the district of such council member. Such notification shall be sent via electronic mail within 3 hours of the fire department deploying its personnel to the scene of such incident, and shall include:

- 1. The date and time of such fire;*
- 2. The address of such fire; and*
- 3. Details of the fire department’s emergency response to such fire, including but not limited to, the initial and highest alarm level of such fire.*

c. A process shall be established whereby any council member can opt out of the notification required by this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 540 days after it becomes law.

JOANN ARIOLA, *Chairperson*; KEVIN C. RILEY, JAMES F. GENNARO, OSWALD J. FELIZ, CARMEN N. DE LA ROSA, LYNN C. SHULMAN, SUSAN ZHUANG; 7-0-0; *Absent*: Kalman Yeger; Committee on Fire and Emergency Management, September 12, 2024. *Other Council Members Attending: Council Member Sanchez.*

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

Report of the Committee on Housing and Buildings

Report for Int. No. 6-A

Report of the Committee on Housing and Buildings in favor of approving and adopting, as amended, a Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to tenant education and outreach on residential vacate orders due to damage caused by fires.

The Committee on Housing and Buildings, to which the annexed proposed amended local law was referred on February 8, 2024 (Minutes, page 198), respectfully

REPORTS:

I. INTRODUCTION

On September 12, 2024, the New York City Council Committee on Housing and Buildings, chaired by Council Member Pierina Sanchez, held a hearing to vote on Int. No. 6-A, sponsored by Council Member Alexa Avilés, in relation to tenant education and outreach on residential vacate orders due to damage caused by fires. The Committee on Housing and Buildings first heard Int. No. 6-A on February 29, 2024.

II. BACKGROUND

When a building is issued a vacate order by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (“HPD”), tenants may be displaced from their homes until the building is safe for occupancy. In order for the vacate order to be lifted, the building owner or their agent must file an application with the Department of Buildings (“DOB”) to make the necessary repairs, and thereafter HPD can inspect the building and remove the vacate order for tenants to return to the building.¹ HPD provides temporary relocation services for these displaced individuals and families through HPD’s Emergency Housing Services (“EHS”) unit.² The length of stay in these shelters can be for an extended period of time. For example, in the first four months of fiscal year 2024, the average length of stay for single adults in EHS emergency shelters was 592 days, the average length of stay for adult families was 464 days, and the average length of stay for families with children was 337 days.³

III. LEGISLATION

Int. No. 6-A

Int. No. 6-A would require HPD, in consultation with the New York City Fire Department (“FDNY”) and DOB, to develop procedures to ensure that tenants of multiple dwellings are informed of the process for the issuance of residential vacate orders issued by HPD following a fire. HPD would be required to post a notice at the building and create a document to hand out at the site of a vacated building. The information provided in these materials would include information on tenants’ rights of occupancy, the responsibilities of landlords, how vacate orders are rescinded, and where to find additional resources. Written materials distributed by the HPD would be made available in the top ten languages most commonly spoken within New York City.

¹ New York City Department of Buildings, *Vacate Order FAQs*, available at <https://www.nyc.gov/site/buildings/tenant/vacate-order-frequently-asked-questions.page>; see also New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, *Your Buildings Has a Vacate Order, What Happens Next*, available at <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/hpd/downloads/pdfs/services/hpd-vacate-order-faqs.pdf>.

² New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, *Emergency Housing Services*, available at <https://www.nyc.gov/site/hpd/about/emergency-housing-services.page>; see also N.Y.C. Admin. Code § 26-301.

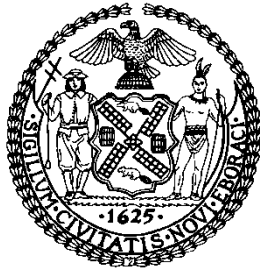
³ Preliminary Fiscal 2024 Mayor’s Management Report, NYC Mayor’s Office of Operations, January 2024 available at: https://www.nyc.gov/assets/operations/downloads/pdf/pmmr2024/2024_pmmr.pdf, pg 337.

This local law would take effect 120 days after it becomes law.

UPDATE

On Thursday, September 12, 2024, the Committee adopted Int. 6-A by a vote of six in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero abstentions.

(The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 6-A:)



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION**

**TANISHA S. EDWARDS, ESQ., CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER, AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE
SPEAKER**

**RICHARD LEE, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

PROPOSED INTRO. NO: 6-A

COMMITTEE: Housing and Buildings

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to tenant education and outreach on residential vacate orders due to damage caused by fires.

SPONSOR(S): Council Members Avilés, Restler, Stevens, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hudson, Ung, Nurse, Abreu, Ayala, Cabán, Salaam, Williams, Sanchez, Ossé, Hanif, and Won.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This bill would require the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), in consultation with the Fire Department (FDNY) and the Department of Buildings (DOB), to develop procedures to ensure that occupants of multiple dwellings are informed of the process for the issuance of residential vacate orders following fires, including information on their rights of occupancy and responsibilities of landlords, what may constitute harassment, and the process for rescinding vacate orders. HPD would also be required to designate a person on site to provide information to tenants in the designated citywide languages.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law would take effect 120 days after it becomes law.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2026

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY25	FY Succeeding Effective FY26	Full Fiscal Impact FY26
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES: It is estimated that there would be no impact on revenues resulting from the enactment of this legislation

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: It is anticipated that there would be no impact on expenditures resulting from the enactment of this legislation because HPD would utilize existing resources to fulfill its requirements.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division
Mayor's Office of City Legislative Affairs

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY: Daniel Kroop, Principal Financial Analyst

ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY: Chima Obichere, Deputy Director
Michael Twomey, Assistant Counsel
Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Deputy Director

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: The legislation was introduced to the Council on February 8, 2024, as Proposed Intro. No. 6, and was referred to the Committee on Housing and Buildings (Committee). The Committee held a joint hearing with the Committee on Fire and Emergency Management on February 29, 2024, and the legislation was laid over. The legislation was subsequently amended, and the amended version, Proposed Intro. No. 6-A, will be considered by the Committee on September 12, 2024. Upon successful vote by the Committee, Proposed Intro. No. 6-A will be submitted to the full Council for a vote on September 12, 2024.

DATE PREPARED: September 5, 2024.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption, as amended.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 6-A:)

Int. No. 6-A

By Council Members Avilés, Restler, Stevens, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hudson, Ung, Nurse, Abreu, Ayala, Cabán, Salaam, Williams, Sanchez, Ossé, Hanif, Won, Louis and Mealy.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to tenant education and outreach on residential vacate orders due to damage caused by fires

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 26 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 26-306 to read as follows:

§ 26-306 *Tenant education and outreach on residential vacate orders due to damage caused by fires.* a. The department of housing preservation and development, in consultation with the fire department and department of buildings, shall develop procedures to notify tenants of dwelling units in multiple dwellings regarding the issuance of residential vacate orders by the department of housing preservation and development following a fire. Such procedures shall include, but need not be limited to, posting a notice at the site about how tenants can obtain relevant information and materials in each of the designated citywide languages, as defined in section 23-1101, including:

1. The housing information guide required pursuant to section 26-1102;
2. Information on what actions may constitute harassment, as defined in paragraph 48 of subdivision a of section 27-2004, in relation to the issuance of residential vacate orders;
3. Information on the process for rescinding vacate orders issued by the department of housing preservation and development; and
4. Information on where tenants can find additional resources, including those that are available through the website of the department of housing preservation and development.

b. The department of housing preservation and development shall designate a person on site to distribute copies of such notice to any tenants seeking additional information regarding the issuance of residential vacate

orders by the department of housing preservation and development. Such copies shall be made available in each of the designated citywide languages, as defined in section 23-1101, either on site or through technology provided by the onsite designee, such as a quick response code or a near field communication tag, by which an individual with a properly equipped mobile device may directly access such notice.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

PIERINA A. SANCHEZ, *Chairperson*; ERIC DINOWITZ, SHAUN ABREU, ALEXA AVILÉS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, LINCOLN RESTLER; 6-0-0; *Absent*: Oswald J. Feliz; Committee on Housing and Buildings, September 12, 2024. *Other Council Members Attending: Council Members Brewer and Carr.*

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

Report of the Committee on Land Use

Report for L.U. No. 108

Report of the Committee on Land Use in favor of approving Application number N 240374 HIM, for the proposed designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of the Heckscher Building (now the Crown Building), located at 730 Fifth Avenue (Block 1272, Lot 7503), as an historic landmark (DL-539/LP-2678), submitted pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York City Charter and Section 25-303 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, Community District 5, Council District 4.

The Committee on Land Use, to which the annexed Land Use item was referred on July 18, 2024 (Minutes, page 2778) and which same Land Use item was coupled with the resolution shown below, respectfully

REPORTS:

SUBJECT

MANHATTAN CB - 5

N 240374 HIM

Designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission [DL-539/LP-2678] pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York City Charter of the landmark designation of the Heckscher Building (now the Crown Building) located at 730 Fifth Avenue, aka 728-734 Fifth Avenue and 2-4 West 57th Street (Block 1272, p/o Lot 7503 (previously Lot 39)), as an historic landmark.

PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: August 27, 2024

Witnesses in Favor: Two

Witnesses Against: None

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**DATE:** September 10, 2024

The Subcommittee recommends that the Land Use Committee affirm the designation.

In Favor:	Against:	Abstain:
Brannan	None	None
Marte		
Nurse		
Salaam		

COMMITTEE ACTION**DATE:** September 10, 2024

The Committee recommends that the Council approve the attached resolution.

In Favor:	Against:	Abstain:
Salamanca	None	None
Moya		
Riley		
Brooks-Powers		
Abreu		
Farias		
Hudson		
Sanchez		
Borelli		

In connection herewith, Council Members Salamanca, Hanks, and Mealy offered the following resolution:

Res. No. 571

Resolution affirming the designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of the Heckscher Building (now the Crown Building) located at 730 Fifth Avenue, aka 728-734 Fifth Avenue and 2-4 West 57th Street (Block 1272, p/o Lot 7503 (previously Lot 39)), Borough of Manhattan, Designation List No. 539, LP-2678 (L.U. No. 108; N 240374 HIM).

By Council Members Salamanca, Hanks and Mealy.

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Commission filed with the Council on May 24, 2024 a copy of its designation report dated May 14, 2024 (the "Designation"), designating the Heckscher Building (now the Crown Building) located at 730 Fifth Avenue, aka 728-734 Fifth Avenue and 2-4 West 57th Street, Community District 5, Borough of Manhattan, as a landmark and Block 1272, p/o Lot 7503 (previously Lot 39), as its landmark site pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York City Charter;

WHEREAS, the Designation is subject to review by the Council pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York City Charter and Section 25-303 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York;

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission submitted to the Council on July 12, 2024, its report on the Designation dated July 10, 2024 (the "Report");

WHEREAS, upon due notice, the Council held a public hearing on the Designation on August 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the land use implications and other policy issues relating to the Designation.

RESOLVED:

Pursuant to Section 3020 of the City Charter and Section 25-303 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, and on the basis of the information and materials contained in the Designation and the Report, the Council affirms the Designation.

RAFAEL SALAMANCA, Jr., *Chairperson*; FRANCISCO P. MOYA, KEVIN C. RILEY, SELVENA N. BROOKS-POWERS, SHAUN ABREU, AMANDA C. FARÍAS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, PIERINA A. SANCHEZ, JOSEPH C. BORELLI; 9-0-0; *Absent*: Kamillah M. Hanks; *Parental*: Carlina Rivera; Committee on Land Use, September 10, 2024.

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

Report for L.U. No. 129

Report of the Committee on Land Use in favor of approving Application number N 240396 HIM Temple Court (now the Beekman Hotel) Atrium submitted by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York City Charter and Section 25-303 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, for the designation of the Temple Court Building (now the Beekman Hotel) Atrium, located at 5 Beekman Street (Block 90, Lot 7503), as an historic landmark (DL-540/LP-2681), Borough of Manhattan, Community District 1, Council District 1.

The Committee on Land Use, to which the annexed Land Use item was referred on August 15, 2024 (Minutes, page 2997) and which same Land Use item was coupled with the resolution shown below, respectfully

REPORTS:

SUBJECT

MANHATTAN CB - 1

N 240396 HIM

Designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission [DL-540/LP-2681] pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York City Charter of the landmark designation of the Temple Court Building (now The Beekman Hotel) Atrium located at 5 Beekman Street, aka 3-9 Beekman Street, 119-133 Nassau Street, and 10 Theatre Alley (Block 90, Lot 7503 formerly Lot 14), as an historic landmark.

PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: August 27, 2024

Witnesses in Favor: Two

Witnesses Against: None

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**DATE:** September 10, 2024

The Subcommittee recommends that the Land Use Committee affirm the designation.

In Favor:Brannan
Marte
Nurse
Salaam**Against:**

None

Abstain:

None

COMMITTEE ACTION**DATE:** September 10, 2024

The Committee recommends that the Council approve the attached resolution.

In Favor:Salamanca
Moya
Riley
Brooks-Powers
Abreu
Farias
Hudson
Sanchez
Borelli**Against:**

None

Abstain:

None

In connection herewith, Council Members Salamanca, Hanks and Mealy offered the following resolution:

Res. No. 572

Resolution affirming the designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of the Temple Court (now The Beekman Hotel) Atrium located at 5 Beekman Street, aka 3-9 Beekman Street, 119-133 Nassau Street, and 10 Theatre Alley (Block 90, Lot 7503 formerly Lot 14), Borough of Manhattan, Designation List No. 540, LP-2681 (L.U. No. 129; N 240396 HIM).

By Council Members Salamanca, Hanks and Mealy.

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Commission filed with the Council on June 14, 2024 a copy of its designation report dated June 4, 2024 (the "Designation"), designating the Temple Court (now The Beekman Hotel) Atrium located at 5 Beekman Street, aka 3-9 Beekman Street, 119-133 Nassau Street, and 10 Theatre Alley, Community District 1, Borough of Manhattan, as a landmark and Block 90, Lot 7503 formerly Lot 14, as its landmark site pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York City Charter;**WHEREAS**, the Designation is subject to review by the Council pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York City Charter and Section 25-303 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York;**WHEREAS**, the City Planning Commission submitted to the Council on August 9, 2024, its report on the Designation dated August 7, 2024 (the "Report");

WHEREAS, upon due notice, the Council held a public hearing on the Designation on August 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the land use implications and other policy issues relating to the Designation.

RESOLVED:

Pursuant to Section 3020 of the City Charter and Section 25-303 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, and on the basis of the information and materials contained in the Designation and the Report, the Council affirms the Designation.

RAFAEL SALAMANCA, Jr., *Chairperson*; FRANCISCO P. MOYA, KEVIN C. RILEY, SELVENA N. BROOKS-POWERS, SHAUN ABREU, AMANDA C. FARÍAS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, PIERINA A. SANCHEZ, JOSEPH C. BORELLI; 9-0-0; *Absent*: Kamillah M. Hanks; *Parental*: Carlina Rivera; Committee on Land Use, September 10, 2024.

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

Report for L.U. No. 131

Report of the Committee on Land Use in favor of approving Application number N 240410 HIR (Frederick Douglass Memorial Park) submitted by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York City Charter and Section 25-303 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, for the designation of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Park, located at 3201 Amboy Road (Block 4475, Lot 300), as an historic landmark (DL-541/LP-2682), Borough of Staten Island, Community District 3, Council District 50.

The Committee on Land Use, to which the annexed Land Use item was referred on August 15, 2024 (Minutes, page 2997) and which same Land Use item was coupled with the resolution shown below, respectfully

REPORTS:

SUBJECT

STATEN ISLAND CB - 3

N 240410 HIR

Designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission [DL-541/LP-2682] pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York City Charter of the landmark designation of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Park located at 3201 Amboy Road (Block 4475, Lot 300), as an historic landmark.

PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: August 27, 2024

Witnesses in Favor: Two

Witnesses Against: None

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**DATE:** September 10, 2024

The Subcommittee recommends that the Land Use Committee affirm the designation.

In Favor:Brannan
Marte
Nurse
Salaam**Against:**

None

Abstain:

None

COMMITTEE ACTION**DATE:** September 10, 2024

The Committee recommends that the Council approve the attached resolution.

In Favor:Salamanca
Moya
Riley
Brooks-Powers
Abreu
Farias
Hudson
Sanchez
Borelli**Against:**

None

Abstain:

None

In connection herewith, Council Members Salamanca, Hanks and Mealy offered the following resolution:

Res. No. 573

Resolution affirming the designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Park located at 3201 Amboy Road (Block 4475, Lot 300), Borough of Staten Island, Designation List No. 541, LP-2682 (L.U. No. 131; N 240410 HIR).

By Council Members Salamanca, Hanks and Mealy.

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Commission filed with the Council on June 27, 2024 a copy of its designation report dated June 18, 2024 (the "Designation"), designating the Frederick Douglass Memorial Park located at 3201 Amboy Road, Community District 3, Borough of Staten Island, as a landmark and Block 4475, Lot 300, as its landmark site pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York City Charter;**WHEREAS**, the Designation is subject to review by the Council pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York City Charter and Section 25-303 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York;**WHEREAS**, the City Planning Commission submitted to the Council on August 9, 2024, its report on the Designation dated August 7, 2024 (the "Report");

WHEREAS, upon due notice, the Council held a public hearing on the Designation on August 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the land use implications and other policy issues relating to the Designation.

RESOLVED:

Pursuant to Section 3020 of the City Charter and Section 25-303 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, and on the basis of the information and materials contained in the Designation and the Report, the Council affirms the Designation.

RAFAEL SALAMANCA, Jr., *Chairperson*; FRANCISCO P. MOYA, KEVIN C. RILEY, SELVENA N. BROOKS-POWERS, SHAUN ABREU, AMANDA C. FARÍAS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, PIERINA A. SANCHEZ, JOSEPH C. BORELLI; 9-0-0; *Absent*: Kamillah M. Hanks; *Parental*: Carlina Rivera; Committee on Land Use, September 10, 2024.

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

Report of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Report for Int. No. 346-A

Report of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in favor of approving and adopting, as amended, a Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to pedestrian crossing guidelines and right of way.

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to which the annexed proposed amended local law was referred on February 28, 2024 (Minutes, page 760), respectfully

REPORTS:

On September 10, 2024, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, chaired by Majority Whip Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, will conduct a hearing to vote on the following legislation: Proposed Int. No. 346-A, sponsored by Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, in relation to pedestrian crossing guidelines and right of way; and Proposed Int. No. 746-A, sponsored by Council Member Oswald Feliz, in relation to the improvement and maintenance of medians through the planting of vegetation or use in stormwater management. Previous versions of these bills were heard on June 25, 2024 at an oversight hearing entitled: Intersections, Sidewalks and Pedestrian Safety. Those who testified at this hearing included representatives from the New York City (NYC or City) Department of Transportation (DOT), a representative from the NYC Police Department (NYPD), transit advocates, street safety advocates, and others.

BACKGROUND

Department of Transportation

DOT's goal is to provide for safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible movement of people and goods in NYC.¹ DOT works to improve traffic mobility throughout NYC; maintain the City's infrastructure; encourage the use of mass transit and other modes of transportation other than private vehicles; and provide traffic safety educational programs.² With an annual operating budget of \$1.4 billion and a ten-year \$33 billion capital program, DOT manages 6,300 miles of streets and highways, over 12,000 miles of sidewalks, and approximately 800 bridges and tunnels.³ DOT's staff also installs and maintains nearly one million street signs, 13,250 signalized intersections, over 315,000 street lights, over 350 million linear feet of markings, and 2,600 automated enforcement cameras.⁴

Street Safety and Vision Zero

Since 2014, NYC has instituted Vision Zero, a citywide initiative that seeks to improve the safety of its streets throughout every neighborhood and in every borough.⁵ First launched under former Mayor Bill de Blasio, the initiative includes: expanded enforcement against dangerous moving violations, such as speeding and failing to yield to pedestrians; new street designs and configurations; broad public outreach and communication; and legislation to increase penalties for dangerous drivers.⁶ Vision Zero rests on the belief that deaths and serious injuries in traffic incidents are not inevitable "accidents," but preventable crashes that can be reduced through engineering, enforcement, and education.⁷ Traffic fatalities in NYC have fallen significantly since 1990, from 701 in 1990 to 381 in 2000 to an all-time low of 202 in 2018, with traffic deaths in NYC having fallen by a third when comparing 2018 with the year before Vision Zero began.⁸

Although the data through 2018 is encouraging, the citywide initiative has received a number of criticisms mainly due to the rapid increase in deaths occurring on City streets over the last several years. Notably, for a nearly two month period during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in 2020 there were zero pedestrian fatalities in NYC, largely attributed to the lack of congestion and lack of commuters in the City at that time.⁹ However, in January 2021, the *New York Times* indicated that the total number of traffic fatalities in 2020 made it the deadliest year on record since former Mayor de Blasio introduced Vision Zero, and the second straight year of increased road fatalities.¹⁰

In 2021, these trends continued, with 275 people killed due to traffic violence in the City, representing about a 33% increase from 2018.¹¹ There were a reported 93 hit-and-runs with critical injuries in 2021, twice as many as there had been in 2018.¹² Furthermore, the share of pedestrian fatalities caused by drivers of SUVs during Mayor de Blasio's second term, which concluded in 2021, was up 42% compared to his first term.¹³

In 2022, the number of traffic fatalities in the City was 263.¹⁴ DOT Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez announced that in 2022 the City experienced an overall decline of about 6% in traffic fatalities from 2021, and

¹ NYC Department of Transportation (DOT), *About DOT*, available at <https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/about/about.shtml>

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ NYC, *Vision Zero*, available at <https://www1.nyc.gov/content/visionzero/pages/>

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ NYC DOT & NYPD, *Vision Zero Accomplishments 2018*, at 4, available at <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/vz-accomplishments-core-outputs-2018.pdf>

⁹ Jake Offenhartz, *Vision Zero Sputter as NYC Traffic Deaths Reach Highest Level of De Blasio Era*, *Gothamist*, October 23, 2020, available at <https://gothamist.com/news/vision-zero-sputters-nyc-traffic-deaths-reach-highest-level-de-blasio-era>

¹⁰ Christina Goldbaum, *Why Empty Streets Meant an Especially Deadly Year for Traffic Deaths*, *New York Times* January 1, 2021, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/01/nyregion/nyc-traffic-deaths.html>

¹¹ NYC, *Vision Zero View*, available at <https://vzv.nyc/>

¹² Transportation Alternatives, *Last year was the deadliest under Vision Zero. Here's how Mayor Adams can save lives in 2022*, January 26, 2022, available at <https://www.transalt.org/writing/last-year-was-the-deadliest-under-vision-zero-heres-how-mayor-adams-can-save-lives-in-2022>

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ NYC, *Vision Zero View*, available at: <https://vzv.nyc/>

the first decline in annual fatalities since 2019.¹⁵ 2022 was one of the years with the fewest annual pedestrian deaths recorded in New York City,¹⁶ however, 2022 also marked the deadliest year since 2014 for child fatalities, with 16 children killed in traffic collisions.¹⁷

Last year, in 2023, there were 265 traffic fatalities, an increase of two people when compared to the year prior.¹⁸ Additionally, 2023 saw a record number of cyclist fatalities in the Vision Zero era.¹⁹

During the first half of 2024, traffic crashes killed 127 people, which is the highest number of people killed in the first six months of any year since Vision Zero was implemented in 2014, putting it on pace to be the deadliest year for traffic violence since Vision Zero was implemented if the trend continues.²⁰ Some advocates note that lack of safety infrastructure could be one major reason for this increase.²¹ When pedestrians were killed at an intersection, 92% of those intersections had no daylighting measures at all, and 100% of those intersections lacked physical daylighting to stop drivers from parking all the way to the crosswalk.²² 83% of cyclists were killed on streets without protected bicycle infrastructure and 66% were killed on streets without any bicycle infrastructure at all.²³ In addition, there were 51 motorist fatalities in the first six months of 2024, which is 21% more than the average year.²⁴

Street Infrastructure

DOT is responsible for thousands of miles of streets and roadways, and conducts regular inspections to assess pavement conditions.²⁵ Furthermore, DOT is responsible for the implementation of street improvement projects, which add to the safety and accessibility of streets, including:

- Street Construction, which includes pothole repair, milling and repaving, and full reconstruction of streets;²⁶
- Capital Street Projects, which often include full reconstruction of the sewer pipes, the roadbed and sidewalks;²⁷
- Resiliency projects, which includes addressing threats from storm surge and extreme heat;²⁸
- Sidewalk repair and maintenance, which is used to ensure sidewalks are safe for pedestrians and helps prevent injuries caused by defective sidewalks;²⁹
- Traffic Signals and Street Signs, which are used to ensure less congestion and more safety for all road users;³⁰ and

¹⁵ NYC DOT, Press Release, *Vision Zero: NYC Traffic Fatalities Dropped in 2022 For First Time in Three Years, Pedestrian Deaths Near Record Lows*, January 6, 2023, available at <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pr2023/vision-zero-fatalities-dropped-2022.shtml>

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ Ben Brachfield, *2022 was deadliest year for children on city streets in Vision Zero era: report*, AMNY, January 23, 2023, available at <https://www.amny.com/transit/record-children-killed-traffic-collisions-2022-nyc-streets/>

¹⁸ NYC, *Vision Zero View*, available at <https://vzv.nyc/>

¹⁹ Transportation Alternatives, *New York City Experiences Deadliest First Quarter in Vision Zero History, New Data from Transportation Alternatives and Families for Safe Streets Shows*, April 25, 2024, available at <https://transalt.org/press-releases/new-york-city-experiences-deadliest-first-quarter-in-vision-zero-history-new-data-from-transportation-alternatives-and-families-for-safe-streets-shows#:~:text=This%20data%20comes%20after%202023,the%20onset%20of%20Vision%20Zero>

²⁰ Transportation Alternatives, *New York City Experiences Deadliest First Six Months in Vision Zero History, New Analysis from Transportation Alternatives and Families for Safe Streets Shows*, July 23, 2024, available at <https://transalt.org/press-releases/new-york-city-experiences-deadliest-first-six-months-in-vision-zero-history-new-analysis-from-transportation-alternatives-and-families-for-safe-streets-shows>

²¹ *Id.*

²² *Id.*

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ *Id.*

²⁵ NYC DOT, *Infrastructure-Street and Roadway Construction*, available at <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/infrastructure/construction.shtml>

²⁶ NYC DOT, *Infrastructure*, available at <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/infrastructure/infrastructure.shtml>

²⁷ *Id.*

²⁸ *Id.*

²⁹ *Id.*

³⁰ *Id.*

- Street Lights, which provide lighting for road users, with DOT being a leader in using sustainable street lighting.³¹

In order to increase safety on City streets, DOT implements various measures to reduce opportunities for illegal speeding and aggressive driving.³² DOT largely does this through employing:

- Enhanced Crossings, which are marked high-visibility crosswalks on calm streets with low vehicle volumes and frequent pedestrian crossings, which improve mobility and accessibility for pedestrians;³³
- Neighborhood Slow Zones, which is a community-based program that reduces the speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph and adds safety measures within a select area to change driver behavior;³⁴
- Pedestrian Ramps, which provide access on and off streets and sidewalks for pedestrians;³⁵
- Medians, which generally are installed as raised or a barrier made of concrete or with vegetation, and look to either: separate different lines, traffic directions or roadways within a street or extend through an intersection to prevent turns and through-movements to and from the intersecting street, depending on type;³⁶
- The Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, which is a borough-based plan to establish Priority Corridors, Intersections, and Areas, and outlines a comprehensive pedestrian safety plan for each borough guided by Vision Zero;³⁷
- Safe Routes to Transit, which is a part of PlanNYC, in which DOT is working to improve pedestrian access and calm motor vehicle movement around subway entrances and bus stops;³⁸
- Safe Streets for Seniors, which is an initiative for older New Yorkers where DOT engineers evaluate pedestrian conditions and make safety improvements in targeted neighborhoods from a senior's perspective;³⁹
- School Safety, which is an initiative where DOT's School Safety Unit implements Vision Zero by developing street safety improvement projects near city schools;⁴⁰ and
- The Turn Calming Program, which is a citywide effort to reduce left and right turn speeds and enforce safe turning behavior.⁴¹

The City Council also works to meet these goals and improve street safety. In 2022 and 2023, the Council passed legislation which required DOT to: designate certain senior pedestrians zones in the City;⁴² accelerate the schedule in which it conducts the study of traffic crashes involving a pedestrian fatality or serious injury and implement more sharing of studies and plans;⁴³ and implement new daylighting measures throughout the City.⁴⁴

³¹ *Id.*

³² NYC DOT, *Pedestrians*, available at <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/pedestrians.shtml>

³³ *Id.*

³⁴ *Id.*

³⁵ *Id.*

³⁶ NYC DOT, NYC Street Design, *Sidewalks and Raised Medians*, available at <https://www.nycstreetdesign.info/geometry/sidewalks-raised-medians>

³⁷ NYC DOT, *Pedestrians*, available at: <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/pedestrians.shtml>

³⁸ *Id.*

³⁹ *Id.*

⁴⁰ *Id.*

⁴¹ *Id.*

⁴² Local Law 63 of 2023

⁴³ Local Law 65 of 2022

⁴⁴ Local Law 66 of 2023

LEGISLATION

Jaywalking

Jaywalking colloquially refers to the act of crossing a roadway in violation of applicable traffic regulations, including but not limited to crossing a roadway at a point other than at a marked crosswalk without yielding right of way to vehicle traffic, or crossing a roadway against a traffic control device, e.g., when there is a red upraised hand. In New York City, both crossing outside of a marked crosswalk and crossing against a traffic control signal are prohibited by the administrative code of the City of New York.⁴⁵ Jaywalking has been a part of the American streetscape since the 1920s, when automobile manufacturers and interest groups lobbied for legislation to shift the role of the roadway from a place for pedestrians where automobiles had to operate with care to a place for automobiles where pedestrians have to yield or risk injury or death.⁴⁶

In the present day, jaywalking is a rarely enforced violation with 467 summonses issued in 2023.⁴⁷ Of those summonses, 92 percent were issued to Black or Latino persons (59 percent to Black persons, 33 percent to Latino persons).⁴⁸ Despite such disproportionate issuance of violations, there is no evidence that over 90 percent of the jaywalking activity in the City is committed by persons from these communities, and advocates believe that jaywalking summonses are used as a pretext to target Black and Latino persons.⁴⁹ Data for NYPD stops in general closely track (in larger scale) the demographic skew evident in jaywalking summonses: of the 6,110 “stop, question and frisks” conducted by NYPD officers in the first quarter of 2024, 92 percent of the people stopped were Black or Latino (59 percent to Black persons, 32 percent to Latino persons).⁵⁰ Three police precincts, the 33rd Precinct in Washington Heights, the 79th Precinct in central Brooklyn, and the 28th Precinct in Upper Manhattan accounted for nearly a quarter of all jaywalking summonses in 2023, and all but one of those summonses were issued to Black or Latino persons.⁵¹

There is little evidence to support the claim that having jaywalking either as a criminal or civil offense changes pedestrian behavior or increases pedestrian safety. Neither the Mayor’s administration in general nor NYPD in particular appears to view jaywalking enforcement as a safety measure given that only 47 of the City’s 77 NYPD precincts issued jaywalking summonses in 2023.⁵² Additionally, jaywalking enforcement has not been consistently targeting areas where pedestrians are most often injured: when compiling data from 2017 to the present, only a single precinct in the top 10 for pedestrian KSI has issued a commensurate amount of jaywalking summonses.⁵³

Research conducted by the federal government in the 1990s found that pedestrians were no more likely to be involved in accidents while jaywalking than they were at the crosswalk.⁵⁴ The experience in other States varies. Virginia was the first state to decriminalize jaywalking in 2021, Nevada followed shortly afterwards

⁴⁵ Ad. Code § 19-195; VTL § 1152

⁴⁶ Joseph Stromberg, *The forgotten history of how automakers invented the crime of “jaywalking,”* Vox, November 4, 2015, available at <https://www.vox.com/2015/11/15/7551873/jaywalking-history>; Sarah Goodyear, *The Invention of Jaywalking*, Bloomberg, April 24, 2012, available at <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2012-04-24/the-invention-of-jaywalking>

⁴⁷ Gersh Kuntzman, *On the bias: NYPD’s ‘Walking While Black’ Ticketing Continues*, StreetsBlogNYC, May 22, 2024, available at <https://nyc.streetsblog.org/2024/05/22/on-the-bias-nypds-walking-while-black-ticketing-continues>

⁴⁸ *Id.*; Transportation Alternatives, *Five Lessons for the 10-Year Anniversary of Vision Zero in New York City*, February 12, 2004, available at <https://projects.transalt.org/lessons-from-vision-zero-new-york-city>

⁴⁹ Vanessa Arredondo, *NYPD disproportionately cited people of color for ‘jaywalking’ in 2023, mirroring racist enforcement nationwide*, Reckon, May 30, 2024, available at <https://www.reckon.news/news/2024/05/nypd-disproportionately-cited-people-of-color-for-jaywalking-in-2023-mirroring-racist-enforcement-nationwide.html>

⁵⁰ Eric Adams’s NYPD Has Stopped 50 Percent More New Yorkers in 2024, Hell Gate, June 12, 2024, available at <https://hellgatencity.com/nypd-stops-keep-going-up-under-eric-adams-2024/>; NYCLU, *NYPD Quarterly Reports, 2024 1st Quarter*, available at <https://www.nyclu.org/data/nypd-quarterly-reports>

⁵¹ Gersh Kuntzman, *On the bias: NYPD’s ‘Walking While Black’ Ticketing Continues*, StreetsBlogNYC, May 22, 2024, available at <https://nyc.streetsblog.org/2024/05/22/on-the-bias-nypds-walking-while-black-ticketing-continues>

⁵² *Id.*

⁵³ NYC OpenData, *NYPD Criminal Court Summons (Historic)*, last updated April 23, 2024, available at https://data.cityofnewyork.us/Public-Safety/NYPD-Criminal-Court-Summons-Historic/-sv2w-rv3k/about_data; NYC Open Data, *Motor Vehicle Collisions – Crashes*, last updated June 19, 2024, available at https://data.cityofnewyork.us/Public-Safety/Motor-Vehicle-Collisions-Crashes/h9gi-nx95/about_data

⁵⁴ Wyatt Parker Hough, *Street Rivalry Reignited? Repealing the Jaywalking Paradigm*, 91 UMKC L. Rev. 455, 463 (2022)

while California decriminalized it in 2023.⁵⁵ Virginia and Nevada have experienced upticks and downticks of pedestrian related deaths in the years that followed, while California (for which there is only one year of data) experienced fewer pedestrian fatalities since the decriminalization of jaywalking.⁵⁶ Denver, the most recent major American city to decriminalize jaywalking, has shown a decrease in pedestrian fatalities in its first half-year since it decriminalized jaywalking.⁵⁷

Medians

A median, as described by the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHA), is the area between opposing lanes of traffic, excluding turn lanes.⁵⁸ Medians in urban and suburban areas are defined by pavement markings, raised medians, or islands to separate motorists and non-motorists.⁵⁹ Pedestrian refuge islands are a common use of medians, as they provide protection for pedestrians when crossing a road, and are commonly populated with vegetation.⁶⁰ Ultimately, medians work to improve safety on a specific road or intersection to allow pedestrians to cross one direction of traffic at a time.⁶¹

The FHA offers guidance that medians should be considered to be used by transportation agencies in: curbed sections of urban and suburban multilane roadways; areas with a mix of pedestrian and vehicle traffic; areas with traffic volumes over 9,000 vehicles per day; and areas where vehicles travel at speeds of 35 miles per hour or greater.⁶² The FHA also recommends medians be at least 4 feet wide, but preferably 8 feet wide, and be added on mid-block crossings, approaches to multilane intersections, and areas near transit stops or other pedestrian-focused sites.⁶³

In NYC, medians' uses are described in the NYC DOT's Street Design Manual.⁶⁴ In the manual, DOT provides the following details about the different types of medians, which include raised medians, pedestrian safety islands, and median barriers:⁶⁵

- A raised median is an area that separates different lanes, traffic directions, or roadways within a street.⁶⁶ The Street Design Manual prescribes that a raised median be either curb height (6-7 inches) or, where appropriate, 12-24 inches high, with a varying width.⁶⁷ Raised medians can range from narrow raised concrete islands to tree-lined promenades to intensively landscaped boulevard medians;⁶⁸
- A pedestrian safety island, also known as a "median refuge island" or the previously described "pedestrian refuge island," is an area located at crosswalks that serves to separate traffic lanes or directions, particularly on wide roadways.⁶⁹ These types of medians are used at pedestrian crossings

⁵⁵ Angie Schmitt, *The Movement to Decriminalize Walking Notching More Wins*, America Walks, February 14, 2023, available at <https://americawalks.org/decriminalizing-walking-notching-more-wins>; KCAL News Staff, *Jaywalking to be decriminalized started Jan. 1*, CBSNews, December 27, 2022, available at <https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/jaywalking-to-be-decriminalized-starting-jan-1/>; Jenni Bergal, *Racial Justice, Pedestrian Safety Fuel Jaywalking Debate*, Stateline, July 14, 2022, available at <https://stateline.org/2022/07/14/racial-justice-pedestrian-safety-fuel-jaywalking-debate/>

⁵⁶ Governor's Highway Safety Association, *Pedestrian Fatalities by State*, available at <https://www.ghsa.org/sites/default/files/2024-02/Pedestrian%20Traffic%20Fatalities%20by%20State%2C%20January-June%202023%20Preliminary%20Data.pdf>

⁵⁷ City of Denver, *Denver Citywide Programs and Initiatives*, Updated 6/12/24, available at <https://denvergov.org/Government/Citywide-Programs-and-Initiatives/Vision-Zero>; Denver has recorded 26 pedestrian fatalities in the first 5.5 months of 2024, versus 83 deaths in 2023 when jaywalking was illegal. In Denver (and as proposed by this bill), vehicles still have the right-of-way anywhere outside of a crosswalk under both state and city law.

⁵⁸ United State Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, Safety, Proven Safety Countermeasures, *Medians and Pedestrian Refuge Islands in Urban and Suburban Areas*, available at <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures/medians-and-pedestrian-refuge-islands-urban-and-suburban-areas>

⁵⁹ *Id.*

⁶⁰ *Id.*

⁶¹ *Id.*

⁶² *Id.*

⁶³ *Id.*

⁶⁴ NYC DOT, NYC Street Design, *Sidewalks and Raised Medians*, available at <https://www.nycstreetdesign.info/geometry/sidewalks-raised-medians>

⁶⁵ *Id.*

⁶⁶ *Id.*

⁶⁷ *Id.*

⁶⁸ *Id.*

⁶⁹ *Id.*

when a full raised median is not feasible.⁷⁰ As per the DOT Street Design Manual, full raised medians should be used rather than pedestrian safety islands wherever possible;⁷¹ and

- A median barrier is a raised median or pedestrian safety island which is extended through an intersection to prevent turns and through-movements to and from the intersection street.⁷² Pedestrian refuges and bike access with gaps in the median can be used to allow pedestrians to access this barrier.⁷³ In addition, trees or plantings can be added within the median barrier.⁷⁴

In NYC and other cities similar to it, there is a phenomenon called the urban heat island (UHI) effect.⁷⁵ The UHI effect is closely linked to climate change and describes why NYC experiences higher temperatures in urban areas compared to suburban and rural areas.⁷⁶ The NYC Mayor's Office of Resiliency defines the UHI effect as a "regional elevation in air temperature that represents the difference between air temperatures in urban and built up areas, and nearby rural areas."⁷⁷ Dark, impervious, human-made materials, such as cement and pavement, which are common materials used in NYC, absorb and trap incoming solar radiation and cause the temperature to increase on the surface.⁷⁸ As we build more in NYC, more surfaces become impermeable and dry, which increases the UHI effect.⁷⁹ The UHI effect can have major impacts on the environment and public health, with increasingly intensified effects during heat waves, including increased: summertime peak energy demand; air conditioning costs; air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions; heat-related illness and mortality; and water pollution.⁸⁰ This ultimately creates a positive feedback loop, as increased UHI effects increase carbon emissions, which in turn intensifies climate change and causes more frequent and intense UHI effects.⁸¹

A major way to reduce the UHI effect is to plant and grow vegetation within NYC. Vegetation and similar surfaces perform evapotranspiration, which cools surrounding areas by using heat from the air to evaporate absorbed water.⁸² NYC parks, street trees, and other forms of green infrastructure increase evapotranspiration, which cools the City and reduces the prevalence of the UHI effect.⁸³ This is an important benefit of planting and growing vegetation in NYC.

Medians may be made entirely of concrete, however, they also can be filled with vegetation and plants. Improving paved medians with added vegetation may reduce the UHI effect and the impacts of climate change on NYC. Other benefits of planting in the right-of-way include: capturing carbon dioxide and particles from the air; allowing for passive and/or active stormwater management; reducing street noise; enhancing street safety, as streets are narrower and will cause drivers to slow down; improving streets and neighborhoods; and encouraging outdoor activity.⁸⁴

CONCLUSION

Today, the Committee will vote on Proposed Int. No. 346-A, in relation to pedestrian crossing guidelines and right of way; and Proposed Int. No. 746-A, in relation to the improvement and maintenance of medians through the planting of vegetation or use in stormwater management.

⁷⁰ *Id.*

⁷¹ *Id.*

⁷² *Id.*

⁷³ *Id.*

⁷⁴ *Id.*

⁷⁵ NYC Department of Environmental Protection, *Analyzing the Urban Heat Island Effect*, available at <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dep/downloads/pdf/environment/education/10-analyzing-urban-heat-island-effect.pdf>

⁷⁶ *Id.*

⁷⁷ *Id.*

⁷⁸ *Id.*

⁷⁹ *Id.*

⁸⁰ *Id.*

⁸¹ *Id.*

⁸² *Id.*

⁸³ *Id.*

⁸⁴ NYC DOT, Street Design Manual, Landscape-Introduction, *Benefits of Plantings in the Right-of-Way*, available at <https://www.nycstreetdesign.info/landscape/introduction>

LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

Below is a brief summary of Proposed Int. No. 346-A and Proposed Int. No. 746-A, which are being voted on today. This summary is intended for informational purposes only and does not substitute for legal counsel. For more detailed information, review the full text of the bills, which are included below.

Proposed Int. No. 346-A, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to pedestrian crossing guidelines and right of way

This proposed bill would permit pedestrians to legally cross a roadway at any point, including outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk, and allow for crossing against traffic signals. It would legalize the activity commonly referred to as “jaywalking” and specify that crossing against a traffic signal or crossing at any point outside of a crosswalk will not be a violation of the administrative code and therefore can no longer be the subject of a summons. The proposed bill would also require the Department of Transportation to conduct an education effort regarding the rights and responsibilities of pedestrians and of operators of motor vehicles, bicycles, and other mobility devices on city roadways.

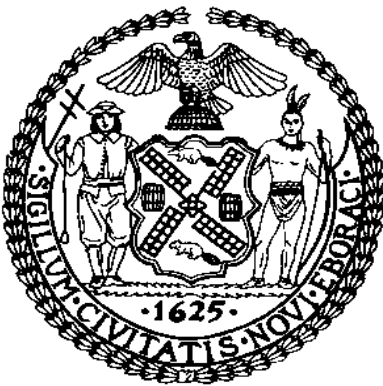
This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

Proposed Int. No. 746-A, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the improvement and maintenance of medians through the planting of vegetation or use in stormwater management

This proposed bill would require the Commissioner of Transportation, in collaboration with the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, to improve at least 1 mile of paved medians every 2 years until 2046. These improvements must include adding planted medians, tree beds, or stormwater infrastructure. The Commissioner of Transportation will prioritize these improvements in high priority investment areas. The Department of Transportation (“Department”) will be required to report on their progress annually. The Department will also be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of these medians, unless the Mayor designates another agency or office to be responsible. The Department will maintain a website that identifies each of these improved medians as well as the agency or office responsible for their cleaning and maintenance.

This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

(The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 346-A:)



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION**

**TANISHA EDWARDS, CFO AND DEPUTY CHIEF
OF STAFF TO THE SPEAKER**

**RICHARD LEE, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

PROPOSED INTRO: 346-A

COMMITTEE: Transportation and Infrastructure

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to pedestrian crossing guidelines and right of way.

SPONSORS: Council Members Narcisse, Cabán, Won, Hanif, Hudson, and Restler.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: Proposed Intro. No. 346-A would permit pedestrians to legally cross a roadway at any point, including outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk, and allow for crossing against traffic signals. It would legalize the activity commonly referred to as “jaywalking” and specify that crossing against a traffic signal or crossing at any point outside of a crosswalk will not be a violation of the administrative code and therefore can no longer be the subject of a summons. The bill would also require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to conduct an education effort regarding the rights and responsibilities of pedestrians and of operators of motor vehicles, bicycles, and other mobility devices on city roadways.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law would take effect 120 days after it becomes law.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2026

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY25	FY Succeeding Effective FY26	Full Fiscal Impact FY26
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES: It is anticipated that there would be no impact on revenues as a result of this legislation.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: It is anticipated that there would be no impact on expenditures resulting from the enactment of this legislation, as DOT will utilize existing resources.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division
NYC Department of Transportation

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY: Adrian M. Drepaul, Senior Financial Analyst

ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY: Julia K. Haramis, Unit Head
Chima Obichere, Deputy Director
Michael Twomey, Assistant Counsel
Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Director

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: This legislation was introduced to the Council on February 28, 2024, as Int. No. 346 and was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (the Committee). A hearing was held by the Committee on June 25, 2024, and the legislation was laid over. The legislation was subsequently amended and the amended version, Proposed Int. No. 346-A, will be voted on by the Committee at a hearing on September 10th, 2024. Upon successful vote by the Committee, Proposed Intro. No. 346-A will be submitted to the full Council for a vote on September 26, 2024.

DATE PREPARED: September 19, 2024.

(For text of Int. No. 746-A and its Fiscal Impact Statement, please see the Report of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for Int. Nos. 746-A printed in these Minutes; for text of Int. No. 346-A, please see below)

Accordingly, this Committee recommends the adoption of Int. Nos. 346-A and 746-A.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 346-A:)

Int. No. 346-A

By Council Members Narcisse, Cabán, Won, Hanif, Hudson, Restler and Louis.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to pedestrian crossing guidelines and right of way

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 19-195 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 115 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

§ 19-195 *Pedestrian crossings and control signals.* *a.* Whenever pedestrian control signals are in operation, exhibiting symbols of a walking person, upraised hand, or upraised hand with a pedestrian countdown display, or any other internationally recognized representation concerning the movement of pedestrians, such signals shall indicate as follows:

1. Steady walking person. Pedestrians facing such signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of such signal, and other traffic shall yield the right of way to such pedestrians.

2. Flashing upraised hand or flashing upraised hand with pedestrian countdown display. Pedestrians facing such signal are advised that there may be insufficient time to cross the roadway. Pedestrians already in the roadway [shall] *are cautioned to* proceed to the nearest sidewalk or safety island in the direction of such signal. Other traffic shall yield the right of way to pedestrians proceeding across the roadway within the crosswalk towards such signal for as long as such signal remains flashing.

3. Steady upraised hand. [No pedestrians shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of such signal; provided, however that any pedestrians who have partially completed their crossing on a steady walking person signal or any flashing upraised hand signal shall proceed to the nearest sidewalk or safety island in the direction of such signal while such steady upraised hand signal is showing.] *Pedestrians crossing in the direction of such signal do not have the right of way. Pedestrians entering the roadway in the direction of such signal will be at risk of injury due to other traffic that has the right of way. Pedestrians may proceed across the roadway in the direction of a steady upraised hand but shall yield to other traffic that has the right of way, provided that a failure to yield shall not be a violation of this section.*

b. Pedestrians crossing at points outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk do not have the right of way. Pedestrians may cross any roadway, other than a limited access highway, at any point, including points outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk, but shall yield to other traffic that has the right of way, provided that a failure to yield shall not be a violation of this section.

c. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a pedestrian must exercise all duty of care when entering a roadway at a crosswalk facing a pedestrian signal with a steady upraised hand or at a point other than a marked or unmarked crosswalk. Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve any person from the duty of due care for their safety or the safety of others in a roadway.

§ 2. Subchapter 3 of chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-195.2 to read as follows:

§ 19-195.2 *Public education campaign.* *The department shall conduct a continuing public education effort regarding the rights and responsibilities of pedestrians and operators of motor vehicles, bicycles, and other mobility devices on city roadways.*

§ 3. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

SELVENA N. BROOKS-POWERS, *Chairperson*; FARAH N. LOUIS, CARMEN N. De La ROSA, AMANDA C. FARIAS, MERCEDES NARCISSE, CHRIS BANKS,; 6-1-0; *Negative*: Joann Ariola; *Absent*: Julie Won; *Parental*: Carlina Rivera; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 10, 2024. *Other Council Members Attending*: Council Members Bottcher and Avilés.

Laid Over by the Council.

Report for Int. No. 746-A

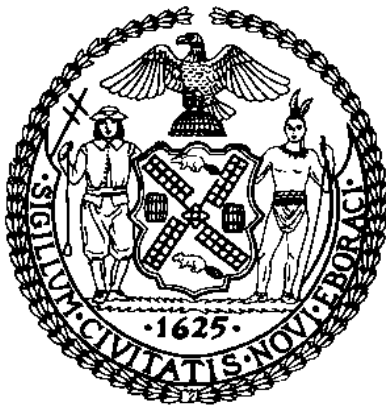
Report of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in favor of approving and adopting, as amended, a Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the improvement and maintenance of medians through the planting of vegetation or use in stormwater management.

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to which the annexed proposed amended local law was referred on April 11, 2024 (Minutes, page 1627), respectfully

REPORTS:

(For text of report, please see the Report of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for Int. No. 346-A printed above in these Minutes)

The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 746-A:



THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW
YORK
FINANCE DIVISION

TANISHA EDWARDS, CFO AND DEPUTY
CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE SPEAKER

RICHARD LEE, DIRECTOR

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROPOSED INTRO: 746-A

COMMITTEE: Transportation and
Infrastructure

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the improvement and maintenance of medians through the planting of vegetation or use in stormwater management.

SPONSORS: Council Members Feliz, Krishnan, Avilés, Nurse, Banks, Restler, Ung, Schulman, Holden, Hudson, and Yeger.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: Proposed Int. No. 746-A would require the Department of Transportation (DOT), in collaboration with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to improve at least one mile of paved medians every two years until 2046. These improvements must include adding planted medians, tree beds, or stormwater infrastructure. DOT will prioritize these improvements in high priority investment areas and will be required to report on their progress annually beginning February 1, 2026. DOT will also be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of these medians, unless the Mayor designates another agency or office to be responsible. Lastly, the bill requires DOT maintain a website that identifies each of these improved medians as well as the agency or office responsible for their cleaning and maintenance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law would take effect 90 days after it becomes law.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2045

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY25	FY Succeeding Effective FY26	Full Fiscal Impact FY45
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$84,219	\$179,766	\$1,797,657
Net	\$84,219	\$179,766	\$1,797,657

IMPACT ON REVENUES: It is anticipated that there would be no impact on revenues as a result of this legislation.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: It is estimated that passage of this legislation would result in a prorated fiscal impact of \$84,219 in Fiscal 2025, \$179,766 in Fiscal 2026, and growing to \$1.8 million by Fiscal 2045. The majority of the estimated costs will be spent on Other Than Personal Services costs for the maintenance of the newly created medians. This estimate excludes capital expenditures that may also be required for the creation of the new medians.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division
NYC Department of Transportation

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY: Adrian Drepaol, Senior Financial Analyst

ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY: Julia K. Haramis, Unit Head
Michael Twomey, Assistant Counsel
Chima Obichere, Deputy Director
Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Director

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: This legislation was introduced to the Council on April 11, 2024, as Int. No. 746 and was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (the Committee). A hearing was held by the Committee on June 25, 2024, and the legislation was laid over. The legislation was subsequently amended and the amended version, Proposed Int. No. 746-A, will be voted on by the Committee at a hearing on September 10, 2024. Upon successful vote by the Committee, Proposed Intro. No. 746-A will be submitted to the full Council for a vote on September 12, 2024.

DATE PREPARED: September 9, 2024.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption, as amended.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 746-A:)

Int. No. 746-A

By Council Members Feliz, Krishnan, Avilés, Nurse, Banks, Restler, Ung, Schulman, Holden, Hudson, Yeger, Louis, Gutiérrez, Won, Brooks-Powers and Mealy.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the improvement and maintenance of medians through the planting of vegetation or use in stormwater management

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 1 of chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-159.8 to read as follows:

§ 19-159.8 *Improvement of paved medians.* a. *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

High priority investment area. The term “high priority investment area” means an area of the city determined by the department to have a greater need for infrastructure investment based on a relatively low amount of prior investment, a relatively high population of low income residents, and any other factors considered by the commissioner to be relevant.

Paved median. The term “paved median” means a portion of a median under the jurisdiction of the department which is between 2 intersecting streets and does not include planted vegetation or stormwater management infrastructure.

b. The commissioner, in collaboration with the commissioner of parks and recreation and the commissioner of environmental protection, shall improve at least 1 linear mile of paved medians every 2 years until 2046. Improvements pursuant to this subdivision shall be made where feasible and appropriate as part of a street reconstruction project or projects impacting consecutive blocks of a street for which funds have been appropriated in the capital budget, and shall be made in each of the 5 boroughs. When determining where such improvements shall be made, the commissioner shall prioritize improvements in high priority investment areas. Such improvements shall include adding planted medians, tree beds, or stormwater management infrastructure.

c. Beginning February 1, 2026, and every February 1 thereafter until February 1, 2046, the commissioner shall submit a report to the mayor and the speaker of the council detailing the length and location of any paved median improved pursuant to this section in the preceding calendar year, the cost of making such improvement, and whether such improvement was made in a high priority investment area. Such report may be included in the update required by paragraph 2 of subdivision d of section 19-199.1.

d. The department shall be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of all medians improved pursuant to this section, except that the mayor may designate any other agency or office to be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of any median improved pursuant to this section. This section does not interfere with the commissioner of parks and recreation’s jurisdiction or responsibilities over trees and vegetation pursuant to section 18-104. The department shall post on its website a list or map that identifies each median improved pursuant to this section, and identifies the agency or office responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of that median.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

SELVENA N. BROOKS-POWERS, *Chairperson*; FARAH N. LOUIS, CARMEN N. De La ROSA, AMANDA C. FARIAS, MERCEDES NARCISSE, CHRIS BANKS,; 6-1-0; *Negative:* Joann Ariola; *Absent:* Julie Won; *Parental:* Carlina Rivera; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 10, 2024. *Other Council Members Attending:* Council Members Bottcher and Avilés.

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

GENERAL ORDERS CALENDAR**Resolution approving various persons Commissioners of Deeds**

By the Presiding Officer –

Resolved, that the following named persons be and hereby are appointed Commissioners of Deeds for a term of two years:

Approved New Applicants

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>District #</i>
MICHAEL ANTHONY ZELENGER	151 E 37th St, #3 New York, New York 10016	4
DEJA NICOLE HUNTER	4755 White Plains Rd, Apt 2B Bronx, New York 10470	10
DESIREE S. SCURRY	900 Baychester Ave, Apt 10A Bronx, New York 10475	12
LICENIA CHENAULT WADE	3227 Mickle Ave Bronx, New York 10469	12
ANGELIQUE ISIS BURGOS	96 Bulwer Pl, #1 Brooklyn, New York 11207	37
FRANCISCO SOLINO VILLACAMPA	1152 Halsey St, #2 Brooklyn, New York 11207	37
YULIYA SHAPIRO	4600 9th Ave, Apt 303 Brooklyn, New York 11220	38
LORRAINE BASSETT	120 Kingsborough 1st Walk, Apt 5A Brooklyn, New York 11233	41
DEIVI CARI ABREU ROSARIO	481 Williams Ave, Apt 3H Brooklyn, New York 11207	42
PATTI GRIFFIN	1867 E 52nd St, #2 Brooklyn, New York 11234	46
ZAK PEYSACK	2275 E 19th St Brooklyn, New York 11229	48

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY
(Items Coupled on General Orders Calendar)

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| (1) Int. No. 6-A - | Tenant education and outreach on residential vacate orders due to damage caused by fires. |
| (2) Int. No. 89-A - | Notification of Council Members of certain fires occurring within their district. |
| (3) Int. No. 242-A - | Creation of a truth, healing, and reconciliation process. |
| (4) Int. No. 279-A - | Studying the impacts of slavery and its legacies in New York City and recommending potential reparative measures for resulting harms. |
| (5) Int. No. 471-A - | New York City Freedom Trail Task Force. |
| (6) Int. No. 746-A - | Improvement and maintenance of medians through the planting of vegetation or use in stormwater management. |
| (7) Int. No. 833-A - | Installation and maintenance of an informational sign at the intersection of Wall and Pearl Streets in Manhattan. |
| (8) Int. No. 898 - | Cypress Hills Fulton Business Improvement District. |
| (9) Int. No. 906 - | A change in the name of the Queens Plaza/Court Square Business Improvement District, an increase in the amount to be expended, an extension of the boundaries, a change in the method of, and an increase in the maximum total amount to be expended. |
| (10) Preconsidered
Res. No. 559 - | New designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations to receive funding in the Expense Budget (Transparency Resolution) . |

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| (11) L.U. No. 108 &
Res. No. 571 - | App. N 240374 HIM, for the proposed designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of the Heckscher Building (now the Crown Building), Borough of Manhattan, Community District 5, Council District 4. |
| (12) L.U. No. 129 &
Res. No. 572 - | App. N 240396 HIM Temple Court (now the Beekman Hotel), Borough of Manhattan, Community District 1, Council District 1. |
| (13) L.U. No. 131 &
Res. No. 573 - | App. N 240410 HIR (Frederick Douglass Memorial Park), Borough of Staten Island, Community District 3, Council District 50. |
| (14) Preconsidered
L.U. No. 142 &
Res. No. 570 - | Rachel Bridge HDFC, Manhattan, Community District No. 12, Council District No. 10. |
| (15) Resolution approving various persons Commissioners of Deeds. | |

The Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Farías) put the question whether the Council would agree with and adopt such reports which were decided in the **affirmative** by the following vote:

Affirmative – Abreu, Ariola, Avilés, Ayala, Banks, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Feliz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Holden, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marmorato, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Salaam, Salamanca, Sanchez, Schulman, Stevens, Ung, Vernikov, Williams, Won, Yeger, Zhuang, the Minority Leader (Council Member Borelli), the Majority Leader (Council Member Farías) and the Speaker (Council Member Adams) - **49**.

The General Order vote recorded for this Stated Meeting was 49-0-0 as shown above with the exception of the votes for the following legislative items:

The following was the vote recorded for **Int. No. 242-A and Int. No. 279-A**:

Affirmative – Abreu, Avilés, Ayala, Banks, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Feliz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Powers, Restler, Riley, Salaam, Salamanca, Sanchez, Schulman, Stevens, Ung, Williams, Won, Zhuang, the Majority Leader (Council Member Farías) and the Speaker (Council Member Adams) - **41**.

Negative – Ariola, Carr, Holden, Marmorato, Paladino, Vernikov, Yeger, and the Minority Leader (Council Member Borelli) - **8**.

The following was the vote recorded for **Int. No. 746-A**:

Affirmative – Abreu, Avilés, Ayala, Banks, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Feliz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Holden, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Powers, Restler, Riley, Salaam, Salamanca, Sanchez, Schulman, Stevens, Ung, Williams, Won, Yeger, Zhuang, the Majority Leader (Council Member Farías) and the Speaker (Council Member Adams) - **43**.

Negative – Ariola, Carr, Marmorato, Paladino, Vernikov, and the Minority Leader (Council Member Borelli) - **6**.

The following was the vote recorded for **Int. No. 898 and Int. No. 906**:

Affirmative – Abreu, Ariola, Avilés, Ayala, Banks, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Feliz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Holden, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marmorato, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Salaam, Salamanca, Sanchez, Schulman, Stevens, Ung, Vernikov, Williams, Won, Zhuang, the Minority Leader (Council Member Borelli), the Majority Leader (Council Member Farías) and the Speaker (Council Member Adams) - **48**.

Negative – Yeger – **1**.

*The following Introductions were sent to the Mayor for his consideration and approval:
Int. Nos. 6-A, 89-A, 242-A, 279-A, 471-A, 746-A, 833-A, 898, and 906.*

RESOLUTIONS
presented for voice-vote

The following are the respective Committee Reports for each of the Resolutions referred to the Council for a voice-vote pursuant to Rule 8.50 (b) of the Council:

Report for voice-vote item Res. No. 438

Report of the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup Relations in favor of approving a Resolution recognizing Landing Day in the second week of September annually to commemorate the arrival of the first Jewish community in New Amsterdam in 1654 and to celebrate the continuing importance of the Jewish community in the City of New York.

The Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup Relations, to which the annexed resolution was referred on May 23, 2024 (Minutes, page 2190), respectfully

REPORTS:

On Monday, September 9, 2024, the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup Relations, chaired by Council Member Carlina Rivera, held a hearing and vote on Resolution Number (Res. No.) 438, sponsored by Council Member Gale Brewer, which would recognize Landing Day in the second week of September annually to commemorate the arrival of the first Jewish community in New Amsterdam in 1654 and to celebrate the continuing importance of the Jewish community in the City of New York. At this hearing, the Committee received testimony from community members.

At the September 9, 2024 hearing, the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup Relations adopted the resolution by a vote of seven in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero abstentions.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.

(The following is the text of Res. No. 438:)

Res. No. 438

Resolution recognizing Landing Day in the second week of September annually to commemorate the arrival of the first Jewish community in New Amsterdam in 1654 and to celebrate the continuing importance of the Jewish community in the City of New York.

By Council Members Brewer, Dinowitz, Rivera, Restler, Menin, Vernikov, Schulman, Zhuang, Gennaro, Brannan, Hanif, Cabán, Brooks-Powers, Avilés, Powers, Abreu, Hudson, Louis, Ossé, Banks, Holden, Marte, Carr and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams).

Whereas, During the week of September 7, 1654, a few days before Rosh Hashanah, a group of 23 Sephardic Jews arrived by boat near the southern tip of the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam, having been preceded in late August by three Ashkenazi Jews—Jacob Barsimon and likely Solomon Pietersen and Asser Levy; and

Whereas, Fearing Spanish-Portuguese Inquisition reprisals, this group of 23 new arrivals had fled from the formerly Dutch city of Recife in Brazil after its capture by the Portuguese; and

Whereas, Based on his intolerant and hateful views, New Amsterdam's Dutch Director General Petrus (Peter) Stuyvesant took steps to expel these Jews from his jurisdiction in order to maintain the supremacy of the Dutch Reformed Church, writing that "the deceitful race...be not allowed to further infect and trouble this new colony"; and

Whereas, Upon appeal from the Dutch Jewish community, the Dutch West India Company, which itself included Jewish members, rebuked Stuyvesant and ordered him to allow Jews to become legal residents on the basis of “reason and equality”; and

Whereas, The new Jewish residents of New Amsterdam faced further discrimination from efforts to limit their civil rights, causing them to have to fight for their rights to own property, trade freely, stand guard duty, worship in public, serve on juries, and become official citizens; and

Whereas, The Jewish residents of New Amsterdam and of the English colony of New York won expanded rights, often under the leadership of Levy, after petitioning the government; and

Whereas, The Mill Street Synagogue, the first Jewish congregation in the United States (U.S.), was consecrated in 1730 and eventually became Congregation Shearith Israel, the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, now located on West 70th Street in Manhattan; and

Whereas, The landing almost 370 years ago is now marked by the Jewish Tercentenary Monument and Flagstaff, placed at the southern tip of Manhattan in Peter Minuit Plaza by the State of New York and dedicated in 1955 in recognition of the Tercentennial Celebration of the arrival of the first Jews in North America; and

Whereas, The monument is a 75-foot-tall flagpole on a 7-foot-tall base of pink granite, which is adorned with a bronze plaque, sculpted by Abram Belskie; and

Whereas, The plaque is decorated with two lions framing a Star of David placed above a menorah and is inscribed with “Erected by the State of New York to honor the memory of the twenty three men women & children who landed in September 1654 and founded the first Jewish community in North America—American Jewish Tercentenary 1654-1954”; and

Whereas, In a September 2023 interview with *New York Jewish Week* during a Manhattan Jewish Historical Initiative (MJHI) Landing Day Celebration, Howard Teich, chair of MJHI and an advocate for an annual celebration of Jewish culture and achievements, noted that Jews have “got to spread a positive message of who we are, what we’ve accomplished, how we’ve worked with other people, what we’ve started, the difference we’ve made in the time we’ve been here and, really, what America has meant to us as a people”; and

Whereas, New York City (NYC) is now home to 1.6 million Jews, more than in any other city worldwide; and

Whereas, The Jewish people have more than a 3,500-year history, and NYC is one of the greatest urban centers of Jewish life in the history of the Jewish people; and

Whereas, A countless number of Jewish New Yorkers have distinguished themselves in NYC’s political, cultural, religious, social, academic, legal, advocacy, civil rights, and economic life and history for centuries; and

Whereas, It is fitting to honor the arrival of those first Jews who came in 1654 to the shores of what would become the U.S. in pursuit of freedom and equality, just as so many other early arrivals did after them; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York recognizes Landing Day in the second week of September annually to commemorate the arrival of the first Jewish community in New Amsterdam in 1654 and to celebrate the continuing importance of the Jewish community in the City of New York.

CARLINA RIVERA, *Chairperson*; FARAH N. LOUIS, SHAHANA K. HANIF, CRYSTAL HUDSON, CHI A, OSSÉ, SANDRA UNG, DAVID M. CARR; 7-0-0; *Absent*: Kamillah M. Hanks and Nantasha M. Williams; Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International Intergroup Relations, September 9, 2024. *Other Council Members Attending: Council Member Brewer.*

Pursuant to Rule 8.50 of the Council, the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Farías) called for a voice-vote. Hearing no objections, the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Farías) declared the Resolution to be adopted.

Adopted unanimously by the Council by voice-vote.

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS

Int. No. 1015

By Council Members Ariola, Holden, Paladino, Yeger, Zhuang and Carr.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the wearing of ski masks in public places, on school premises, and on child care program premises

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 10 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 10-187 to read as follows:

§ 10-187 Prohibition on wearing ski masks. *a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:*

Child care program premises. The term “child care program premises” means the buildings, grounds, or facilities, or any portion thereof, owned, occupied by, or under the custody or control of any program that meets the definition provided in subdivision d of section 47.01 of the New York city health code.

Public place. The term “public place” has the same meaning as set forth in section 10-134.2.

School premises. The term “school premises” has the same meaning as set forth in section 10-134.2.

Ski mask. The term “ski mask” means a close-fitting garment covering the whole head and face, with holes for the eyes, mouth, or nose, or any combination of the three.

b. Prohibition. No person shall wear a ski mask in a public place, on school premises, or on child care program premises.

c. Exceptions. The prohibition set forth in subdivision b of this section does not apply if a ski mask worn by a person:

- 1. Is part of a traditional holiday costume;*
- 2. Is a garment worn for a religious purpose;*
- 3. Is worn during the course of employment and for the purpose of ensuring the physical safety of the person;*
- 4. Is part of a costume for a theatrical production;*
- 5. Protects the person’s body from the elements while the person is participating in a winter sport; or*
- 6. Constitutes a form of expression that is protected by the First Amendment.*

d. Civil penalty. Any person who violates the prohibition set forth in subdivision b of this section is liable for a civil penalty of \$250 that is recoverable in a proceeding before the office of administrative trials and hearings pursuant to chapter 45-A of the charter.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

Int. No. 1016

By Council Members Bottcher, Menin, Nurse, Schulman, Feliz, Salaam, Hanks, Powers, Louis, Marte, Ung, Restler, Brooks-Powers, Farías and Narcisse.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to consumer warnings regarding rifles, shotguns, and firearms

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 10-313 of chapter 3 of title 10 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law 236 of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

§ 10-313 Mandatory disclosure of gun violence information.

a. Prior to issuing a license or permit for possession of a firearm, the *police* department must provide applicants with the following statement in printed form: “Warning: The presence of a firearm in the home is associated with an increased risk of suicide, death during domestic [violence] disputes, and unintentional deaths to children and others.” *Such statement shall be followed by any graphic warning or warnings required by any rule or regulation that may be issued pursuant to subdivision c of this section.*

b. Every dealer in firearms and dealer in rifles and shotguns shall, in the place where rifles, shotguns, or firearms are displayed or where rifles, shotguns, or firearms are transferred to a purchaser, conspicuously post:

1. A notice stating: “A firearm in the home significantly increases the risk of suicide, homicide, death during domestic disputes, and unintentional deaths to children, household members, and others. If you or a loved one is experiencing distress or depression, call the Mobile Crisis Team at 1-888-NYC-WELL (1-888-692-9355) or the National Suicide Hotline at 988.” *Such notice shall be at least 8 inches by 11 inches and printed in no less than 36-point font, and shall be unobstructed in its entirety.*

2. Adjacent to such notice, a graphic warning sign in conformity with the rules and regulations issued pursuant to subdivision c of this section. *Such graphic warning sign shall be unobstructed in its entirety.*

c. The department of health and mental hygiene shall, within 16 months of the effective date of this subdivision:

1. Design one or more graphic warnings that depict the nature of the health and safety risks listed in the notice required pursuant to paragraph 1 of subdivision b of this section and which, in the view of the department of health and mental hygiene, are likely to be beneficial in educating the public and mitigating such risks;

2. Promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to establish the format, type size, colors, designs, and any additional text to be included in a graphic warning sign to be posted pursuant to subdivision a or paragraph 2 of subdivision b of this section;

3. Publish and make freely available on its website the graphic warnings designed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subdivision; and

4. In coordination with the department of small business services, notify all dealers in firearms and dealers in rifles and shotguns in the city of New York of their obligations pursuant to this section.

d. Any person who violates subdivision b of this section shall be guilty of a violation punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

e. If any provision of this section or of the rules and regulations promulgated under this division is judged to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether as written or as applied to a particular person or circumstances, that judgment shall not affect or impair the validity of the remaining provisions, rules, and regulations or the application thereof to other persons and circumstances.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 60 days after it becomes law, except that paragraph 2 of subdivision b of section 10-313 of chapter 3 of title 10 of the administrative code of the city of New York shall take effect 60 days after the department of health and mental hygiene publishes such rules and regulations as may be required pursuant to subdivision c of that section.

Referred to the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection.

Preconsidered Int. No. 1017

By Council Members Brannan, Restler, Narcisse and Hanif.

A Local Law in relation to a study and report on the feasibility of direct ferry service to Coney Island

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

Commissioner. The term “commissioner” means the commissioner of transportation.

Department. The term “department” means the department of transportation.

b. Coney Island ferry service feasibility study. The commissioner, in consultation with the department of small business services and the New York city economic development coordination, shall conduct a study on the feasibility of expanding ferry service directly to Coney Island, in the borough of Brooklyn. Through such study, the commissioner shall:

1. Identify potential locations for the siting of a new ferry terminal, whether through construction of a new facility or conversion of an existing facility, in walkable proximity to Coney Island, including consideration of such a terminal being in the waters of Coney Island Channel, on the ocean side of the peninsula, with particular consideration of the possible use of the Steeplechase Pier located west of West 16th Street;

2. Identify local benefits that may result from any such sitings, including the impact on travel times to Manhattan, or other destinations, for nearby residents;

3. Identify logistical challenges involved from any such sitings, including but not limited to any challenges concerning the availability or utility of currently existing piers, and the depth and navigability of such waters;

4. Propose possible solutions, if any, to the identified logistical challenges; and

5. Estimate the projected costs associated with any such sitings and implementation of any proposed solutions to logistical challenges.

c. Report. No later than 1 year after the effective date of this local law, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post on the department’s website, a report on the findings of the study required under subdivision b of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (preconsidered but laid over by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure).

Int. No. 1018

By Council Members Brannan and Schulman.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the regulation of pet dealers and prohibiting the sale of dogs and cats in retail pet stores, and to repeal section 17-1706 of such code, relating to the exemptions for shelter and rescue partners

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The subchapter heading of subchapter 9 of chapter 3 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER 9 RETAIL PET SHOPS AND PET DEALERS

§ 2. Section 17-371 of the administrative code of the city of New York, subdivision a of such section as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015 and subdivisions b through e of such section as amended by local law number 53 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

§ 17-371 Definitions. [For the purposes of] *As used in this subchapter*, the following terms have the following meanings:

[a. “Arm’s length transaction”] *Arm’s length transaction. The term “arm’s length transaction” means a sale of a business for consideration that reflects the fair market value of such business or its assets, between two informed and willing parties, that is not made, wholly or in part, for the purpose of enabling the seller to avoid liability for violations issued by the department. A sale shall be presumed not to be an arm’s length transaction if it is:*

1. A sale to an individual, or to a corporation or other business that is owned by the spouse, domestic partner, parent, grandparent, child or stepchild of any of any of the sellers, or is the direct descendent of a grandparent, the spouse or domestic partner of any of the sellers;

2. A sale to an individual or entity that has a business or financial interest in the seller; or

3. A sale to an entity in which any of the sellers has a business or financial relationship.

[b. "Permit"] *Permit.* The term "permit" means a written license and authorization to carry on specified activities as regulated by this subchapter or other applicable law enforced by the department.

[c. "Permittee"] *Permittee.* The term "permittee" means a natural person or other entity who holds a valid permit issued by the commissioner pursuant to this subchapter or other applicable law enforced by the department.

[d. "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, municipality, or other legal entity.

e. "Pet shop" means a facility other than an animal shelter where live animals are sold, exchanged, bartered, or offered for sale as pet animals to the general public at retail for profit. Such definition shall not include breeders who sell or offer to sell directly to consumers fewer than twenty-five dogs or cats per year that are born and raised on the breeder's residential premises. Such definition shall not include duly incorporated humane societies dedicated to the care of unwanted animals that make such animals available for adoption, whether or not a fee for such adoption is charged. A person who allows an animal shelter or animal rescue group, as such terms are defined in section 17-802 of chapter eight of this title, to use such person's premises for the purpose of making animals available for adoption shall not be deemed a pet shop as a result of such activity so long as such person does not have an ownership interest in any of the animals being made available for adoption, and does not derive a fee for providing such adoption services.]

Pet dealer. The term "pet dealer" means any person who, in the ordinary course of business, engages in the sale or offering for sale of animals for profit to the public, including a breeder of animals who sells or offers for sale animals directly to a consumer, but does not include the following:

1. Any retail pet shop;

2. Any municipal pound or shelter established and maintained pursuant to subdivision 1 of section 114 of the agriculture and markets law, and that, beginning on December 15, 2025, is duly licensed as an animal shelter pursuant to article 26-C of the agriculture and markets law;

3. Any duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, duly incorporated humane society, duly incorporated animal protective association or other duly incorporated animal adoption or animal rescue organization that is exempt from taxes pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of section 501 of the internal revenue code, or any subsequent corresponding sections of the internal revenue code, that, prior to December 15, 2025, is registered with the department of agriculture and markets pursuant to section 408 of the agriculture and markets law and that, beginning on December 15, is duly licensed as an animal shelter pursuant to article 26-C of the agriculture and markets law.

Retail pet shop. The term "retail pet shop" means any for-profit place of business that sells or offers for sale animals to be kept as household pets, pet food or supplies, but does not include breeders who sell or offer to sell directly to the consumer animals that are born and raised on the breeder's residential premises.

§ 3. The section heading of section 17-372 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

§ 17-372 [Pet] *Retail pet shop and pet dealer permits required.*

§ 4. Subdivision a of section 17-372 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

a. No person shall operate a *retail pet shop or as a pet dealer* without a permit issued by the commissioner pursuant to this subchapter.

§ 5. Subparagraph (a) of paragraph 5 of subdivision d of section 17-373 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 53 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A certification made by a pet [shop] *dealer* pursuant to this paragraph shall be made in a form and manner determined by the department and shall include the following information:

[(i)] (1) The name, address and United States department of agriculture license number of every source from which such pet [shop] *dealer* obtained a dog or cat during the relevant period;

[(ii)] (2) The total number of dogs and cats obtained from each source; and

[(iii)] (3) The individual identifying tag, tattoo, or collar number of each dog or cat obtained from each source.

§ 6. The opening paragraph of subdivision a of section 17-378 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

a. In addition to any of the powers that may be exercised by the commissioner pursuant to this subchapter or this title, the rules promulgated thereunder, or the New York city health code, the commissioner, after due notice and an opportunity to be heard by the environmental control board or any tribunal established within the office of administrative trials and hearings as designated by the commissioner, may suspend or revoke a *retail pet shop or pet dealer* permit upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following conditions:

§ 7. Subdivision b of section 17-378 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

b. Notwithstanding subdivision a of this section, if the commissioner determines that exigent circumstances exist such that the continued operation of a permittee's *retail pet shop or the permittee's continued operation as a pet dealer* would pose a danger to the public or the health and welfare of the animals in the permittee's custody, the commissioner may suspend such permittee's permit subject to a prompt post-suspension hearing before the environmental control board or any tribunal established within the office of administrative trials and hearings as designated by the commissioner.

§ 8. Section 17-380 of the administrative code of the city of New York, subdivisions a, b, and d of such section as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015 and subdivision c of such section as amended by local law number 53 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

§ 17-380 Forfeiture and seizure. a. The commissioner or [his or her] *the commissioner's* designee may seize any animal in a *retail pet shop or in the possession of a pet dealer for the purpose of sale or being offered for sale if such retail pet shop or pet dealer is* operating without a permit required pursuant to section 17-372 [of this subchapter].

b. Any animal in a *retail pet shop or in possession of a pet dealer for the purpose of sale or being offered for sale* [operating without a permit required pursuant to section 17-372 of this subchapter or] seized pursuant to subdivision a of this section shall be subject to forfeiture upon notice and hearing.

c. The commissioner shall provide for the appropriate disposition of each animal seized pursuant to this section. Such disposition may include impoundment at an animal shelter or animal rescue group as such terms are defined in section 17-802 [of chapter eight of this title].

d. The commissioner may impose upon the owner of a *retail pet shop or a pet dealer* from which an animal is seized pursuant to this section a fee representing expenses incurred in connection with impounding such animal.

§ 9. Section 17-1701 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 53 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

§ 17-1701 Definitions. [For the purposes of] *As used in this chapter*, the following terms have the following meanings:

[a. "Animal abuse crime"] *Animal abuse crime. The term "animal abuse crime" has the same meaning as set forth in section 17-1601 [of this title].*

[b. "Animal shelter"] *Animal shelter. The term "animal shelter" has the same meaning as [such term is defined] set forth in section 17-802 [of chapter eight of this title].*

[c. "Animal rescue group"] *Animal rescue group. The term "animal rescue group" has the same meaning as [such term is defined] set forth in section 17-802 [of chapter eight of this title].*

[d. "Class A license"] *Class A license. The term "class A license" means a [a] class A license issued by the United States department of agriculture pursuant to the animal welfare act, 7 U.S.C. § 2131, et seq., or successor provision of law, and regulations promulgated thereunder.*

[e. "Class B dealer"] *Class B dealer. The term "class B dealer" means a person required to hold a class B license issued by the United States department of agriculture pursuant to the animal welfare act, 7 U.S.C. § 2131, et seq., or successor provision of law, and regulations promulgated thereunder.*

[f. "Convicted"] *Convicted. The term "convicted" means an adjudication of guilt by any court or administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction, whether upon a verdict, a plea of guilty or an order of adjudication withheld by reason of a plea of nolo contendere[. For the purposes of this chapter, "convicted" shall*

also mean] or a plea of guilty on a charge of any crime in satisfaction of an accusatory instrument charging a defendant with an animal abuse crime where dismissal of such charge was not on the merits.

[g. “Dealer”] *Dealer. The term “dealer” means a person required to have a license issued by the United States department of agriculture pursuant to the animal welfare act, 7 U.S.C. § 2131, et seq., or successor provision of law.*

[h. “Federal identification number”] *Federal identification number. The term “federal identification number” means a license or registration number issued by the United States department of agriculture pursuant to the animal welfare act, 7 U.S.C. § 2131, et seq., or successor provision of law, and regulations promulgated thereunder.*

[i. “Finally determined”] *Finally determined. The term “finally determined” means a determination of a federal, state or local government agency, where all rights to challenge such determination at available administrative tribunals and courts of law have been exhausted, or the time period within which such challenge may be filed has expired.*

[j. “Person” means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, municipality, or other legal entity.]

Pet dealer. The term “pet dealer” has the same meaning as set forth in section 17-371.

[k. “Pet shop”] *Retail pet shop. The term “retail pet shop” has the same meaning as [such term is defined] set forth in section 17-371 [of subchapter nine of this title].*

§ 10. Section 17-1702 of the administrative code of the city of New York, subdivision a of such section as amended by local law number 151 for the year 2023, subdivisions b and d of such section as amended by local law number 53 for the year 2015, and subdivision c of such section as amended by local law number 54 for the year 2023, is amended to read as follows:

§ 17-1702 Sales. a. Any pet [shop] *dealer* that displays, offers for sale, delivers, barter, auctions, gives away, transfers or sells any dog or cat shall obtain such dog or cat from a source that, as of the date such pet [shop] *dealer* receives such animal, shall attest in a sworn affidavit [that such source] *the following*:

1. *Such source* holds a valid and active class A license that has not been suspended at any time during the prior five years[;] and

[2.] has not received any of the following in connection with such license:

(a) [a] A finally determined “direct” non-compliant item citation pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2131, et seq., and regulations promulgated thereunder at any time during the prior three years; [or]

(b) [a] A finally determined citation for failure to provide inspectors access to property or records as required pursuant to 9 CFR § 2.126, or successor regulations in either of the two most recent United States department of agriculture inspection reports; [or]

(c) [three] *Three* or more distinct finally determined non-compliant item citations pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2131, et seq., and regulations promulgated thereunder, other than citations for failure to provide inspectors access to property or records as required pursuant to 9 CFR § 2.126, or successor regulations, in the most recent United States department of agriculture inspection report; [or]

(d) [one] *One* or more finally determined repeat non-compliant item citations pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2131, et seq., and regulations promulgated thereunder, in the most recent United States department of agriculture inspection report; [or]

(e) [a] A finally determined order to cease and desist, issued by an administrative law judge, at any time during the prior five years; or

(f) [a] A finally determined order to pay a civil penalty, issued by an administrative law judge, at any time during the prior five years; [and]

[3.] 2. *Such source* has not been convicted of a violation of the minimum standards of animal care provided for in section four hundred one of the agriculture and markets law at any time during the prior five years; and

[4.] 3. *Such source* has never been convicted of an animal abuse crime prior to delivering such animal or animals into the custody of such pet [shop] *dealer*.

b. Notwithstanding subdivision a of this section, it shall be unlawful for any pet [shop] *dealer* to display, offer for sale, deliver, barter, auction, give away, transfer or sell any dog or cat knowingly obtained from a class B dealer.

c. It shall be unlawful for any *retail* pet shop to display, offer for sale, deliver, barter, auction, give away, transfer or sell any *dog, cat, rabbit, or guinea pig*.

d. A *retail* pet shop that allows an animal shelter or animal rescue group to use such retail pet shop's premises for the purpose of making animals available for adoption shall not be deemed to be engaged in any conduct otherwise prohibited pursuant to this section with respect to such animals, provided such retail pet shop does not have an ownership interest in such animals. A *retail* pet shop shall not be deemed to be engaged in any conduct otherwise prohibited pursuant to this section with respect to animals it surrenders to a non-profit shelter or animal rescue group, so long as such *retail* pet shop does not derive a fee therefor.

§ 11. The opening paragraph of subdivision a of section 17-1703 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 53 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

a. Every pet [shop] *dealer* shall deliver to the purchaser of a cat or dog, at the time of sale, or to the prospective purchaser of a cat or dog upon request, in a standardized form prescribed by the commissioner, a written statement containing the following information:

§ 12. Paragraph 3 of subdivision a of section 17-1703 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 53 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3. The date of such animal's birth and the date the pet [shop] *dealer* received such animal. The date of birth may be approximated if not known by the seller if:

(a) [such] *Such* animal is a cat; or

(b) [such] *Such* animal is a dog, and such dog is not advertised or sold as a purebred, registered or registrable;

§ 13. Paragraph 6 of subdivision a of section 17-1703 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 53 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

6. A record, as of the time of sale, of immunizations and worming treatments, if any, administered to the animal while the animal was in the possession of the pet [shop] *dealer*, including the dates of administration and the type of vaccines or worming treatments administered;

§ 14. The opening paragraph and subparagraph (a) of paragraph 9 of subdivision a of section 17-1703 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 53 for the year 2015, are amended to read as follows:

9. A record of any veterinary treatment or medication received by the animal while in the pet [shop's] *dealer's* possession and either of the following:

(a) A statement, signed by the pet [shop] *dealer* at the time of sale, indicating that, to the pet [shop's] *dealer's* knowledge: (i) the animal has no disease or illness; and (ii) the animal has no congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the health of the animal at the time of sale; or

§ 15. Subdivisions b, c, and d of section 17-1703 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 53 for the year 2015, are amended to read as follows:

b. A disclosure made to a purchaser pursuant to subdivision a of this section shall be signed by both the pet [shop] *dealer* certifying the accuracy of the statement, and the purchaser acknowledging receipt of the statement.

c. Every pet [shop] *dealer* shall post conspicuously, within close proximity to the cages of dogs and cats offered for sale, notices containing the following language in one hundred-point type: "Information on the source of these dogs and cats and the veterinary treatments received by these dogs and cats is available for review by prospective purchasers. United States Department of Agriculture inspection reports are available upon request."

d. Any pet [shop] *dealer* offering a dog or cat for sale, barter, auction, give away or transfer shall, upon request by a prospective purchaser, make available to such prospective purchaser the two most recent United States department of agriculture inspection reports for the breeder of such dog or cat, as such reports were available from the United States department of agriculture at the time such pet [shop] *dealer* obtained such animal. At the request of such prospective purchaser, such pet [shop] *dealer* shall provide physical copies of such inspection reports, provided however, that such pet [shop] *dealer* may require reimbursement for copying expenses pursuant to rules promulgated by the department.

§ 16. Subdivision a of section 17-1704 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 53 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

a. Each pet [shop] *dealer* shall keep and maintain records and documentation for each dog or cat purchased, acquired, held, sold, or otherwise disposed of with respect to the purchase, sale, dealers, transportation, breeding, medical care and condition, identification, and previous ownership of such animal. Each pet [shop] *dealer* shall keep and maintain such records and documentation for a period of five years from the date such pet shop acquired each such dog or cat.

§ 17. Paragraph 1 of subdivision b of section 17-1704 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

1. Proof of purchase, adoption, or acceptance of such animal evincing the source from which such pet [shop] *dealer* obtained such animal;

§ 18. Paragraph 4 of subdivision b of section 17-1704 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

4. The date of the animal's birth, the date the pet [shop] *dealer* received the animal, and the location where the animal was received. If the animal is not advertised or sold as a purebred, registered or registrable, the date of birth may be approximated if not known by the seller;

§ 19. Paragraph 8 of subdivision b of section 17-1704 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 53 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

8. Any statement or certification provided to the pet [store] *dealer* by the source from which it obtained the animal stating that such animal has been implanted with a microchip for permanent identification.

§ 20. Subdivision c of section 17-1704 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

c. In addition to the documentation and records required under subdivision a of this section, every pet [shop] *dealer* shall keep and maintain the following records for transactions involving one or more dogs:

1. If such a dog is being sold as registered or capable of being registered with an animal pedigree registry organization, the names and registration numbers of the sire and dam, and the litter number, if known; *and*

2. If the pet [shop] *dealer* has released a dog to a purchaser without first submitting a license application, a written statement provided by the purchaser stating that the dog is to be harbored outside the city and such proof as the commissioner may require indicating that such purchaser resides outside the city.

§ 21. Section 17-1704 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision d to read as follows:

d. The requirements of this section shall also apply to retail pet shops until December 15, 2029.

§ 22. The opening paragraph of subdivision a of section 17-1705 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

a. Each pet [shop] *dealer* shall comply with the following minimum standards of care for every dog or cat in such pet [shop's] *dealer's* custody or possession:

§ 23. Subparagraph (a), (g), and (h) of paragraph 1 of subdivision a of section 17-1705 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, are amended to read as follows:

(a) *Animals shall not be sold or held for sale in a dwelling in which a person lives.* Animals shall be housed in primary enclosures or cages, which shall be constructed to be structurally sound. Such enclosures shall be maintained in good repair to contain the animal housed inside and protect it from injury. Surfaces shall be impervious to the absorption of fluids and able to withstand thorough and repeated cleaning and disinfecting without deteriorating or retaining odors.

(g) In the event that a pet [shop] *dealer* has a pregnant or nursing dog on its premises, the pet [shop] *dealer* shall provide a whelping box for such dog. Each nursing dog shall be provided with an additional amount of floor space, based on her breed and behavioral characteristics in accordance with generally accepted husbandry practices as determined and approved in writing by a licensed veterinarian.

(h) Pet [shops] *dealers* shall designate and provide an isolation area for animals that exhibit symptoms of contagious disease or illness. The location of such designated area must be such as to prevent or reduce the spread of disease to healthy animals.

§ 24. The opening paragraph of subparagraph (a) of paragraph 5 of subdivision a of section 17-1705 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Every pet [shop] *dealer* shall designate an attending veterinarian, who shall provide veterinary care to the pet [shop's] *dealer's* animals which shall include a written program of veterinary care and regular visits to the pet [shop's] *dealer's* premises. Such program of veterinary care shall include:

§ 25. Subparagraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) of paragraph 5 of subdivision a of section 17-1705 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, are amended to read as follows:

(b) All animals shall be inoculated as required by state or local law. Veterinary care appropriate to the species shall be provided without undue delay when necessary. Each animal shall be observed each day by the pet [shop] *dealer*, or by a person working under such pet [shop's] *dealer's* supervision.

(c) Within five business days of receipt, but prior to sale of any dog or cat, the pet [shop] *dealer* shall have a duly licensed veterinarian conduct an examination and tests appropriate to the age and breed to determine if the animal has any medical conditions apparent at the time of the examination that adversely affect the health of the animal. For animals eighteen months of age or older, such examination shall include a diagnosis of any congenital conditions that adversely affect the health of the animal. Any animal diagnosed with a contagious disease shall be treated and caged separately from healthy animals in the isolation area required pursuant to subparagraph (h) of paragraph one of subdivision a of section 17-1705 of this chapter.

(d) If an animal suffers from a congenital or hereditary condition, disease, or illness which, in the professional opinion of the pet [shop's] *dealer's* veterinarian, requires euthanasia, the veterinarian shall humanely euthanize such animal without undue delay.

(e) In the event an animal is returned to a pet [shop] *dealer* due to a congenital or hereditary condition, illness, or disease requiring veterinary care, the pet [shop] *dealer* shall, without undue delay, provide the animal with proper veterinary care.

§ 26. Paragraphs 6 and 7 of subdivision a of section 17-1705 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, are amended to read as follows:

6. No pet [shop] *dealer* shall euthanize an animal except by humane euthanasia performed by a veterinarian duly licensed in the state of New York in accordance with section three hundred seventy four of the agriculture and markets law who has diagnosed such animal as requiring euthanasia due to a serious illness or injury.

7. Every pet [shop] *dealer* shall develop, maintain, document, and implement an appropriate written plan to provide dogs with the opportunity for daily exercise. In developing such plan, consideration shall be given to providing positive physical contact with humans that encourages exercise through play or other similar activities. Such written plan shall be approved by the attending veterinarian, and must be made available to the department upon request.

§ 27. Section 17-1706 of the administrative code of the city of New York is REPEALED.

§ 28. Subdivisions a and d of section 17-1708 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, are amended to read as follows:

a. The commissioner or [his or her] *the commissioner's* designee may seize any animal offered for sale in a *retail* pet shop or by a pet *dealer* where the sale of such animal is prohibited by section 17-1702 [of this chapter].

d. The commissioner may impose upon the owner of a *retail* pet shop or a pet *dealer* from which an animal is seized pursuant to this section a fee representing expenses incurred in connection with the cost of impounding such animal.

§ 29. Section 17-1709 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 5 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

§ 17-1709 Rules. The commissioner may promulgate such rules as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter and to ensure the health and safety of any animal in a *retail* pet shop or in *the possession of a pet dealer for the purpose of sale or being offered for sale*.

§ 30. This local law takes effect December 15, 2024.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Int. No. 1019

By Council Members Brannan, Schulman, Narcisse and Lee.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the reporting and publication of mental health emergency response data

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 9 of chapter 1 of title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 3-195 to read as follows:

§ 3-195 *Mental health emergency response reporting. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:*

B-HEARD. The term “B-HEARD” means the behavioral health emergency assistance response division of the office, or any successor division or program with the same or substantially similar functions.

Involuntary removal. The term “involuntary removal” means any removal of an individual pursuant to subdivision (a) of section 9.41 of the mental hygiene law or subdivision (a) of section 9.58 of the mental hygiene law.

Use of force incident. The term “use of force incident” has the same meaning as set forth in subdivision a of section 14-158.

b. Report. 1. No later than 1 year after the effective date of the local law that added this section and quarterly thereafter, the director of the office, in coordination with the police commissioner, commissioner of information technology and telecommunications, fire commissioner, commissioner of health and mental hygiene, and any other relevant agency head and in consultation with the New York city health and hospitals corporation, shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and post to the office’s website a report regarding each 911 call that is identified as involving a mental health emergency from the previous quarter. Such report shall include a table in which each separate row references a 911 call. Each row shall include, at a minimum, the following information set forth in separate columns:

- (a) The time and date of the call;*
- (b) The location of the call, given as latitude and longitude;*
- (c) The patrol precinct in which the call was made;*
- (d) The emergency medical services zone, designated by the fire department, in which the call was made;*
- (e) Any unique identifier for the call generated by the police department’s computer-aided dispatch system;*
- (f) Any unique identifier for the call generated by the fire department’s computer-aided dispatch system;*
- (g) Whether a B-HEARD team was dispatched in response to the call;*
- (h) If a B-HEARD team was dispatched in response to the call, whether the team was able to respond to the call;*
- (i) If a B-HEARD team was not dispatched in response to the call, the reason it was not dispatched;*
- (j) Whether any other responder, including but not limited to the police department, the fire department, and any mobile crisis team operated by the department of health and mental hygiene, was dispatched in response to the call, and if so, which ones;*
- (k) If multiple responders were dispatched in response to the call, which responder was first dispatched;*
- (l) If multiple responders were dispatched in response to the call, which responder first arrived on the scene;*
- (m) Whether the responder that first arrived on the scene requested assistance, and if so, the responder from which assistance was requested;*
- (n) The amount of time between the initial receipt of the 911 call and the first dispatch of responders;*
- (o) The amount of time between the first dispatch of responders and first arrival of responders on the scene;*
- (p) Any services the individual experiencing the mental health emergency accepted from, or to which the individual was referred by, responders, including but not limited to medical treatment on the scene, voluntary transport to a hospital, health counseling on the scene, crisis counseling on the scene, or follow-up services offered by the department of health and mental hygiene or department of homeless services, by community-based healthcare or social service providers, or through a hospital-based program; and*
- (q) Whether the individual experiencing the mental health emergency was left at the scene, was subjected to involuntary removal, experienced a use of force incident, was issued a summons, or was arrested.*

2. The report required under paragraph 1 of this subdivision shall include a data dictionary.

§ 2. Section 14-150 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new subdivision g to read as follows:

g. Publication of 911 call data on the open data portal. 1. Definitions. For purposes of this subdivision, the term “B-HEARD” means the behavioral health emergency assistance response division of the office of community mental health.

2. Dispatch system identifier columns. When publishing data to the open data portal regarding a 911 call, the department shall include a column indicating any unique identifier for such call generated by the

department's computer-aided dispatch system and a separate column indicating any unique identifier for such call generated by the fire department's computer-aided dispatch system. The department shall coordinate with the fire department to obtain any unique identifier for such call generated by the fire department's computer-aided dispatch system.

3. B-HEARD team response columns. When publishing data to the open data portal regarding a 911 call, the department shall include a column indicating whether a B-HEARD team, or a team from any successor division or program with the same or substantially similar functions, was dispatched in response to such call and a separate column indicating whether any such team was able to respond to such call. The department shall coordinate with any relevant agency to obtain such information.

4. Previously published data. The department shall also include the information specified in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this subdivision with respect to 911 calls for which data is already published on the open data portal, to the extent such information is available to the department.

§ 3. Chapter 1 of title 15 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 15-150 to read as follows:

§ 15-150 Publication of 911 call data on the open data portal. *a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term "B-HEARD" means the behavioral health emergency assistance response division of the office of community mental health.*

b. Dispatch system identifier columns. When publishing data to the open data portal regarding a 911 call, the department shall include a column indicating any unique identifier for such call generated by the department's computer-aided dispatch system and a separate column indicating any unique identifier for such call generated by the police department's computer-aided dispatch system. The department shall coordinate with the police department to obtain any unique identifier for such call generated by the police department's computer-aided dispatch system.

c. B-HEARD team response columns. When publishing data to the open data portal regarding a 911 call, the department shall include a column indicating whether a B-HEARD team, or a team from any successor division or program with the same or substantially similar functions, was dispatched in response to the call and a separate column indicating whether any such team was able to respond to such call. The department shall coordinate with any relevant agency to obtain such information.

d. Previously published data. The department shall also include the information specified in subdivisions b and c of this section with respect to 911 calls for which data is already published on the open data portal, to the extent such information is available to the department.

§ 4. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Mental Health, Disabilities and Addiction.

Preconsidered Res. No. 559

Resolution approving the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations to receive funding in the Expense Budget.

By Council Member Brannan.

Whereas, On June 30, 2024, the Council of the City of New York (the "City Council") adopted the expense budget for Fiscal Year 2025 with various programs and initiatives (the "Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget"); and

Whereas, On June 30, 2023, the Council of the City of New York (the "City Council") adopted the expense budget for Fiscal Year 2024 with various programs and initiatives (the "Fiscal 2024 Expense Budget"); and

Whereas, On June 13, 2022, the Council of the City of New York (the "City Council") adopted the expense budget for Fiscal Year 2023 with various programs and initiatives (the "Fiscal 2023 Expense Budget"); and

Whereas, The City Council is hereby implementing and furthering the appropriations set forth in the Fiscal 2025, Fiscal 2024, and Fiscal 2023 Expense Budgets by approving the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving local, aging, youth, anti-poverty, community safety and victim

services, and Speaker's initiative discretionary funding, and by approving the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations to receive funding pursuant to certain initiatives in accordance therewith; and

Whereas, The City Council is hereby implementing and furthering the appropriations set forth in the Fiscal 2025 and Fiscal 2024 Expense Budgets by approving new Description/Scope of Services for certain organizations receiving local, youth, and Speaker's initiative discretionary funding; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving local discretionary funding pursuant to the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 1; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the change in the designation of certain organizations receiving aging discretionary funding in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 2; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving youth discretionary funding in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 3; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving anti-poverty discretionary funding in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 4; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the change in the designation of certain organizations receiving community safety and victim services discretionary funding in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 5; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Speaker's Initiative to Address Citywide Needs in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 6; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the A Greener NYC Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 7; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA) Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 8; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Cultural Immigrant Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 9; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Digital Inclusion and Literacy Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 10; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the Neighborhood Development Grant Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 11; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and change in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the NYC Cleanup Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 12; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Parks Equity Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 13; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Support Our Older Adults Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 14; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 15; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Food Pantries Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 16; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the change in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Art a Catalyst for Change Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 17; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the Community Composting Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 18; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 19; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Afterschool Enrichment Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 20; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the YouthBuild Project Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 21; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the Coalition Theaters of Color Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 22; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Veteran Resource Centers Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 23; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Education Equity Action Plan Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 24; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the Community Development Financial Institutions Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 25; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the Support for Victims of Human Trafficking Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 26; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Discharge Planning Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 27; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Trauma Recovery Centers Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 28; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the Mental Health Services for Vulnerable Populations Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 29; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Ending the Epidemic Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 30; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the HIV/AIDS Faith and Community Based Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 31; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Viral Hepatitis Prevention Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 32; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Legal Services for Low-Income Immigrants Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 33; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Immigrant Opportunities Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 34; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Welcome NYC Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 35; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the Community Interpreter Bank Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 36; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Language Services Worker Cooperatives Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 37; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Adult Literacy Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 38; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designations of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Adult Literacy Pilot Project Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 39; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the new designation of a certain organization receiving funding pursuant to the AAPI Community Support Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 40; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the change in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA) Initiative, in accordance with the Fiscal 2024 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 41; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the change in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Speaker's Initiative to Address Citywide Needs in accordance with the Fiscal 2023 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 42; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the change in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Art a Catalyst for Change Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2024 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 43; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council approves the change in the designation of certain organizations receiving funding pursuant to the Art a Catalyst for Change Initiative in accordance with the Fiscal 2023 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 44; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council amends the Purpose of Funds for certain organizations receiving funding in accordance with the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 45; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council amends the Purpose of Funds for certain organizations receiving funding in accordance with the Fiscal 2024 Expense Budget, as set forth in Chart 46.

Adopted by the Council (preconsidered and approved by the Committee on Finance; for text of the Exhibit Charts, please refer to the attachments section of [the Res. No. 559 of 2024 file](#) in the legislation section of the New York City Council website at <https://council.nyc.gov/>).

Int. No. 1020

By Council Members Brewer, Rivera, Ayala, Hanks, Banks and Hudson.

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to the replacement of the individual responsible for implementing certain duties of the commissioner of investigation relating to the police department and reporting on investigations relating to the police department

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subdivision c of section 803 of the New York city charter, as added by local law number 70 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

2. Not later than ninety days after the effective date of the local law that added this subdivision, the commissioner shall report to the council regarding the identity and qualifications of the individual responsible for overseeing the implementation of the duties described in paragraph 1 of this subdivision, the number of personnel assigned to assist that individual, and the details of the management structure covering them. [Upon removal or replacement of the individual responsible for overseeing the implementation of the duties described in paragraph 1 of this subdivision,] *In the event such individual who is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the duties described in paragraph 1 of this subdivision is removed or resigns, the commissioner shall replace such individual within 90 days of such removal or resignation and shall provide notification of that removal or replacement, and the identity and qualifications of the new individual [responsible for overseeing the implementation of the duties described in paragraph 1 of this subdivision, shall be provided] to the council.*

§ 2. Paragraph 3 of subdivision e of section 803 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law number 165 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

3. In addition to the reports and statements of findings to be delivered to the mayor, the council, the commissioner of correction, and the police commissioner pursuant to paragraph 2 of this subdivision, there shall be an annual summary report on the activities undertaken pursuant to paragraph 1 of subdivision c and paragraph 1 of subdivision d of this section containing the following information: (a) a description of all significant findings from the investigations, reviews, studies, and audits conducted in the preceding year; (b) a description of the recommendations for corrective action made in the preceding year; (c) an identification of each recommendation described in previous annual reports on which corrective action has not been implemented or completed; [and] (d) the number of open investigations, reviews, studies, or audits that have been open, as of the close of the preceding calendar year, for a time period of (1) six months up to and including one year, (2) more than one year up to and including two years, (3) more than two years up to and including three years, and (4) more than three years[.]; (e) *the subject matter of each investigation, review, study, or audit relating to the police department that has been open, as of the close of the preceding calendar year, for more than three years;* (f) *a detailed description of each incident where the police department did not give full, direct, or timely access to all information relevant to the performance of the duties described in paragraph 1 of subdivision c of this section or any attempt by the police department to interfere with the performance of such duties; and* (g) *the number of investigations, reviews, studies, and audits relating to the police department that were closed without issuing a report during the preceding calendar year.* The annual summary report required by this paragraph relating to the police department shall be completed and delivered to the mayor, the council, and the police commissioner on April 1, 2015 and every April 1 thereafter. The annual summary required by this paragraph relating to the department of correction shall be completed and delivered to the mayor, the council, and the commissioner of correction on April 1 beginning in 2018.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Investigations.

Res. No. 560

Resolution directing the Department of Investigation to conduct an investigation to ascertain the knowledge possessed by mayoral administrations on environmental toxins produced by the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and to submit a report to the Council thereon.

By Council Members Brewer, Avilés, Restler, Rivera, Gennaro, Ayala, Hanks, Banks, Hudson and Vernikov.

Whereas, According to a summary prepared by the U.S. Department of State in December of 2001, more than 3,000 people died or remained missing as a direct result of the terrorist attacks that occurred in the United States on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, According to a study conducted in September of 2001 by the U.S. Geological Survey, debris and dust produced by the attacks on the World Trade Center contained toxins such as asbestos, alkaline particles resulting from the dissolution of concrete and glass fibers, and heavy metals; and

Whereas, According to the Mesothelioma Center, many individuals exposed to these toxins in the weeks after the attacks on the World Trade Center developed health issues, with some illnesses such as mesothelioma taking approximately 20 years to develop; and

Whereas, According to the Mesothelioma Center, based on data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention World Trade Center Health Program, the number of deaths from exposure to these toxins now exceeds the death toll from the attacks themselves; and

Whereas, In September of 2021, after the twentieth anniversary of the attacks, U.S. Representative Jerrold Nadler and then-U.S. Representative Carolyn Maloney wrote to then-Mayor Bill de Blasio asking for the release of New York City records from 2001 and 2002 relating to the attacks to allow for a better understanding of the City's knowledge of the scope of the health crisis posed by these toxins, but then-Mayor de Blasio did not respond to the letter; and

Whereas, In May of 2022, U.S. Representative Nadler and then-U.S. Representative Maloney wrote to Mayor Eric Adams requesting the same release of the records, but according to the nonprofit organization 911 Health Watch Inc., New York City's attorneys responded that no information would be released unless federal law was amended to grant full immunity to New York City for claims related to the attacks; and

Whereas, In February of 2023, U.S. Representatives Nadler and Dan Goldman wrote to Mayor Adams requesting a similar release of New York City records, but Mayor Adams sent a response in March of 2023 that the release would only be economically and legally possible with federal funding sources and the passage of federal legislation; and

Whereas, On September 8, 2023, 911 Health Watch Inc. filed a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request seeking documents from several New York City agencies relating to the knowledge possessed by the City on the environmental toxins produced by the attacks and the potential harm posed by these toxins, including documents relating to the testing and cleaning of schools in lower Manhattan and the potential evacuation of neighborhoods in Manhattan and Brooklyn in the aftermath of the attacks; and

Whereas, 911 Health Watch Inc. received denials in response to the FOIL request; and

Whereas, On April 5, 2024, U.S. Representatives Nadler and Goldman submitted another letter to Mayor Adams requesting a release of New York City records relating to the attacks, which included a reiterated request for the release of a memo dated October 2001 from then-Deputy Mayor Robert Harding concerning the possibility of many toxin-related tort cases arising in subsequent years in connection with the attacks; and

Whereas, In June of 2024, 911 Health Watch Inc. commenced an Article 78 proceeding in New York State Supreme Court to challenge the New York City Department of Environmental Protection's denial of the FOIL request and its subsequent affirmation that it has no relevant documents; and

Whereas, To date, there has not been a comprehensive investigation by New York City of the knowledge possessed by mayoral administrations on the dangers of the environmental toxins produced by the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and when this knowledge accrued; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York, pursuant to section 803 of the New York City Charter, directs the Department of Investigation to conduct an investigation to ascertain the knowledge possessed by mayoral administrations on environmental toxins produced by the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center and to submit a report to the Council thereon, as follows:

§ 1. Investigation.

- a. The Department of Investigation shall review all of the materials it deems appropriate in the scope of the investigation.
- b. No later than June 30 and December 31 of each year, and until the Department of Investigation submits the required report as further described in section 2 below, the Department of Investigation shall provide an update in writing on the status of the investigation to the Speaker

of the New York City Council that includes but is not limited to a statement of the materials reviewed to date, a summary of any difficulties encountered in accessing materials for review, and an expected submission date for the required report.

- c. The Department of Investigation shall conduct the investigation in accordance with applicable laws and rules, including but not limited to laws and rules pertaining to confidentiality of information or information privileged as attorney-client communications, attorney work product, or material prepared for litigation.
- d. The Department of Investigation shall not conduct the investigation in a manner that would interfere with law enforcement investigations or otherwise conflict with the interests of law enforcement.

§ 2. Report.

- a. The Department of Investigation shall issue a report on its findings under the investigation. Such report shall include, at a minimum:
 - i. An assessment of the knowledge mayoral administrations possessed on environmental toxins produced by the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, including but not limited to knowledge on the types of toxins, the length of time the toxins were expected to remain in the environment, and the immediate and long-term health impacts of human exposure to these toxins;
 - ii. A timeline of when mayoral administrations became aware of these toxins, the length of time the toxins would remain in the environment, and the immediate and long-term health impacts of human exposure to these toxins; and
 - iii. An analysis of the contrast between the knowledge mayoral administrations possessed on these toxins and the information the administrations conveyed to the public about satisfactory air quality in lower Manhattan and Western Brooklyn after the attacks and the immediate and long-term health impacts of human exposure to these toxins.
- b. The Department of Investigation shall submit the report required under subdivision a of this section to the Speaker of the New York City Council no later than 2 years after the adoption of this resolution by the Council.

Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Investigations.

Int. No. 1021

By Council Members Farías, Yeager and Narcisse.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the suspension of alternate side parking regulations on Patriot Day

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 19-163 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 162 for the year 2023, is amended to read as follows:

a. All alternate side of the street parking rules shall be suspended on the following holidays: Christmas, Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Ascension Thursday, Feast of the Assumption, Feast of All Saints, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, first two days of Succoth, Shemini Atzareth, Simchas Torah, Shevuoth, Purim, Orthodox Holy Thursday, Orthodox Good Friday, first two and last two days of Passover, the Muslim holidays of Eid Ul-Fitr and Eid Ul-Adha, the day before Lunar New Year, Lunar New Year, the Hindu festival of Diwali on the day that Lakshmi Puja is observed, Three Kings' Day, Tisha B'Av, *Patriot Day*, and all state and national holidays.

§ 2. Section 19-163 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision d to read as follows:

d. For purposes of subdivision a of this section, the date of Patriot Day is September 11 of each year.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Int. No. 1022

By Council Members Gutiérrez, Hudson, Ung, Restler, Cabán, Narcisse, Hanif, Louis, Ossé, Joseph and Carr.

A Local Law in relation to requiring a study on naturally occurring retirement communities and the development of a plan to support aging in place

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Study on naturally occurring retirement communities and development of a plan to support aging in place. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

City. The term “city” means the city of New York.

Commissioner. The term “commissioner” means the commissioner for the aging.

Department. The term “department” means the department for the aging.

Naturally occurring retirement community. The term “naturally occurring retirement community” has the same meaning as set forth in section 209 of the elder law.

Neighborhood naturally occurring retirement community. The term “neighborhood naturally occurring retirement community” has the same meaning as set forth in section 209 of the elder law.

Older adults. The term “older adults” means persons who are 60 years of age or older.

b. Over a 3-year period beginning on the effective date of this local law, the commissioner shall conduct a study on naturally occurring retirement communities and neighborhood naturally occurring retirement communities in the city. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. Findings identifying at least 20 potential naturally occurring retirement communities and at least 10 potential neighborhood naturally occurring retirement communities for designation, not currently designated or otherwise recognized by the New York state office for the aging or the department, accompanied by explanations of how and why each such potential community was identified;

2. An assessment of the needs of older adults residing in such potential naturally occurring retirement communities and neighborhood naturally occurring retirement communities, including their levels of access to healthcare, social services, socialization opportunities, and transportation;

3. A summary of the most common challenges and issues faced by older adults, community organizations, and service providers within such communities;

4. Data on the demographic trends, health outcomes, and social isolation among older adults in such communities; and

5. An evaluation of the necessary improvements and investments required to enhance neighborhood infrastructure, healthcare facilities, social services, transportation, and other critical services to support older adults aging in place within such communities.

c. Based on the findings of the study conducted pursuant to subdivision b of this section, the commissioner shall, within 2 years of completing such study, develop and implement a plan to support aging in place within naturally occurring retirement communities and neighborhood naturally occurring retirement communities. The plan shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. Recommendations to the New York state office for the aging to designate any housing developments, buildings, or areas identified in the study conducted pursuant to subdivision b of this section as naturally occurring retirement communities or neighborhood naturally occurring retirement communities, as appropriate;

2. An estimate of the resources needed to establish and maintain supportive service programs within such potential communities, disaggregated by each such potential community;

3. Training and onboarding for community-based organizations to expand their capacity to support older adults in such potential communities;

4. Recommendations for infrastructure improvements for such potential communities to be shared with the cabinet for older New Yorkers as established by section 2405 of the New York city charter; and

5. Establishing a grant program, subject to appropriation therefor, to subsidize aging-friendly home modifications and retrofitting within such potential communities, such as the installation of grab bars, ramps, and other accessibility features.

d. The commissioner shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post on the department's website, the study conducted pursuant to subdivision b of this section and the plan developed pursuant to subdivision c of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Aging.

Int. No. 1023

By Council Members Gutiérrez, Louis, Nurse, Restler, Hanif and Cabán.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, relation to requiring the department of correction to establish, operate and maintain an online scheduling system to facilitate visits to incarcerated individuals

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 9 of the administrative code is amended by adding a new section 9-168 to read as follows:

§ 9-168 Visitation Scheduling System. *a. The department, in conjunction with the department of information technology and telecommunications, shall, within 180 days of enactment of this local law, establish, and thereafter operate and maintain, an online scheduling system to facilitate in person and tele-visits to incarcerated individuals in the department's custody. This online scheduling system shall include, at minimum, the following features:*

- 1. The ability for members of the public to access the online scheduling system with all major operating systems utilized by wireless communication devices or computers;*
- 2. The ability for members of the public to select and reserve a specific date and time to visit an incarcerated individual;*
- 3. The ability, if necessary, for a member of the public to modify the specific date and time of a previously scheduled visit;*
- 4. The ability to provide real-time updates to members of the public with a visit scheduled with an incarcerated individual when the department becomes aware that the visit must be cancelled;*
- 5. The option, for members of the public, to have information entered into the online scheduling system retained by the department to ease the administrative burden of scheduling future visits to incarcerated individuals.*

b. The online scheduling system established, and thereafter operated and maintained by the department shall comply with the most recent cybersecurity standards and policies issued by the office of cyber command.

c. The data collected by the online system should comply with the latest encryption protocols issued by the office of cyber command and should not be shared unless required by federal, state or local law.

d. Only authorized personnel that require access to perform their duties shall have access to the online scheduling system and the data collected by the online scheduling system and access controls and audit mechanisms shall be implemented to monitor data access.

§ 2. This local law takes effect upon enactment.

Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

Int. No. 1024

By Council Members Gutiérrez, Menin, Restler and Hanif.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring a centralized list of artificial intelligence tools approved to be used by agencies

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 1 of chapter 1 of title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York, is amended by adding a new section § 3-119.5.1 to read as follows:

§ 3-119.5.1. *Citywide list of approved artificial intelligence tools. a. Definition. As used in this section the term “artificial intelligence” shall have the meaning as set forth in subsection (3) of section 9401 of title 15 of the United States code.*

b. By February 1, 2025, the mayor, or an agency designated by the mayor, shall make publicly available on the city’s website a list of artificial intelligence tools approved by the mayor, or such designated agency, for use by agencies. The list shall include the following information:

- 1. The product name for the tool or underlying commercially available artificial intelligence tool or product being used by the tool;*
- 2. The agency or individual who approved the tool;*
- 3. The date of approval and a description of the approval process;*
- 4. The purpose of the tool;*
- 5. A description of the data the tool would require access to;*
- 6. Whether any person or company not employed by New York City would have access to the tool or the data used by the tool; and*
- 7. When applicable, the date when the tool was no longer deemed approved and the reason it is no longer approved.*

c. The list shall be updated no less than every six months by adding any newly approved tool and indicating the end date for any tool that is no longer deemed approved. No tool shall be removed from the list.

d. An artificial intelligence tool shall not be required to be on the list in order for it to be used by an agency.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Technology.

Int. No. 1025

By Council Members Hudson, Restler, Cabán, Narcisse, Hanif, Louis, Ossé and Joseph.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the provision of information regarding employment discrimination and older adult workforce programs

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-215 to read as follows:

§ 21-215 Provision of information regarding older adult workforce programs. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Client. The term “client” means an older adult to whom direct services are provided by the department or by a person that contracts with the department to provide such services.

Older adult. The term “older adult” means a person 60 years of age or older.

Older adult workforce program. The term “older adult workforce program” means a program administered by the department for the purpose of connecting older adults to employment or volunteer opportunities.

b. Provision of information regarding older adult workforce programs. The department shall make available to all clients information regarding older adult workforce programs. Such information shall describe all such programs and provide eligibility guidelines for such programs. The department shall make such information available to clients in paper form at all locations where the department, or a person contracting with the department, provides services to clients.

c. Publication of information. The department shall post, and update as necessary, the information required by subdivision b of this section on the department's website and shall post a link to such information on the 311 citizen center website. The department shall make such information available in the designated citywide languages as defined in section 21-211.

d. Pamphlet. The department shall develop and publish a pamphlet written in English, using clear and accessible language, to educate older adult workforce program participants about programming and resources available to support older adults seeking employment and volunteer opportunities. Such pamphlet shall include information, as determined by the department in consultation with relevant agencies, to assist older adults in identifying and addressing discrimination in employment, as well as the name, address, contact information, and website of government agencies and community-based organizations that provide information or assistance to older adults in relation to discrimination in employment. Such pamphlet shall be provided to each older adult workforce program participant. The department shall update the information in such pamphlet annually.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on Aging.

Int. No. 1026

By Council Members Hudson, Salaam, Louis, Restler and Cabán.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to quarterly reporting regarding the visitation of incarcerated individuals and requiring the department of correction to record interactions in which an individual is informed about a visitor and refuses to attend the visit

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 9-140 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 23 for the year 2019, is amended to read as follows:

a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Borough jail facility. The term “borough jail facility” means any department facility in which incarcerated individuals are housed by the department and that is located outside Rikers Island.

City jail. The term “city jail” means any department facility in which incarcerated individuals are housed by the department.

Complaint. The term “complaint” means a report made to the department or received by the department from any other city entity regarding an alleged act of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or intervention against a visitor, including reports made on behalf of another person.

Intervention. The term “intervention” means an incident in which staff use their hands or other parts of their body, or other physical method to restrain, subdue, or compel a visitor to act or stop acting in a particular way.

Professional. The term “professional” refers to people who are properly identified as providing services or assistance to incarcerated individuals, including but not limited to lawyers, doctors, religious advisors, public officials, therapists, counselors, and media representatives.

Sexual abuse. The term “sexual abuse” includes any of the following acts against a visitor, performed by staff with or without consent of the visitor, including when such acts occur during the course of an otherwise authorized search procedure: (1) contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including but not limited to penetration, however slight; (2) contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus; (3) contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff has the intent to abuse, humiliate, arouse, or gratify sexual desire; (4) penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; (5) any other intentional contact, either directly or through clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks where the staff has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire; and (6) any attempt to engage in the activities described in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this definition.

Sexual harassment. The term “sexual harassment” means acts conducted by staff on visitors, including (1) any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature; and (2) any verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature, including demeaning references to gender, sexual orientation, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

Staff. The term “staff” means anyone other than an incarcerated individual who is directly employed by the department.

Visitor. The term “visitor” means any person who enters a city jail with the stated intention of visiting an incarcerated individual at any city jail, or any person who is screened by the department for visitation purposes, including but not limited to professionals and any person who registers to visit an incarcerated individual in the department’s visitor tracking system.

b. The commissioner shall post on the department website on a quarterly basis, within 30 days of the beginning of each quarter, a report containing information pertaining to the visitation of the inmate population in city jails for the prior quarter. *The information required by this subdivision shall be reported in a format capable of automatic processing.* Such quarterly report shall include the following information in total and disaggregated by whether the visit was an in-person or tele-visit, whether the visitor is a professional, and also disaggregated by the type of services the professional provides:

1. The total number of visitors to city jails, the total number of visitors to borough jail facilities, and the total number of visitors to city jails on Rikers Island.

2. The total number of visitors that visited an inmate at city jails, the total number of visitors that visited an inmate at borough jail facilities, and the total number of visitors that visited an inmate at city jails on Rikers Island.

3. The number of visitors unable to visit an inmate at any city jail, in total and disaggregated by the reason such visit was not completed[.], *including;*

- a. *Visitor possessed contraband;*
- b. *Visitor failed ion scan;*
- c. *Visitor was deemed to be wearing inappropriate attire;*
- d. *Visitor possessed an invalid or expired form of identification;*
- e. *Visitor refused to wait for the incarcerated individual to arrive for the visit;*
- f. *Visitor refused to appear for the tele-visit;*
- g. *Incarcerated individual refused escort to visit;*
- h. *Incarcerated individual was discharged prior to visit;*
- i. *Incarcerated individual was being transferred at the time of visit;*
- j. *Incarcerated individual was in a housing unit where movement was restricted due to a lockdown, search, or alarm;*
- k. *Incarcerated individual had a medical appointment at the time of the visit;*
- l. *Incarcerated individual had a court appearance at the time of the visit;*
- m. *Incarcerated individual was the subject of a pending investigation at the time of the visit;*
- n. *Staff unavailable to escort person in custody to visit;*
- o. *Staff disallowed visit due to an incarcerated individual failing to obey rules and regulations, disaggregated by the specific rule or regulation;*

p. Staff disallowed visit due to an incarcerated individual acting in a disrespectful manner towards staff;

q. Tele-visit cancelled due to technical problems

4. The inmate visitation rate, which shall be calculated by dividing the average daily number of visitors who visited inmates at city jails during the reporting period by the average daily inmate population of city jails during the reporting period.

5. The borough jail facility visitation rate, which shall be calculated by dividing the average daily number of visitors who visited inmates at borough jail facilities during the reporting period by the average daily inmate population of borough jail facilities during the reporting period.

6. The Rikers Island visitation rate, which shall be calculated by dividing the average daily number of visitors who visited inmates at city jails on Rikers Island during the reporting period by the average daily inmate population of city jails on Rikers Island during the reporting period.

c. The department shall record, via body-worn or handheld camera, video, including audio, every interaction between incarcerated individuals and correction officers in which an incarcerated individual is informed about an in-person or tele-visit and refuses to attend the visit and shall maintain a database with the video files created pursuant to this subdivision. All video recordings shall include the department informing an incarcerated individual that they have a visitor, whether the visit is in-person or a tele-visit, and the entirety of any response by the incarcerated individual, including whether or not they consent to providing the recording to the defense attorney of record of such incarcerated individual.

d. If consent is provided to the department by an incarcerated individual, the department shall provide, within 3 business days, to the defense attorney on record of such incarcerated individual, the video recording of an interaction in which that incarcerated individual is informed that they have a visitor and the entirety of any response by the incarcerated individual, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

[c.] e. Within 90 days of July 1, 2019, and every six months thereafter, the department shall submit to the speaker of the council and the board of correction a report of alleged incidents of sexual abuse, sexual harassment and interventions against visitors by staff that occurred during the preceding six month period for which an investigation lasted longer than 90 days, provided that the information required in paragraphs 7 through 16 need not be included in such reports until the report due within 90 days of July 1, 2021. The information required by this subdivision shall be reported in a format capable of automatic processing. Such report shall include the following information for each allegation of sexual abuse, sexual harassment and intervention:

1. The date on which the incident occurred and whether the incident took place between the times of 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM, 3:00 PM and 11:00 PM, or 11:00PM and 7:00 AM;

2. Whether the incident occurred at Rikers Island or at a borough facility, and at which facility the incident occurred;

3. The method by which the incident was reported and the date of reporting;

4. Whether the alleged perpetrator completed staff training pursuant to subdivision f, and the last date such training was received;

5. The gender of the alleged victim;

6. Whether the alleged victim at the time of the incident was between the ages of 18-25, 26-35, 36-40, 41-60, over 60, or under 18;

7. Whether the alleged victim claimed that the perpetrator of the sexual abuse, sexual harassment or intervention intentionally selected them in whole or in part because of a belief or perception regarding the alleged victim's gender or sexual orientation, regardless of whether such belief or perception was correct;

8. Whether the alleged victim claimed that the perpetrator of the sexual abuse, sexual harassment or intervention intentionally committed the act in whole or in part because of a belief regarding the victim's gender or sexual orientation, regardless of whether such belief or perception was correct;

9. For interventions, whether emergency medical services was called;

10. The gender of the staff alleged to have engaged in sexual abuse, sexual harassment or an intervention against a visitor;

11. Whether the incident occurred in a restroom, a visitor's waiting area, or another location;

12. Whether the alleged victim is known to identify as transgender or intersex;

13. Whether the alleged victim is known to identify as lesbian, gay or bi-sexual;

14. The type of acts of sexual abuse or harassment as defined in subdivision a of this section;

15. For allegations of sexual abuse and harassment, whether such allegation consists of conduct consistent with the definition of sexual abuse or harassment under section 115.6 of title 28 of the code of federal regulations and any successor regulation; and

16. Whether the incident occurred during the course of an otherwise authorized search of the visitor.

[d.] f. Within 90 days of July 1, 2019, and every six months thereafter, the department shall report to the speaker of the council and the board of correction a report of investigations of sexual abuse, sexual harassment and intervention against visitors by staff that were concluded during the preceding six-month period. Such report shall include the information set forth in paragraphs 1 through 16 of subdivision [c] e of this section for each such concluded investigation of sexual abuse, sexual harassment and intervention; provided, however, that the information required in paragraphs 6 through 16 of subdivision [c] e need not be included in such reports until the report due within 90 days of July 1, 2021. The information required by this subdivision shall be reported in a format capable of automatic processing. Reports made pursuant to this subdivision shall also include the following information for each such investigation:

1. Whether the department determined that the allegation was substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded, and the date when such a determination was made; and

2. For substantiated allegations, whether the staff accused of sexual abuse, sexual harassment or intervention against a visitor resigned, retired, was suspended, placed on modified duty, placed on administrative leave or administered any other form of discipline, and whether criminal charges were brought.

[e.] g. Within 90 days of July 1, 2019, and every six months thereafter, the department shall submit to the council and post on its website the information required in subdivisions [c] e and [d] f of this section in the aggregate, including the number and percentage of each data point, provided that such information that cannot be aggregated need not be included in such report. Such reports shall include the number of cases pending for over 90 days. Such reports shall be stored on the department's website for at least ten years.

[f.] h. The department shall implement annual training regarding the treatment of visitors for staff who interact regularly with visitors. The department shall issue reports on such trainings, including descriptions of the training materials and the number of staff who have received the training. Such reports shall be submitted to the speaker of the council, the board of correction and posted on the department's website within 30 days of January 1 of each year.

[g.] i. The department shall ensure that all data collected pursuant to this section is securely retained, and shall retain such data indefinitely after the date of initial collection unless federal or state law requires otherwise.

[h.] j. The department shall report the information required pursuant to this subdivision notwithstanding any other provision of local law. Before making data collected pursuant to this section available to the speaker of the council, board of correction, and the public, the department shall remove an individual's name, all personal identifying information as defined by subdivision (a) of section 10-501, and any other information the disclosure of which would violate any federal or state laws.

§ 4. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

Int. No. 1027

By Council Members Hudson, Louis, Ossé, Restler and Cabán.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that people in the custody and staff of the department of correction have access to gender-affirming items and medical devices

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 9 of the administrative code is amended by adding a new section 9-168 to read as follows:

§ 9-168 Access to gender-affirming items and medical devices. a. Correctional health services, during intake screening, shall establish a process by which people in custody may request access to wigs, hair extensions, chest binders, tucking undergarments or gaffs, prosthetics, or other similar items or medical devices that are used by individuals to affirm their self-determined gender identity.

b. Upon receipt of information from correctional health services, the department shall, consistent with other requests for accommodations pursuant to medical need, facilitate access and permit a person in custody to possess gender-affirming items or medical devices.

c. Any initial denial, or subsequent revocation of permission, for a person in custody to possess gender-affirming items or medical devices by the department must be supported by a written decision which includes a detailed explanation, all evidence supporting the decision, and current contact information for the board of correction and the New York city commission on human rights. The written decision shall be issued to the affected person and the board of correction within 24 hours of the department's initial denial or revocation of access, to gender-affirming items or medical devices.

d. The department shall, consistent with other requests for accommodations pursuant to medical need, permit staff to possess gender-affirming items or medical devices while working at a facility operated by the department of correction.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

Int. No. 1028

By Council Members Hudson, Restler, Won, De La Rosa, Cabán and Hanif.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to automatic enrollment of eligible individuals in city-created benefit programs

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-153 to read as follows:

§ 21-153 Automatic enrollment in city-created benefit programs. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

City-created benefit program. The term “city-created benefit program” means any program created by the city and administered by the commissioner that provides assistance or benefits to eligible individuals.

Designated citywide languages. The term “designated citywide languages” has the same meaning as set forth in section 23-1101.

Eligible individual. The term “eligible individual” means any individual who meets the eligibility criteria for a city-created benefit program as determined by the commissioner.

b. Establishment of automatic enrollment system. 1. The commissioner shall establish and maintain a system to provide automatic enrollment in city-created benefit programs to eligible individuals, without such individuals having to initiate enrollment.

2. The commissioner shall use the most up-to-date records, including but not limited to the most recently available tax records and social services assistance rolls, in order to identify eligible individuals in connection with such system.

3. When providing automatic enrollment through such system, the commissioner shall require authorization or additional information from, or other action on the part of, an eligible individual if such authorization, information, or action is required as a term of an applicable city-created benefit program.

c. Notice. The commissioner shall provide an individualized notice to each eligible individual of automatic enrollment through the system required under subdivision b of this section. Such notice shall include:

1. A description of the applicable city-created benefit programs;
2. Any costs associated with participation in the applicable city-created benefit programs;

3. How to utilize the opt-out mechanism required under subdivision d of this section; and

4. Where applicable, the steps necessary to complete automatic enrollment.

d. *Opt-out mechanism.* The commissioner shall provide an opt-out mechanism through the system required under subdivision b of this section, allowing eligible individuals to decline automatic enrollment through such system. The commissioner shall:

1. Provide such opt-out mechanism at the time the commissioner provides the notice required under subdivision c of this section; and

2. Provide such opt-out mechanism in plain and simple language and in an accessible and conspicuous manner.

e. *Accessibility.* The commissioner shall make the system required under subdivision b of this section, including the notice required under subdivision c of this section and the opt-out mechanism required under subdivision d of this section, available in the designated citywide languages.

f. *Rules.* The commissioner shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on General Welfare.

Res. No. 561

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation to create a statewide public guardianship system to address current inequities and deficits and safeguard vulnerable New Yorkers in need of protective arrangements.

By Council Members Hudson, Narcisse, Joseph and Cabán.

Whereas, Named after Article 81 of New York’s Mental Hygiene Law, Article 81 guardianship appointments for incapacitated adults are made by the New York State Courts, who assign a person or organization to make certain determinations for individuals who have been found incapable of reasonable decision-making, and are at risk of harm because they do not recognize the need for help; and

Whereas, The three types of guardianship in New York State include Article 81 Guardianship, which awards limited powers to manage specific needs of an individual; Article 17-A Guardianship, which is designed to have the guardian make all decisions on behalf of another person; and Guardianship of a Child, which is granted by the courts when one or both parents are unable to care for a minor; and

Whereas, In New York, judges seek to appoint private attorneys or community social service organizations to be guardians for individuals found to be incapable of managing their personal affairs; and

Whereas, Where a New York City resident living in the community is eligible for services from the New York Office of Children and Family Services Adult Protective Services (APS), which due to eligibility criteria means they have no one else available to assist them responsibly, and APS may, after an investigation, petition the court for the appointment of a guardian, nominating one of three agencies with which they contract; and

Whereas, A September 2023 National Criminal Justice Reference Services in the Office of the Department of Justice Programs (NCJRS) report found systemic guardianship abuse concerns to be prevalent nationwide, often exacerbated by guardianship caseloads that more often than not amounted to more than the suggested 1:20 person ratio of guardians-to-individuals for oversight and service provision; and

Whereas, According to the NCJRS report, problematic actions and inactions included the appointment of guardians without sufficient vetting and due process; and

Whereas, The NCJRS found that some guardianship orders by judges were overbroad and not tailored to the specific needs of the person, and had instead made use of pre-existing guardianship “pipelines,” with appointments routinely being made without a full review of specific individual needs; and

Whereas, According to a recent ProPublica investigation, multiple problems were uncovered in every stage of the current New York guardianship system; and

Whereas, ProPublica revealed that in New York City, there are approximately one dozen judges assigned to oversee more than 17,411 people in guardianships, which has created a backlog of cases “sitting for years” without oversight; and

Whereas, The ProPublica investigation found the qualification process for becoming a guardian to be minimal, consisting only of watching a 123 minute online video and signing an affirmation of viewing; and

Whereas, Additionally, ProPublica found one company, New York Guardianship Services, which is responsible for guardianship appointments, to have an 83:1 ward-to-staff ratio for oversight and service provision; and Whereas, According to advocates and lawmakers, there are approximately 157 examiners to monitor the care and finances of 17,000+ people in its guardianship system; and

Whereas, ProPublica has published multiple accounts, with graphic evidence, of individuals in guardianship who begged for help to be removed from horrific living conditions that in some cases took over a decade to elicit a response from an entity that could assist them in moving to a safe and healthy environment; and

Whereas, A Times Union investigative report found that the Article 81 Mental Hygiene Law calling upon judges to oversee the system is insufficient to protect the “unbefriended,” – a term for individuals with no familial or fiscal resources – who are, at present, reliant on a patchwork system of loosely regulated nonprofits and pro bono attorneys, which is clearly unequipped to meet their needs; and

Whereas, ProPublica found New York’s current lack of a unified system to address guardianship has resulted in one court-appointed examiner focused primarily on financial paperwork, one judge who signs off on the examination, and officials who rarely if ever see the incapacitated adult in person for any kind of supervision; and

Whereas, While the role of guardian is to oversee every major decision in the lives of those deemed incapable of looking after themselves, advocates and some lawmakers in New York State have cited the lack of a unified system that can provide oversight for guardianships as having contributed to the extreme gaps in the provision of services for the vulnerable population the system is entrusted with protecting; and

Whereas, Despite proof of widespread fraud and abuse within New York’s current guardianship network, New York State legislators have taken little action to correct ongoing issues; and

Whereas, Advocates and lawmakers have called to strengthen the vetting and examination processes for both individuals and non-profit organizations, while stressing the need to implement a system of oversight to help eliminate increased workforce of court clerks and examiners and at the same time reducing caseload capacities to manageable levels; and

Whereas, In October 2022, a National Judicial Task Force to Examine State Court’s Response to Mental Illness recommended pay raises for examiners to counteract drastic budget cuts that had reduced the number of court clerks and examiners needed to “recruit an adequate bench,” which would allow for a full complement of staff to ensure that annual examinations and assessments of guardians take place in a timely manner; and

Whereas, Advocates and lawmakers also suggest requiring guardians to attend regular trainings and incorporate regularly scheduled face-to-face check-ins with their caseloads to identify and prevent the reported incidences of abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, A network of nonprofit guardians across New York State would be uniquely positioned to deliver high-quality guardianship services, in part because they have expertise and a deep understanding of local issues, resources, cultures, and practices, and also because they can provide 24/7 care 365 days of the year; and

Whereas, Despite their expertise and readiness to deliver high-quality guardianship services, nonprofits are not funded to meet the need in their local communities and some communities do not have a nonprofit guardianship provider at all; and

Whereas, The Legislature should consider an existing proposal for a Statewide Initiative of Nonprofit Guardians (SING), which would build the capacity of high-quality nonprofit guardians to meet the demand for services in their local communities; and

Whereas, As proposed by Guardianship Access New York, whose members include the Center for Elder Law and Justice, EAC Network, Guardianship Corp, Lifespan, Project Guardianship, and the Hon. Arthur M. Diamond, JSC, SING would build the capacity of nonprofit organizations to develop high-quality guardianship programs in areas where such services are needed but do not currently exist; and

Whereas, Building the capacity of SING in New York State and New York City could address the failures of the current guardianship system; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York call upon the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation to create a statewide public guardianship system to address current inequities and deficits and safeguard vulnerable New Yorkers in need of protective arrangements.

Referred to the Committee on General Welfare.

Int. No. 1029

By Council Members Hudson, Hanks, Yeger, Ung, Narcisse and Hanif.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing local community boards and elected officials with advance notice of planned street closures

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 19-107 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new paragraph (iii) to read as follows:

(iii) If the head of any agency other than the department plans to temporarily close or issues a permit to temporarily close to pedestrian or vehicular traffic any street, or a portion thereof, such agency head shall notify the commissioner of such planned closure. The commissioner shall make available to the community board and the council member, senator, and member of assembly in whose district such street is located information regarding any planned closure by the commissioner or any other agency head at least 72 hours prior to such closure or as soon as practicable after the commissioner receives notice of such planned closure.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 60 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Int. No. 1030

By Council Members Lee, Ung and Narcisse.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of transportation to mail notices to, and receive comments from, residents, businesses, and organizations along the route of a proposed bicycle lane project

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 19-101.2 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 3 for the year 2024, is amended to read as follows:

a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Affected addresses. The term “affected addresses” means the mailing addresses adjacent to the block containing the proposed bicycle lane project.

Affected community members. Any person who resides at, or who manages a business or an organization located at, an affected address.

Affected council member(s), senator(s), member(s) of assembly and community board(s). The term “affected council member(s), senator(s), member(s) of assembly and community board(s)” means the council member(s), senator(s), member(s) of assembly and community board(s) in whose districts a proposed major transportation project is to be located, in whole or in part.

Bicycle lane. The term “bicycle lane” means a portion of the roadway that has been marked off or separated for the preferential or exclusive use of bicycles.

Major transportation project. The term “major transportation project” means any project that after construction will alter four or more consecutive blocks, or 1,000 consecutive feet of street, whichever is less, involving a major realignment of the roadway, including either removal of a vehicular lane(s) or full time removal of a parking lane(s) or addition of vehicular travel lane(s), as well as a project to add or remove a bicycle lane of any length.

b. If an agency of the city other than the department implements a major transportation project, such agency, in lieu of the department, shall provide the notice required by this section.

c. 1. Prior to the implementation of a major transportation project, the department shall forward notice of such project, including a description of such project, to affected council member(s), including a description of such project, to affected council member(s), senator(s), member(s) of assembly and community board(s) by electronic mail.

2. *Prior to the implementation of a major transportation project that includes the addition or removal of a bicycle lane, the department shall provide the notice required pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subdivision, and shall also mail notice of such project, including a description of such project, to affected addresses.*

d. 1. Within ten business days after receipt of such notice, or within twenty business days after receipt between June 20 and August 20 of such a notice for a major transportation project for the addition or removal of a bicycle lane: (i) the affected council member(s), senator(s) and member(s) of assembly may submit recommendations and/or comments on such notice to the department; and (ii) the affected community board(s) may either submit recommendations and/or comments on such notice to the department and/or request a presentation of the major transportation project plan by the department, which shall be made to the community board within thirty days of such community board's request, or within forty-five days of such community board's request where such a notice for a major transportation project for the addition or removal of a bicycle lane is received by such community board between June 20 and August 20.

2. *Within 15 days of the postmark of the notices required to be mailed to the affected addresses pursuant to subdivision c of this section, affected community members may submit recommendations and comments on such notices to the department.*

e. Each presentation to the affected community board(s) shall include, at a minimum, the project limits, a description, and a justification of such plan, and a map showing the streets affected by such plan and, within three days of such presentation, shall be forwarded to the affected council member(s), senator(s) and members of assembly.

f. The department shall consider recommendations and/or comments, if any, made under the provisions of subdivision d of this section and/or within seven days of the presentation to the community board, from the affected council member(s), senator(s), member(s) of assembly [and], affected community board(s), and affected community members, and may incorporate changes, where appropriate, into the plan.

g. The department may implement its plan after it sends an amended plan or notice that it will proceed with its original plan to the affected council member(s), senator(s), member(s) of assembly and community board(s).

h. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the department from providing notice of its major transportation projects on its website and to affected council member(s), senator(s), member(s) of assembly [and], community board(s), community members, and other interested parties by other means in addition to those specified in this section.

i. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the department to provide notification of major transportation projects requiring immediate implementation to preserve public safety.

j. Prior to the implementation of a major transportation project, the department shall consult with the police department, the fire department, the department of small business services and the mayor's office for people with disabilities. The department shall include a certification of such consultations in the notice required by subdivision c of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Int. No. 1031

By Council Members Marte, Cabán and Narcisse.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring agencies that issue vacate orders to provide documentation of vacate orders to affected occupants upon request

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 15-227 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision g to read as follows:

g. 1. After issuance of an order to vacate a building, structure or part thereof pursuant to subdivision b of this section, the commissioner shall allow any occupant who was required to vacate the building or structure as a result of such order to request documentation of the order to vacate. Such documentation shall contain, at a minimum:

- (a) The address of the building or structure;*
- (b) The date the order to vacate was issued;*
- (c) The reason the order to vacate was issued; and*
- (d) If applicable, the date the order to vacate was rescinded.*

2. The commissioner shall allow requests for documentation of an order to vacate to be submitted through the department's website, by mail, and in any other manner determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall provide the requested documentation within 14 days of receipt of the request. If the request lacks necessary information, the commissioner shall respond within 14 days of receipt of the request with an explanation of what specific information must be provided.

§ 2. Section 17-159 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

§17-159 Infected and uninhabitable houses; vacation orders. a. Whenever it shall be certified to the department by an officer or inspector of the department that any building or any part thereof in the city is infected with communicable disease, or by reason of want of repair has become dangerous to life or is unfit for human habitation because of defects in drainage, plumbing, ventilation, or the construction of the same, or because of the existence of a nuisance on the premises which is likely to cause sickness among its occupants, the department may issue an order requiring all persons therein to vacate such building or part thereof for the reasons to be stated therein. The department shall cause such order to be affixed conspicuously in such building or part thereof and to be personally served on the owner, lessee, agent, occupant, or any person having the charge or care thereof. If the owner, lessee or agent can not be found in the city or does not reside therein, or evades or resists service, then such order may be served by depositing a copy thereof in the post-office in the city, properly enclosed and addressed to such owner, lessee or agent, at his or her last known place of business and residence, and prepaying the postage thereon; such building or part thereof within ten days after such order shall have been so posted and mailed, or within such shorter time, not less than twenty-four hours, as in such order may be specified, shall be vacated, but the department whenever it shall become satisfied that the danger from such building or part thereof has ceased to exist, or that such building has been repaired so as to be habitable, may revoke such order.

b. 1. After the issuance of any order to vacate a building or part thereof pursuant to subdivision a of this section, the department shall allow any occupant who was required to vacate the building as a result of such order to request documentation of the order to vacate. Such documentation shall contain, at a minimum:

- (a) The address of the building;*
- (b) The date the order to vacate was issued;*
- (c) The reason the order to vacate was issued; and*
- (d) If applicable, the date the order to vacate was revoked.*

2. The department shall allow requests for documentation of an order to vacate to be submitted through the department's website, by mail, and in any other manner determined by the department. The department shall provide the requested documentation within 14 days of receipt of the request. If the request lacks necessary information, the department shall respond within 14 days of receipt of the request with an explanation of what specific information must be provided.

§3. Section 27-2141 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision d to read as follows:

d. 1. After the issuance of any vacate order pursuant to subdivision b of section 27-2139, the department shall allow any occupant who was required to vacate the dwelling as a result of such order to request documentation of the vacate order. Such documentation shall contain, at a minimum:

- (a) The address of the dwelling;
- (b) The date the vacate order was issued;
- (c) The reason the vacate order was issued; and
- (d) If applicable, the date the vacate order was revoked.

2. The department shall allow requests for documentation of a vacate order to be submitted through the department's website, by mail, and in any other manner determined by the department. The department shall provide the requested documentation within 14 days of receipt of the request. If the request lacks necessary information, the department shall respond within 14 days of receipt of the request with an explanation of what specific information must be provided.

§4. Article 207 of chapter 2 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 28-207.4.7 to read as follows:

§28-207.4.7 Documentation of vacate order. After the issuance of any vacate order pursuant to section 28-207.4, the commissioner shall allow any occupant who was required to vacate the building, structure, place or premises as a result of such order to request documentation of the vacate order. The commissioner shall allow requests for documentation of an order to vacate to be submitted through the department's website, by mail, and in any other manner determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall provide the requested documentation within 14 days of receipt of the request. If the request lacks necessary information, the commissioner shall respond within 14 days of receipt of the request with an explanation of what specific information must be provided. Documentation of a vacate order shall contain, at a minimum:

- 1. The address of the building, structure, place or premises;
- 2. The date the vacate order was issued;
- 3. The reason the vacate order was issued; and
- 4. If applicable, the date the vacate order was revoked.

§5. This local law takes effect 60 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on Fire and Emergency Management.

Int. No. 1032

By Council Members Marte, Schulman, Salaam, Dinowitz, Brewer, De La Rosa, Krishnan, Ossé, Restler, Cabán, Hanif, Ung, Bottcher, Farías and Narcisse.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a universal application and recertification system for the senior citizen rent increase exemption program and disability rent increase exemption program.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 7 of title 26 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 26-606.2 to read as follows:

§ 26-606.2 Universal application and recertification for senior citizen rent increase exemption program and disability rent increase exemption program. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the term "universal online and paper application and recertification system" means an application and recertification system for the senior citizen rent increase exemption program and the disability rent increase exemption program which meets the following criteria:

- 1. such system has an identical interface and accessibility requirements for all eligible users;
- 2. the means for such system are identical for all users regardless of where their current data exists and regardless of which entity is responsible for processing such data;

3. such system has the ability to route applications and recertification applications to the necessary entities; and

4. in the case of electronic applications and electronic recertification applications, all subsequent communications are held through the same such system in a standardized manner.

b. Universal application and recertification. By December 31, 2025, the commissioner of finance and the commissioner of housing preservation and development, in collaboration with relevant agencies, shall establish and maintain a universal online and paper application and recertification system for the senior citizen rent increase exemption program and disability rent increase exemption program in accordance with this local law.

c. Universal online application and recertification system website. By December 31, 2025, the commissioner of finance and the commissioner of housing preservation and development, in collaboration with relevant agencies, shall establish and maintain a website that permits the public to assess their potential eligibility for the senior citizen rent increase exemption program and disability rent increase exemption program. Such website shall provide:

1. a means to access an application or otherwise receive either such exemption for which an individual or household may be eligible; and

2. a means to apply for recertification of either such exemption for which an individual of household may be eligible.

c. The system required by subdivision b of this section may be incorporated into an existing website or application, such as the tenant access portal or a successor website or application, established for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of either such exemption.

d. The commissioner of finance and the commissioner of housing preservation and development, in collaboration with relevant agencies, shall undertake efforts to increase public awareness of the universal application and recertification system required by subdivision b of this section. Such efforts shall include, but not be limited to, including a link to the universal online application and recertification system required by subdivision b of this section on any city website relating to public assistance programs or the New York city rent freeze program.

e. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the acceptance of annual income affidavits, initial applications, or recertification and renewal applications for the senior citizen rent increase exemption program or disability rent increase exemption program prepared on a paper form.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Buildings.

Int. No. 1033

By Council Members Menin, Hudson, Zhuang, Restler, Gutiérrez, Ung and Hanif.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to an education and outreach campaign to enroll students in 3-K and pre-K

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 21-A of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 36 to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 36
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

§ 21-1007 3-K and pre-K education and outreach. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

3-K. The term “3-K” means an early childhood education program operated by, or pursuant to a contract with, the department that primarily serves children aged 3 years old.

Community-based organization. The term “community-based organization” means a non-profit organization providing services to, or operating for the benefit of, a particular community.

Pre-K. The term “pre-K” means an early childhood education program operated by, or pursuant to a contract with, the department that primarily serves children aged 4 years old.

Public housing. The term “public housing” means housing owned or operated by the New York city housing authority.

Shelter. The term “shelter” means temporary housing assistance provided to homeless adults, adult families, families with children, migrants, and runaway and homeless youth by the city or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the city.

b. The chancellor shall develop and implement an education and outreach campaign targeting families with children who are eligible to enroll in 3-K or pre-K. Such campaign shall be designed to prioritize outreach to low-income families. Such education and outreach campaign shall be conducted citywide in the designated citywide languages as defined in section 23-1101, and any additional languages as determined by the chancellor in consultation with community-based organizations, and shall include, but need not be limited to information on:

- 1. The benefits of early childhood education;*
- 2. How to apply for 3-K and pre-K; and*
- 3. 3-K and pre-K programs with available seats.*

c. Education and outreach required pursuant to subdivision b of this section shall include, but need not be limited to, text messaging; phone calls; events held by community-based organizations; events held by the department; and print, radio, internet, and television advertisements. To the extent practicable, such education and outreach shall be implemented in multiple settings, including, but not limited to:

- 1. Subways and buses;*
- 2. Shelters; and*
- 3. In or near schools, places of worship, and public housing.*

d. In developing and implementing such campaign, the chancellor shall collaborate with the New York city housing authority, the department of social services, the administration for children’s services, and any other office or agency as determined by the chancellor.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Int. No. 1034

By Council Members Menin, Gennaro and Vernikov.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to notices in connection with rent increase exemptions, real property tax abatements, and exemptions from payments in lieu of taxes for certain properties occupied by senior citizens or persons with disabilities

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 26 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 26-406.1 to read as follows:

§ 26-406.1 Notice of rent increase exemptions and tax abatement. a. General notice. (1) The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall notify, or cause to be notified, each eligible head of household about the senior citizen rent increase exemption and disability rent increase exemption and shall also notify, or cause to be notified, each landlord of the tax abatements available pursuant to section 26-406.

(2) (a) The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall send a notice or legend to each eligible head of household via mail which reads substantially as follows: “IF YOU ARE A SENIOR CITIZEN OR A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO A RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION. For further information please call or write (insert the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate) at (insert agency telephone number and address), which shall provide

additional information on the exemption programs and all necessary forms and applications.” The commissioner of finance or the head of such other agency as the mayor may designate shall include with such notice or legend detailed information about the eligibility requirements, necessary application forms, and filing deadlines for the senior citizen rent increase exemption and the disability rent increase exemption.

(b) The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall also send a notice or legend to the landlord with each tax bill, which reads substantially as follows: “YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A TAX ABATEMENT IF ANY OF THE TENANTS IN A DWELLING UNIT ON YOUR PROPERTY RECEIVES A SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION OR A DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION. For further information please call or write (insert the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate) at (insert agency telephone number and address), which shall provide additional information on the exemption programs and all necessary forms and applications.” The commissioner of finance or the head of such other agency as the mayor may designate shall include with such notice or legend detailed information about the eligibility requirements, necessary application forms, and filing deadlines for the applicable tax abatement.

(3) A second copy of the notices required by paragraph (2) of this subdivision shall be sent to both the eligible head of household and to the landlord 30 days prior to the real property tax filing deadline.

b. *Renewal notice.* The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall notify, or cause to be notified, each eligible head of household about the renewal requirements for the senior citizen rent increase exemption and disability rent increase exemption at least 60 days before each applicable rent increase exemption renewal application deadline. Such renewal notice shall read substantially as follows: “YOU ARE ADVISED THAT YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION OR DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE NO LATER THAN (ENTER DATE).” The commissioner of finance or the head of such other agency as the mayor may designate shall include with such renewal notice the necessary renewal application forms for the senior citizen rent increase exemption and the disability rent increase exemption.

c. *Removal notice.* The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall notify, or cause to be notified, each eligible head of household when such person’s senior citizen rent increase exemption or disability rent increase exemption is at risk of being removed for reasons other than such person’s failure to file a renewal application. Such removal notice shall read substantially as follows: “YOU ARE ADVISED THAT YOUR SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION OR DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION IS AT RISK OF BEING REMOVED (IDENTIFY REASON FOR REMOVAL). You are encouraged to contact (insert the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate) at (insert agency telephone number and address) for additional information, including how you may re-enroll.”

d. *Third party notice.* (1) An eligible head of household may request that a notice be sent to an adult third party. Such request shall be made on a form prescribed by the commissioner of finance, and shall be submitted to the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate. The designated third party must consent to such designation in a part of such form provided therefor. Such request shall be effective upon receipt by the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate. The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall maintain a list of all eligible heads of households who have requested third party notices pursuant to this paragraph.

(2) The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall send a renewal notice to the designated third party whenever a renewal notice is sent to the eligible head of household; provided that no such renewal notice need be sent in the first year if the third party notice request was not received by the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate at least 60 days before the applicable exemption renewal application deadline. Such renewal notice shall read substantially as follows: “ON BEHALF OF (IDENTIFY SENIOR CITIZEN(S) OR PERSON(S) WITH A DISABILITY), YOU ARE ADVISED THAT HIS, HER, OR THEIR RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION OR DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE NO LATER THAN (ENTER DATE). You are encouraged to remind him, her, or them of that fact, and to offer assistance if needed, although you are under no legal obligation to do so. Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated.”

(3) The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall send a removal notice to the designated third party whenever a removal notice is sent to the eligible head of household. Such removal

notice shall read substantially as follows: “ON BEHALF OF (IDENTIFY SENIOR CITIZEN(S) OR PERSON(S) WITH DISABILITY) YOU ARE ADVISED THAT HIS, HER, OR THEIR SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION OR DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION IS AT RISK OF BEING REMOVED (IDENTIFY REASON FOR REMOVAL). You are encouraged to make sure that he, she, or they are aware of that fact, and to offer assistance if needed, although you are under no legal obligation to do so. Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated.”

(4) The obligation to mail the notices required by this subdivision shall cease if the eligible head of household cancels the request or ceases to qualify for the senior citizen rent increase exemption or disability rent increase exemption.

e. Transfer notice upon the death or permanent exit of the eligible head of household. Based upon a review of available applicable information, the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall send a transfer notice to the household via mail whenever there is the option to transfer a rent increase exemption. The option to transfer a rent increase exemption shall be available for 6 months after the eligible head of household dies or permanently leaves the dwelling unit, or 90 days after the date of notice from the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate which informed the household that the rent increase exemption benefit expired upon the death of the head of household, whichever is later. Such notice shall include an explanation of the process to transfer the exemption to an eligible surviving household member and the time period to do so, accompanied by the form necessary to transfer the exemption.

f. Failure to provide or receive required notice. Failure to provide any notice required by a provision of this section, or failure of a party to receive the same, shall not affect the validity of the levy, collection, or enforcement of taxes on property owned by a landlord.

§ 2. Chapter 4 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 26-509.1 to read as follows:

§ 26-509.1 Notice of rent increase exemptions and tax abatement. a. General notice. (1) The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall notify, or cause to be notified, each eligible head of household about the senior citizen rent increase exemption and disability rent increase exemption and shall also notify, or cause to be notified, each landlord or owner, of the tax abatements available pursuant to this chapter.

(2) (a) The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall send a notice or legend to each eligible head of household via mail which reads substantially as follows: “IF YOU ARE A SENIOR CITIZEN OR A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO A RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION. For further information please call or write (insert the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate) at (insert agency telephone number and address), which shall provide additional information on the exemption programs and all necessary forms and applications.” The commissioner of finance or the head of such other agency as the mayor may designate shall include with such notice or legend detailed information about the eligibility requirements, necessary application forms, and filing deadlines for the senior citizen rent increase exemption and the disability rent increase exemption.

(b) The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall also send a notice or legend to the landlord or owner with each tax bill, which reads substantially as follows: “YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A TAX ABATEMENT IF ANY OF THE TENANTS IN A DWELLING UNIT ON YOUR PROPERTY RECEIVES A SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION OR A DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION. For further information please call or write (insert the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate) at (insert agency telephone number and address), which shall provide additional information on the tax abatements and all necessary forms and applications.” The commissioner of finance or the head of such other agency as the mayor may designate shall include with such notice or legend detailed information about the eligibility requirements, necessary application forms, and filing deadlines for the applicable tax abatement.

(3) A second copy of the notices required by paragraph (2) of this subdivision shall be sent to both the eligible head of household and to the landlord or owner 30 days prior to the real property tax filing deadline.

b. Renewal notice. The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall notify, or cause to be notified, each eligible head of household about the renewal requirements for the senior citizen rent increase exemption and disability rent increase exemption at least 60 days before each applicable rent increase exemption renewal application deadline. Such renewal notice shall read substantially as follows: “YOU

ARE ADVISED THAT YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION OR DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE NO LATER THAN (ENTER DATE).” The commissioner of finance or the head of such other agency as the mayor may designate shall include with such renewal notice the necessary renewal application forms for the senior citizen rent increase exemption and the disability rent increase exemption.

c. Removal notice. The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall notify, or cause to be notified, each eligible head of household when such person’s senior citizen rent increase exemption or disability rent increase exemption is at risk of being removed for reasons other than such person’s failure to file a renewal application. Such removal notice shall read substantially as follows: “YOU ARE ADVISED THAT YOUR SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION OR DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION IS AT RISK OF BEING REMOVED (IDENTIFY REASON FOR REMOVAL). You are encouraged to contact (insert the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate) at (insert agency telephone number and address) for additional information, including how you may re-enroll.”

d. Third party notice. (1) An eligible head of household may request that a notice be sent to an adult third party. Such request shall be made on a form prescribed by the commissioner of finance, and shall be submitted to the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate. The designated third party must consent to such designation in a part of such form provided therefor. Such request shall be effective upon receipt by the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate. The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall maintain a list of all eligible heads of households who have requested third party notices pursuant to this paragraph.

(2) The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall send a renewal notice to the designated third party whenever a renewal notice is sent to the eligible head of household; provided that no such renewal notice need be sent in the first year if the third party notice request was not received by the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate at least 60 days before the applicable exemption renewal application deadline. Such renewal notice shall read substantially as follows: “ON BEHALF OF (IDENTIFY SENIOR CITIZEN(S) OR PERSON(S) WITH A DISABILITY), YOU ARE ADVISED THAT HIS, HER, OR THEIR RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION OR DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE NO LATER THAN (ENTER DATE). You are encouraged to remind him, her, or them of that fact, and to offer assistance if needed, although you are under no legal obligation to do so. Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated.”

(3) The department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall send a removal notice to the designated third party whenever a removal notice is sent to the eligible head of household. Such removal notice shall read substantially as follows: “ON BEHALF OF (IDENTIFY SENIOR CITIZEN(S) OR PERSON(S) WITH DISABILITY) YOU ARE ADVISED THAT HIS, HER, OR THEIR SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION OR DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION IS AT RISK OF BEING REMOVED (IDENTIFY REASON FOR REMOVAL). You are encouraged to make sure that he, she, or they are aware of that fact, and to offer assistance if needed, although you are under no legal obligation to do so. Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated.”

(4) The obligation to mail the notices required by this subdivision shall cease if the eligible head of household cancels the request or ceases to qualify for the senior citizen rent increase exemption or disability rent increase exemption.

e. Transfer notice upon the death or permanent exit of the eligible head of household. Based upon a review of available applicable information, the department of finance or such other agency as the mayor may designate shall send a transfer notice to the household via mail whenever there is the option to transfer a rent increase exemption. The option to transfer a rent increase exemption shall be available for 6 months after the eligible head of household dies or permanently leaves the dwelling unit, or 90 days after the date of notice from the department of finance and such other agency as the mayor may designate which informed the household that the rent increase exemption benefit expired upon the death of the head of household, whichever is later. Such notice shall include an explanation of the process to transfer the exemption to an eligible surviving household member and the time period to do so, accompanied by the form necessary to transfer the exemption.

f. Failure to provide or receive required notice. Failure to provide any notice required by a provision of this section, or failure of a party to receive the same, shall not affect the validity of the levy, collection, or enforcement of taxes on property owned by a landlord.

§ 3. The first undesignated paragraph of section 26-601 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 26-601 Definitions. As used in this [section.] chapter:

§ 4. Chapter 7 of title 26 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 26-618 to read as follows:

§ 26-618 Notice of rent increase exemptions, tax abatement, and exemption from PILOT. a. General notice.

(1) The supervising agency shall notify, or cause to be notified, each eligible head of household about the senior citizen rent increase exemption and disability rent increase exemption. The department of finance shall notify, or cause to be notified, each housing company managing any dwelling unit of an eligible head of household, about the tax abatement available pursuant to this chapter.

(2) (a) The supervising agency shall send a notice or legend to each eligible head of household via mail which reads substantially as follows: “IF YOU ARE A SENIOR CITIZEN OR A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO A RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION. For further information please call or write the department of housing preservation and development at (insert agency telephone number and address), which shall provide additional information on the exemption programs and all necessary forms and applications.” The supervising agency shall include with such notice or legend detailed information about the eligibility requirements, necessary application forms, and filing deadlines for the senior citizen rent increase exemption and the disability rent increase exemption.

(b) The department of finance shall also send a notice or legend to the housing company with each tax bill or to the lessee of an applicable battery park city property with each PILOT bill, which reads substantially as follows: “YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A TAX ABATEMENT OR EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) IF ANY OF THE TENANTS IN A DWELLING UNIT ON YOUR PROPERTY RECEIVES A SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION OR A DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION. For further information please call or write the department of finance at (insert agency telephone number and address), which shall provide additional information on the tax abatements or PILOT exemptions and all necessary forms and applications.” The commissioner of finance shall include with such notice or legend detailed information about the eligibility requirements, necessary application forms, and filing deadlines for the applicable tax abatement or PILOT exemption.

(3) A second copy of the notice required by paragraph (2) of this subdivision shall be sent to both the eligible head of household and to the housing company or lessee of an applicable battery park city property 30 days prior to the real property tax filing deadline.

b. Renewal notice. The supervising agency shall notify, or cause to be notified, each eligible head of household about the renewal requirements for the senior citizen rent increase exemption and disability rent increase exemption at least 60 days before each applicable rent increase exemption renewal application deadline. Such renewal notice shall read substantially as follows: “YOU ARE ADVISED THAT YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION OR DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT NO LATER THAN (ENTER DATE).” The supervising agency shall include with such renewal notice the necessary renewal application forms for the senior citizen rent increase exemption and the disability rent increase exemption.

c. Removal notice. The supervising agency shall notify, or cause to be notified, each eligible head of household when such person’s senior citizen rent increase exemption or disability rent increase exemption is at risk of being removed for reasons other than such person’s failure to file a renewal application. Such removal notice shall read substantially as follows: “YOU ARE ADVISED THAT YOUR SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION OR DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION IS AT RISK OF BEING REMOVED (IDENTIFY REASON FOR REMOVAL). You are encouraged to contact the Department of Housing Preservation and Development at (insert agency telephone number and address) for additional information, including how you may re-enroll.”

d. Third party notice. (1) An eligible head of household may request that a notice be sent to an adult third party. Such request shall be made on a form prescribed by either the commissioner of finance or the head of the

supervising agency, and shall be submitted to the supervising agency. The designated third party must consent to such designation in a part of such form provided therefor. Such request shall be effective upon receipt by the supervising agency. The supervising agency shall maintain a list of all eligible heads of households who have requested third party notices pursuant to this paragraph.

(2) The supervising agency shall send a renewal notice to the designated third party whenever a renewal notice is sent to the eligible head of household; provided that no such renewal notice need be sent in the first year if the third party notice request was not received by the supervising agency at least 60 days before the applicable exemption renewal application deadline, as applicable. Such renewal notice shall read substantially as follows: “ON BEHALF OF (IDENTIFY SENIOR CITIZEN(S) OR PERSON(S) WITH A DISABILITY), YOU ARE ADVISED THAT HIS, HER, OR THEIR RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION OR DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT NO LATER THAN (ENTER DATE). You are encouraged to remind him, her, or them of that fact, and to offer assistance if needed, although you are under no legal obligation to do so. Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated.”

(3) The supervising agency shall send a removal notice to the designated third party whenever a removal notice is sent to the eligible head of household. Such removal notice shall read substantially as follows: “ON BEHALF OF (IDENTIFY SENIOR CITIZEN(S) OR PERSON(S) WITH DISABILITY) YOU ARE ADVISED THAT HIS, HER, OR THEIR SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION OR DISABILITY EXEMPTION IS AT RISK OF BEING REMOVED (IDENTIFY REASON FOR REMOVAL). You are encouraged to make sure that he, she, or they are aware of that fact, and to offer assistance if needed, although you are under no legal obligation to do so. Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated.”

(4) The obligation to mail the notices required by this subdivision shall cease if the eligible head of household cancels the request or ceases to qualify for the senior exemption or disability exemption.

e. Transfer notice upon the death or permanent exit of the eligible head of household. Based upon a review of available applicable information, the supervising agency shall send a transfer notice to a member of the household via mail whenever there is the option to transfer a rent increase exemption. The option to transfer a rent increase exemption shall be available for 6 months after the head of household dies or permanently leaves the dwelling unit, or 90 days after the date of notice from the supervising agency informing a member of the household that the rent increase exemption benefit has expired upon the death of the head of household, whichever is later. Such notice shall include an explanation of the process to transfer the exemption to an eligible surviving household member and the time period to do so, accompanied by the form necessary to transfer the exemption.

f. Failure to provide or receive required notice. Failure to provide any notice required by a provision of this section, or failure of a party to receive the same, shall not affect the validity of the levy, collection, or enforcement of taxes on property owned by a housing company, nor shall it affect the validity of the levy, collection, or enforcement of PILOT on an applicable battery park city property.

§ 5. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Buildings.

Res. No. 562

Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.8209/A.8129, in relation to enacting the New York artificial intelligence bill of rights.

By Council Members Menin and Gutiérrez.

Whereas, Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) is largely defined as a category of technology focusing on the simulation of human intelligence by machines, with AI technologies used to carry out tasks and objectives with varying levels of autonomy; and

Whereas, AI technologies are used in applications like facial recognition, digital assistants, chatbots, and personalized algorithmic curation within social media, shopping, and streaming services; and

Whereas, The advent of generative AI applications like ChatGPT, in which applications are able to create new content based on their training data, introduced a new wave of AI adoption; and

Whereas, Surveys and reports from organizations including IBM, McKinsey, Forbes, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have found that, compared to 2023, far more businesses and people in 2024 are either currently using or planning to use generative AI applications in their professional and personal lives; and

Whereas, The widespread adoption of traditional and generative AI technologies has led to an increased awareness of the harms stemming from the overreliance on, and lack of regulation of, these technologies, with research finding major concerns, including algorithmic bias, blind trust in computer-generated outcomes, cybersecurity and privacy risks, and algorithmic black boxes in which researchers themselves do not know how their AI models reach their conclusions; and

Whereas, Real-world negative impacts of AI applications have been documented, including through algorithmic flaws, such as false-positive facial recognition matches leading to wrongful arrests and a rent pricing algorithm erroneously creating exorbitantly high rents, improper deployment, such as a botched rollout of a government chatbot leading to service interruptions, and malicious use, such as deepfakes and ChatGPT-enabled phishing cyberattacks; and

Whereas, In response to businesses' growing reliance on AI hiring tools coupled with documented research on how such tools can exacerbate pre-existing human biases, New York City enacted Local Law 144 of 2021, which prohibits employers and employment agencies from using automated employment decision tools unless they have been audited for bias and requires certain notices to be provided to candidates and employees regarding the use of such tools; and

Whereas, The National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee released an October 2023 report which recommended adaptive regulation of AI technologies to ensure that AI serves instead of harms humanity; and

Whereas, S.8209, sponsored by State Senator Jeremy A. Cooney, and companion bill A.8129, sponsored by State Assembly Member Clyde Vanel, would enact the New York artificial intelligence bill of rights; and

Whereas, The New York artificial intelligence bill of rights would protect New Yorkers from potential harms of AI use by establishing rights such as a right to safe and effective systems, a right to not face algorithmic discrimination, a right to opt out of an automated system, and a right to have agency over one's data; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.8209/A.8129, in relation to enacting the New York artificial intelligence bill of rights.

Referred to the Committee on Civil and Human Rights.

Int. No. 1035

By Council Members Nurse and Cabán.

A Local Law in relation to a review of the potential use of lower-strength oleoresin capsicum sprays in facilities operated by the department of correction

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. a. Definitions. For purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:
Commissioner. The term "commissioner" means the commissioner of correction.

Department. The term "department" means the department of correction.

Higher-strength OC spray. The term "higher-strength OC spray" means an OC spray containing a greater than 1% concentration of major capsaicinoids.

Lower-strength OC spray. The term "lower-strength OC spray" means an OC spray containing a less than 1% concentration of major capsaicinoids.

OC spray. The term "OC spray" means an oleoresin capsicum spray.

b. Study on lower-strength OC spray. The commissioner shall conduct a study on the feasibility of using lower-strength OC sprays in all department facilities. Through such study, the commissioner shall:

1. Determine whether a lower-strength OC spray will produce a sufficient response to any situation that may compromise the safety, security, or order in a department facility, such that it could be utilized instead of a higher-strength OC spray with comparable effectiveness;

2. Determine whether there are any correction officers, incarcerated persons, or others physically present in department facilities who may experience medical complications as a result of the use of higher-strength OC sprays, and whether they would benefit from the use of lower-strength OC sprays;

3. Survey correctional facilities in other jurisdictions to determine the types of OC sprays in use in the facilities, as well as best practices for the use of OC sprays in such facilities.

c. Report. No later than 1 year after the effective date of this local law, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post on the department's website, a report on the findings of the study required pursuant to subdivision b of this local law. Such report shall also include, if the study determines lower-strength OC sprays may not be used effectively in all instances, whether issuing lower-strength OC sprays to correction officers and appropriate staff who may be at risk to adverse reactions from higher-strength OC sprays can be achieved without unreasonably compromising safety.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

Int. No. 1036

By Council Members Nurse, Lee, Restler and Cabán.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of correction to provide reports regarding people in custody who have been ordered to undergo a mental health examination

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 9 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 9-168 to read as follows:

§ 9-168 *Reporting on court-ordered mental health examinations.* a. *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Mental health examination. The term “mental health evaluation” means an evaluation performed by a psychiatric examiner pursuant to section 730 of the criminal procedure law.

Order of examination. The term “order of examination” has the same meaning as set forth in section 730 of the criminal procedure law.

Incapacitated person. The term “incapacitated person” has the same meaning as set forth in section 730 of the criminal procedure law.

Appropriate institution. The term “appropriate institution” has the same meaning as set forth in section 730 of the criminal procedure law.

b. Beginning no later than April 30, 2025, and within 30 days of each quarter thereafter, the department of correction, in consultation with correctional health services, the office of criminal justice, and other relevant agencies, shall send a report regarding people in custody who have been ordered to undergo a mental health examination to the mayor and the speaker of the council and post such report on the department's website during the prior quarter. The information required by this section shall be reported in a format capable of automatic processing. Such report shall include the following information in total and disaggregated by the county wherein such persons were originally charged with a criminal offense;

1. The number of people in custody with a pending mental health examination, further disaggregated by whether the person was charged felony or misdemeanor offense, and the housing area type where such

- persons are being detained;*
2. *The number of people in custody with a pending mental health examination who were admitted to the department's custody during the current reporting period, further disaggregated by whether the person in custody was charged with a felony or misdemeanor offense, and the housing area type where such persons are being detained;*
 3. *The number of people in custody deemed an incapacitated person following a mental health examination, further disaggregated by whether the person was charged felony or misdemeanor offense, and the housing area type where such persons are being detained;*
 4. *The number of people in custody deemed an incapacitated person following a mental health examination who were admitted to the department's custody during the current reporting period, further disaggregated by whether the person was charged felony or misdemeanor offense, and the housing area type where such persons are being detained;*
 5. *The number and percentage of mental health examinations conducted virtually as opposed to in person;*
 6. *The average length of time between when correction health services receives an order of examination and the date a mental health examination is scheduled;*
 7. *The average length of time between the date correctional health services schedules a mental health examination and the first scheduled mental health examination date;*
 8. *The number and percentage of mental health examinations not successfully completed on the first scheduled date, further disaggregated by the reason the mental health examination was not completed, including but not limited to, the department's failure to escort the person in custody to their mental health examination, the lack of an available psychiatric examiner, the virtual mental health examination being canceled due to technical problems, the person in custody refusing to attend their mental health examination, and movement of the person in custody being restricted due to a lockdown, search, or alarm in their housing facility;*
 9. *For mental health examinations not completed on the first scheduled date, the average length of time between the first scheduled mental health examination date and the second scheduled mental health examination date;*
 10. *The number and percentage of people in custody with a pending mental health examination, who have had more than two scheduled appointments without a completed mental health examination;*
 11. *The average length of time between when correctional health services receives an order of examination and completion of the mental health examination;*
 12. *The percentage of people in custody who completed a mental health examination during the current reporting period who were deemed an incapacitated person;*
 13. *The average length of time between the department receiving notice that a person is to be discharged to an appropriate institution and such persons being discharged from the department's custody, further disaggregated by whether the person was charged felony or misdemeanor offense;*
 14. *The average length of time between when a person is admitted to the custody of the department and when they are discharged to an appropriate institution, further disaggregated by whether the person was charged with a felony or misdemeanor offense.*

§2. This local law takes effect immediately

Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

Int. No. 1037

By Council Members Nurse, Restler and Cabán.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to posting certain information in multiple dwellings containing rent stabilized units

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 27-2104 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 5 for the year 1992, is amended to read as follows:

§ 27-2104 Posting of serial number *and sign regarding rent stabilized units*. *a.* An identification sign containing the dwelling serial number assigned by the department for the purpose of identifying the registered multiple dwelling and the owner, managing agent, and agent designated by the owner for the collection of rental payments if different from the managing agent, shall be posted in every multiple dwelling in the manner and location prescribed by the department.

b. In any multiple dwelling that contains one or more dwelling units subject to rent stabilization pursuant to chapter 4 of title 26, a sign shall be posted in the common area at the entrance of all such buildings and shall read as follows: "This building contains one or more units that are subject to rent stabilization. To find out if your unit is rent stabilized, contact New York State Homes and Community Renewal." The sign shall also include the address of the website where a rent stabilization inquiry may be submitted to New York state homes and community renewal, which shall be updated as needed.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Buildings.

Int. No. 1038

By Council Members Nurse, Restler, Hanif and Cabán.

A Local Law in relation to a master plan for the redevelopment of Rikers Island for sustainability and resiliency purposes

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. *a.* Definitions. For purposes of this section:

The terms "capital project," "scope of project," "proposed scope of project," and "cost" have the same meanings as set forth in section 210 of the New York city charter.

The term "departmental estimate" has the same meaning as set forth in section 212 of the New York city charter.

b. No later than December 31, 2026, the department of citywide administrative services shall submit to the mayor and to the speaker of the council a master plan for the redevelopment of Rikers Island for sustainability and resiliency purposes. Such master plan shall include but need not be limited to use of Rikers Island for wastewater treatment, renewable energy generation and storage, and off-shore wind converter stations. Such master plan shall contain a proposed capital project plan, estimated implementation timeline if such master plan were implemented, and detailed estimate of the costs to design or construct and maintain each proposed capital project. In addition, such master plan shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. For each proposed capital project, a preliminary scope of project that conforms to the standards and limits set out under section 221 of the New York city charter;

2. For each proposed capital project, a recommendation as to whether such proposed capital project should be included in the relevant agency's departmental estimate for the ensuing fiscal year;

3. A proposed schedule for the preparation and acquisition of all necessary land use approvals and environmental reviews;

4. The proposed sources of funding for each proposed project, including estimated expenditures for each fiscal year until its completion;

5. An evaluation of any alterations to the surface elevation of Rikers Island that may be necessary to accommodate the proposed projects;

6. An evaluation of whether energy infrastructure or battery storage can be co-located with other proposed projects; and

7. An evaluation of the electric infrastructure capacity and ability to transmit power from Rikers Island into the electric grid, including potential points of interconnection and related costs and the potential need to add transmission capacity.

c. In preparing the master plan, the department of citywide administrative services shall consult with the department of environmental protection, the office of long-term planning and sustainability, the department of city planning, the department of design and construction, the office of management and budget, the mayor's office of contract services, the Rikers Island advisory committee as established pursuant to subdivision b of section 4-215 of the administrative code of the city of New York, and any other city agency, office, or entity that may aid or influence the siting, planning, construction or maintenance of each proposed project.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation.

Int. No. 1039

By Council Members Restler, Ossé, Marte, Hudson, Cabán, Brannan and Hanif.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to setting maximum amounts for certain member usage fees charged by a bike share operator

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 3 of chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-194.1 to read as follows:

§ 19-194.1 *Bike share fees. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:*

Bicycle. The term "bicycle" has the same meaning as set forth in subdivision a of section 19-176.

Bicycle with electric assist. The term "bicycle with electric assist" has the same meaning as set forth in section 102-c of the vehicle and traffic law.

Bicycle without electric assist. The term "bicycle without electric assist" means a bicycle that is not a bicycle with electric assist.

Bike share operator. The term "bike share operator" has the same meaning as set forth in subdivision a of section 19-194.

Bike share program. The term "bike share program" has the same meaning as set forth in subdivision a of section 19-194.

Member. The term "member" means an individual who, due to payment of a membership or subscription fee to a bike share program, is entitled to use bike share program bicycles at no cost or a discounted cost for a period of no less than 10 days.

Member usage fee. The term "member usage fee" means the fee charged to a member for the period between the check out and return of a bicycle, not including (i) charges for damaged, lost, stolen or otherwise unreturned bicycles or (ii) any membership or subscription fee.

Subway fare. The term "subway fare" means the base fare for a subway ride set by the metropolitan transportation authority, excluding any discounts.

b. The member usage fee shall not exceed the subway fare when:

1. The period between check out and return of a bicycle with electric assist is 1 hour or less, or

2. The period between check out and return of a bicycle without electric assist is 2 hours or less.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law. Where the provisions of section 19-194.1 of the administrative code of the City of New York, as added by section one of this local law, cannot be applied consistently with currently applicable contracts, such provisions shall only apply with respect to contracts entered into or renewed after the effective date of this local law.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Int. No. 1040

By Council Members Rivera and Avilés.

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to creating expedited processing of FOIL requests to professional journalists

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 47 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 1058.1 to read as follows:

§ 1058.1 Expedited processing of freedom of information law requests. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Agency. The term “agency” means any governmental entity of the city of New York subject to the requirements of article 6 of the public officers law.

Expedited processing. The term “expedited processing” means, where an agency determines to grant a request in whole or in part, doing so within 10 business days from the date of acknowledgement of the receipt of the request; and if circumstances prevent disclosure within 10 business days from the date of the acknowledgement of the receipt of the request, the agency stating, in writing, both the reason for the inability to grant the request within 10 business days and a date certain within a reasonable period, depending on the circumstances, when the request will be granted in whole or in part, but never disclosing records later than six months from the date of acknowledgment of the receipt of the request.

Professional journalist. The term “professional journalist” means a person who is engaged in the gathering, preparing, collecting, writing, editing, filming, taping, or photographing of news intended for a newspaper, magazine, television or radio station, website, or other professional medium, service or agency which has as one of its regular functions the production or dissemination of news to the public.

Record. The term “record” means a record as defined in section 86 of the public officers law.

Request. The term “request” means a freedom of information law request for records made pursuant to article 6 of the public officers law and received by an agency.

b. Agencies shall provide for expedited processing of requests for records made by professional journalists.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 60 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation.

Int. No. 1041

By Council Members Sanchez, Ung, Lee, Brannan, Rivera, Abreu, Menin, Zhuang, Narcisse, Ossé, Avilés, Brooks-Powers, Ayala, Marte, Banks and Hanks.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to an outreach campaign to inform parents about their rights in relation to child care programs

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 22 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 22

CHILD CARE PROGRAM RIGHTS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

a. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

Child care program. The term “child care program” has the same meaning as set forth in section 47.01 of the New York city health code, and includes any child day care licensed or regulated pursuant to section 390 of the social services law.

Designated citywide languages. The term “designated citywide languages” has the same meaning as set forth in section 23-1101.

b. Outreach campaign. No later than 90 days after the effective date of the local law that added this chapter, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall conduct an outreach campaign to inform parents about their rights in relation to the care of their children in a child care program. The campaign shall be conducted citywide, and shall be designed to reach parents with children in a child care program. Campaign materials and communications shall be made available in all designated citywide languages, and shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

1. Information for parents on making complaints to state and local agencies regarding a child care program, including phone numbers, email addresses, or websites;

2. A statement of the right of a parent or a child’s legal guardian to have unrestricted access to their child at all times and to inspect on demand during hours of operation any area of a child care program where such child has access or which could present a hazard to the health and safety of such child, unless such right is otherwise limited by law or an order of protection;

3. A description of the information that must be posted by every child care program, including a permit, current performance summary card, a safety plan, a behavior-management policy, a suspension summary if one has been issued, and how to find a child care program’s most recent inspection report; and

4. A description of the information that child care programs are required to provide to parents and legal guardians, including policies and procedures relating to supervision, attendance, admission, discharge, emergency and illness management, and any required department informational resources including those regarding how to obtain more information about child care programs.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Int. No. 1042

By Council Members Sanchez, Lee, Brannan, Rivera, Abreu, Menin, Zhuang, Narcisse, Ossé, Avilés, Brooks-Powers, Ayala, Marte, Banks and Hanks.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting on training for child care inspectors

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-199.25 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.25 Report on child care inspector training. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the term “child care program” means a program providing child care for 5 or more hours per week, for more than 30 days in a 12 month period, to 3 or more children under 6 years of age.

b. Report. No later than 6 months after the effective date of the local law that added this section, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and post on the department’s website a report on training provided to employees of the department who conduct inspections of child care programs. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

1. The types of training required for employees of the department who conduct inspections of child care programs, including the subject matter and specific information covered, and the entity that provides each type of training;

2. The types of training available for voluntary participation for employees of the department who conduct inspections of child care programs, including the subject matter and specific information covered, and the entity that provides each type of training;

3. How often each type of training is required to be taken or made available for voluntary participation; and

4. Any other information the department deems relevant.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Int. No. 1043

By Council Members Sanchez, Lee, Brannan, Rivera, Abreu, Zhuang, Nurse, Ossé, Avilés, Won, Brooks-Powers, Ayala, Banks and Hanks.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of health and mental hygiene to create and implement a public awareness strategy to offer overdose prevention and reversal training to public health sanitarians of the department and to teaching staff of child care programs

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 17-180.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a subdivision i to read as follows:

i. The department shall create and implement a public awareness strategy to advertise the overdose prevention and reversal training established by subdivision b of this section to public health sanitarians of the department and to teaching staff of child care programs, including child day care centers, family day care homes, and group family day care homes.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Res. No. 563

Resolution calling upon the New York State Senate to pass, the New York State Assembly to introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign, S.7815, which would tighten regulations, enhance inspections and background checks mandates, and provide training and resources to ensure the safety of children in child day care homes, programs, and facilities across New York State.

By Council Members Sanchez, Lee, Brannan, Rivera, Abreu, Menin, Ossé, Avilés, Won, Brooks-Powers, Ayala, Marte, Banks and Hanks.

Whereas, On September 15, 2023, a tragic incident occurred at a Bronx day care center resulting in death of a one-year-old Nicholas Feliz-Dominici, and hospitalization of three other children after they ingested fentanyl; and

Whereas, The tragedy has raised grave concerns about the existing safety and inspection regulations around home-based child day care facilities in New York City (NYC); and

Whereas, In the home-based day care center, authorities found a kilogram of fentanyl around the mats that children used for napping, along with three “kilo presses” – a device commonly used by drug dealers to package substantial quantities of drugs, – two of which were stored in a closet and one in the bedroom of one of the daycare’s tenants; and

Whereas, According to reports, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) conducted its routine inspection at the day care center less than a week before the incident occurred, and the inspection yielded no violations; and

Whereas, In a news conference, DOHMH Commissioner, Dr. Ashwin Vasan, admitted that childcare center inspectors are not trained in identifying potential hazards like illicit drugs, recognizing the need for policy changes to ensure the safety of children within day care facilities; and

Whereas, In response to the tragic incident, many policy makers and advocates are calling for stricter regulations for conducting site inspections of home-based child day care facilities, including requiring all rooms within the facility, including neighboring and adjacent rooms to be thoroughly inspected for any signs of danger including illicit drug usage and trafficking while ensuring that all inspectors and childcare center staff are provided drug detection and narcan trainings; and

Whereas, Additionally, there have been calls for stringent background checks for individuals living in childcare centers for longer than 3-5 days to ensure the safety of children attending a home-based day care; and

Whereas, In acknowledging the need for comprehensive and immediate action to enhance child safety in home-based daycare settings, New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera has introduced, S.7815, which would amend the social services law to include illegal drug detection and overdose prevention training and establish rights to transparency for parents of children enrolled in home-based day care; and

Whereas, The proposed bill mandates home-based child day care providers to annually update and openly display the number of household members living in the premises of the home-based child day care facility and provide the most updated information to an inspector, parent legal guardian, or relative of the child upon request; and

Whereas, The proposed bill also requires a background check for any new household members before they can access the center, and implements strong measures for failed background checks triggering action by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), including suspension or closure; and

Whereas, Additionally, the bill requires all inspections of child day care provider premises to include a thorough visual inspection of every room and closet in the home or facility, and every worker employed at OCFS will receive training on identifying illegal drugs and common paraphernalia; and

Whereas, Moreover, all child day care providers would be required to display a toll-free telephone number and email for the OCFS alongside their license; and

Whereas, Per the proposed bill, child day care providers must also provide and maintain onsite opioid antagonists as deemed necessary by the commissioner of health, accessible for use during emergencies related to opioid overdoses; and

Whereas, Furthermore, the Department of Health and the Office of Addiction Services and Supports, and OCFS would be required to provide information on overdose prevention training and free opioid antagonists to child day care providers and parents; and

Whereas, If passed, this bill would address existing inadequacies in the current home-based day care system through stringent regulations to prevent the unauthorized presence of dangerous substances and individuals, the creation of opioid overdose prevention and education programs, and establish parents' rights to transparency, serving as a crucial first step in ensuring the safety of our children; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Senate to pass, the New York State Assembly to introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign, S. 7815, which would tighten regulations, enhance inspections and background checks mandates, and provide training and resources to ensure the safety of children in child day care homes, programs, and facilities across New York State.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Int. No. 1044

By Council Members Schulman, Riley and Narcisse.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a mobile application on exercise and nutrition programs

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 23 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 9 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9
MOBILE APPLICATIONS

§ 23-901 Mobile application for exercise and nutrition programs. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term “mobile application” means a type of application software designed to run on a mobile device, such as a smartphone or tablet computer.

b. Mobile application required. The commissioner of information technology and telecommunications shall create and maintain a mobile application that provides information on exercise and nutrition programs. Such mobile application shall be operational no later than 6 months after the effective date of the local law that added this section and shall include information about every exercise and nutrition program run by an agency or submitted by an agency to the commissioner for inclusion in the mobile application. The programs included in the mobile application shall be searchable by location, type of program, and any other criteria determined by the commissioner.

c. Community-based organizations. The mobile application shall allow city-contracted community-based organizations to submit requests to include information about an exercise or nutrition program in the mobile application. Information about an exercise and nutrition program submitted by a city-contracted community-based organization may be included in the mobile application if it is approved by the commissioner in consultation with the commissioner of health and mental hygiene and commissioner of parks and recreation.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Technology.

Res. No. 564

Resolution calling on the New York State Governor to sign S.8760-A/A.9369-A, an act to amend the elder law, in relation to the automatic identification and enrollment of elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage program (EPIC) enrollees in the home energy assistance program (HEAP).

By Council Members Schulman, Yeger and Brewer.

Whereas, The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), funded by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), and administered by the New York City (NYC) Human Resources Administration (HRA) helps low-income households meet the cost of heating their homes by providing a cash benefit for fuel, heating equipment, and repairs; and

Whereas, In some instances, HEAP can also provide a Cooling Assistance benefit for the purchase and installation of one air conditioner or a fan, and a Clean and Tune Benefit for the cleaning of primary heating equipment; and

Whereas, Individuals are eligible for HEAP based on income and household size, heating source, and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older, or permanently disabled; and

Whereas, HEAP can ensure that lower income New Yorkers can afford their utility bills and can keep their homes at appropriate temperatures, avoiding possible ill health effects or fatalities caused by extreme heat or cold; and

Whereas, In order to access HEAP, potential beneficiaries must apply during a limited application cycle, so knowledge of the program and ability to provide eligibility documents is necessary for beneficiaries to be able to enroll; and

Whereas, Under-enrollment in benefits programs is a particular problem facing older adults due to lack of awareness of programs, poor digital literacy, administrative burden associated with enrollment, or feelings of stigma associated with receiving certain benefits; and

Whereas, Older adults are also more vulnerable to the physical dangers associated with extreme heat and cold; and

Whereas, Columbia University’s 2019 report, “Increasing Senior Participation in New York's Home Energy Assistance Program,” noted that in 2017, only 39% of older adult households who were eligible for HEAP were enrolled in the program; and

Whereas, New York State’s older adult population has increased by 30% in the last 10 years, according to research from Center for an Urban Future, and NYC is home to the largest older adult population in the state; and

Whereas, The poverty rate of older adults across NYC boroughs are also some of the highest in the State, with the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens ranking first, fourth, seventh, and eighth respectively, out of all New York Counties; and

Whereas, According to a July 2024 report from Robin Hood and the Columbia University Center on Poverty and Social Policy, “The Prevalence and Persistence of Energy Insecurity in NYC,” in an average year, 20% of New Yorkers fall behind on utility payments, and 43% of New Yorkers living below the poverty line have had their utilities shut off due to nonpayment at least once in the last 5 years; and

Whereas, The report also notes that programs such as HEAP, which directly reduce electricity costs, are important solutions to energy insecurity but suffer from under-enrollment, especially by older adults; and

Whereas, Senate Bill S.8760-A, introduced by New York State Senator Cordell Cleare and passed the State Senate, and companion bill A.9369-A, introduced by New York State Assembly Member John McDonald and passed in the Assembly, would provide for automatic identification of participants in the elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage (EPIC) program database for enrollment in HEAP; and

Whereas, S.8760-A/A.9369-A allows enrollees in the EPIC program to consent to their information being used to confirm eligibility for HEAP and automatically enroll those found eligible; and

Whereas, The EPIC program helps older adults aged 65 and over in New York State supplement their out-of-pocket Medicare Part D drug plan costs; and

Whereas, The eligible annual income for the EPIC program is below \$75,000 for a single person and below \$100,000 for a married person; and

Whereas, The current HEAP monthly income limit for a household of one is \$3,035, or \$36,420 annually and goes up to \$9,532 monthly, or \$114,384 annually for a household of 13, meaning that most older adults who are eligible for EPIC will also be eligible for HEAP; and

Whereas, S.8760-A/A.9369-A would streamline and automate the HEAP enrollment process, making it easier for NYC’s older adults to access this critical benefit; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Governor to Sign S.8760-A/A.9369-A, an act to amend the elder law, in relation to the automatic identification and enrollment of elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage program enrollees in the home energy assistance program.

Referred to the Committee on Aging.

Int. No. 1045

By Council Members Ung and Schulman.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the operation of shared electric scooter systems on certain streets in the Borough of Queens

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 3 of chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-176.4 to read as follows:

§ 19-176.4 Geographic restrictions on shared electric scooter systems. a Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Electric scooter. The term “electric scooter” has the meaning as provided in section 114-e of the vehicle and traffic law or any successor provision.

Shared electric scooter organization. The term “shared electric scooter organization” means a natural person, organization, or entity that operates a fleet of shared electric scooters available for rent to the public on a short-term basis.

Shared electric scooter system. The term “shared electric scooter system” means a network of self-service and publicly available electric scooters and related infrastructure.

b. The department shall not permit a shared electric scooter organization to install electric scooter parking corrals, authorize operators of shared electric scooters to traverse, or otherwise operate its shared electric scooter system on the following streets:

1. In the Borough of Queens:

(a) Main Street: Northern Boulevard to Sanford Avenue;

(b) 38th Avenue: Prince Street to 138th Street;

(c) Prince Street: 38th Avenue to 39th Avenue;

(d) 39th Avenue: College Point Boulevard to Union Street;

(e) Lippman Plaza: 39th Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue;

(f) Roosevelt Avenue: College Point Boulevard to Union Street;

(g) 41st Avenue: College Point Boulevard to Union Street;

(h) Kissena Boulevard: 41st Avenue to Barclay Avenue; and

(i) Sanford Avenue: Frame Place to Main Street.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Res. No. 565

Resolution designating January 12 annually as Sheila Jackson Lee Appreciation Day in the City of New York to recognize her contributions as a highly effective 15-term Congresswoman, who was a forceful and skillful advocate for civil rights and progressive causes.

By Council Members Williams, Farías, Stevens, Restler, Ossé, Brooks-Powers, Marte, Hanif and Salaam.

Whereas, Sheila Jackson Lee was born in Queens County on January 12, 1950, to Ivalita Bennett Jackson, a hospital vocational nurse, and to Ezra Jackson, whose parents had immigrated from Jamaica and who worked as a cartoonist for Marvel Comics in the 1940s, until white workers returned from World War II to reclaim their jobs, and then worked as a hospital orderly and day worker; and

Whereas, Sheila Jackson Lee attended public elementary and secondary schools in Queens in the early days of desegregation and was bused to largely white schools; and

Whereas, As a junior at Jamaica High School, she ran for student council vice president, but was elected secretary because, as she later surmised, it had been considered a more suitable position for a young woman; and

Whereas, She was able to attend New York University (NYU) because she received a grant that NYU had made available to Black students in response to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

Whereas, In an interview decades later, she explained that the grant made in memory of Dr. King had allowed her to seize the opportunities that she believed had then opened up to her, saying that she had benefitted from “the hills and valleys, the broken bodies and broken hearts, the loss of life of many who have gone on before me”; and

Whereas, She transferred to Yale University, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in political science with honors in 1972 and met Elwyn Cornelius Lee, whom she married a year later; and

Whereas, After graduating from the University of Virginia with a law degree in 1975, she worked in Washington, D.C., for three years for the House Select Committee on Assassinations; and

Whereas, She and her husband moved to his hometown of Houston, Texas, where she first worked as a lawyer and was eventually appointed as a municipal judge; and

Whereas, In 1988 in Houston, she was initiated into the Alpha Kappa Omega graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, one of the nine Black Greek-Letter Organizations of college-educated women and men, known widely as the Divine Nine, which are committed to “community awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural service activities”; and

Whereas, In 1989, she was first elected to public office to an at-large seat on the Houston City Council; and

Whereas, In 1994, Representative (Rep.) Jackson Lee was elected to the United States (U.S.) House of Representatives for the first of 15 terms to represent the 18th Congressional District of Texas, a seat once held by the iconic Black Democratic Congresswoman Barbara Jordan; and

Whereas, According to the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, which noted Rep. Jackson Lee’s “legacy of unwavering dedication to justice and equality,” she “played a crucial role” in passing the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which made it possible for more low-income students to attend college, and in reauthorizing the Voting Rights Act, which protected the voting rights of citizens of all racial backgrounds nationwide; and

Whereas, Rep. Jackson Lee was the author and lead sponsor of the 2021 legislation establishing June 19, or Juneteenth, as the first new federal holiday in 38 years, commemorating the day in 1865 that the last slaves, who were living in Galveston, Texas, were told that they had been freed; and

Whereas, In 2022, Rep. Jackson Lee led the charge to reauthorize the then-expired Violence Against Women Act, which originally had protected women from domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, but was expanded under Jackson Lee’s leadership to address protections for Native American, transgender, and immigrant women; and

Whereas, Rep. Jackson Lee was passionate about supporting legislation she considered important, even when she believed it could not be passed, including getting reparations for Black Americans suffering from the long-lasting effects of slavery or, as she described it, “the pain, the violence, the brutality, the chattel-ness of what we went through”; and

Whereas, During her years in Congress, Rep. Jackson Lee served as the chief deputy Democratic whip; chaired the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation; chaired the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee for Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security; and served on the Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Budget committees; and

Whereas, The Center for Effective Lawmaking, a joint project of the University of Virginia and Vanderbilt University, regularly ranked Rep. Jackson Lee as one of the most effective Congressional representatives; and

Whereas, After losing a primary race to serve as the Democratic nominee for mayor of Houston in 2023, Rep. Jackson Lee successfully captured the Democratic nomination to run again for her Congressional seat in November, 2024, which would have marked her 16th term in Congress; and

Whereas, Rep. Jackson Lee, who had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, died on July 19, 2024, and is survived by her husband, who serves as a senior administrator at the University of Houston, their two children, and their two grandchildren; and

Whereas, U.S. Vice President and fellow Alpha Kappa Alpha member Kamala Harris, who later eulogized Rep. Jackson Lee at her funeral, published a statement on July 20, 2024, regarding Rep. Jackson Lee’s passing and describing her as “a tenacious advocate for justice and a tireless fighter for the people of Houston and the people of America”; and

Whereas, Vice President Harris continued that Rep. Jackson Lee “saw what could be—a nation that is more equal, more fair, and more free—and she dedicated her life to realizing that vision”; and

Whereas, As Rep. Jackson Lee lay in state at the Houston City Hall rotunda, U.S. President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., came to pay his respects, having noted that she was “always fearless” in “[speaking] truth to power” and in “[representing] the power of the people of her district in Houston with dignity and grace”; and

Whereas, At Rep. Jackson Lee’s funeral on August 1 at Fallbrook Church in North Houston, she was eulogized by many prominent political figures and civic leaders as a relentless advocate for her Houston constituents, for whom she always showed up to participate in local events, and as a formidable civil rights and progressive activist on the national scene; and

Whereas, In his eulogy, U.S. President William J. Clinton said that, during his presidency, Rep. Jackson Lee was on a very small “just say yes” list that he kept, which he said meant that “whatever it is they want, sooner or later, you’re going to do it, so you might as well save the taxpayers the time and money of hassling them over it” and just say yes; and

Whereas, The causes Rep. Jackson Lee fought hardest for in Congress are those that she learned about firsthand growing up in Queens, including the importance of civil rights for Black Americans and equal rights for women; and

Whereas, Those causes are as important to New Yorkers today as they were to Rep. Jackson Lee throughout her career; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York designates January 12 annually as Sheila Jackson Lee Appreciation Day in the City of New York to recognize her contributions as a highly effective 15-term Congresswoman, who was a forceful and skillful advocate for civil rights and progressive causes.

Referred to the Committee on Civil and Human Rights.

Res. No. 566

Resolution calling on Congress to pass, and the President to sign, H.R. 40, which establishes the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act.

By Council Members Williams, Stevens, Hudson, Louis, Riley, Restler, Ossé, Brooks-Powers, Marte, Hanif, Salaam and Avilés.

Whereas, Over the course of roughly 3 centuries, the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade forced over 12 million Africans out of their homes and onto ships to be bought and sold as slaves in the Americas; and

Whereas, By the time the institution of slavery was abolished in 1860, nearly 89 percent of African Americans living in the United States were enslaved; and

Whereas, Though slavery has been outlawed for 164 years, it was the foundation for systemic racism and inequity that still affects many African Americans today; and

Whereas, On January 9, 2023, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee introduced H.R. 40 in the United States House of Representatives; and

Whereas, H.R. 40 establishes the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act (the Commission); and

Whereas, Reparation is defined as the making of amends for a wrong one has done, by paying money to or otherwise helping those who have been wronged; and

Whereas, The Commission established by H.R. 40 is tasked with the following responsibilities:

- 1) Compile documentary evidence of slavery in the U.S.;
- 2) Study the role of the federal and state governments in supporting the institution of slavery;
- 3) Analyze discriminatory laws and policies against freed African slaves and their descendants;
- 4) Recommend ways the U.S. may recognize and remedy the effects of slavery and discrimination on African Americans, and including through a formal apology and compensation (i.e., reparations); and

Whereas, The Commission must consist of individuals from civil society and reparations organizations and individuals appointed by the President and congressional leadership; and

Whereas, Government employees, including members of Congress, may not serve on the Commission; and

Whereas, The Commission may hold hearings, subpoena witnesses and records, and contract with other entities to complete its aforementioned responsibilities; and

Whereas, The Commission could be vital for ongoing efforts to atone for the atrocities committed during slavery and to rectify the longstanding negative impacts the institution of slavery has had on the descendants of slaves; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon Congress to pass, and the President to sign, H.R. 40, which establishes the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act.

Referred to the Committee on Civil and Human Rights.

Res. No. 567

Resolution calling on the United States Congress to pass and the President to sign H.R.8525, also known as the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, to hold law enforcement accountable for misconduct in court, improve transparency through data collection, and reform police training and policies.

By Council Members Williams, Riley, Restler, Ossé, Brooks-Powers, Marte, Salaam, Cabán and Avilés.

Whereas, The tragic death of George Floyd in May 2020 highlighted systemic issues within law enforcement that have disproportionately affected marginalized communities, particularly Black and Brown individuals; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Justice’s 89-page report highlighted that the Minneapolis Police Department employed dangerous tactics and weapons, such as neck restraints and Tasers, for minor or nonexistent offenses, and that the department discriminated against people based on race and behavioral health disabilities; and

Whereas, The report further revealed that the Minneapolis Police Department’s accountability procedures were deeply flawed, with senior officers often dismissing or mischaracterizing legitimate complaints, thereby obstructing internal investigations and enabling continued misconduct; and

Whereas, As was expressed during mass protests following the murder of George Floyd, Black Americans and other marginalized communities continue to face daily discrimination and express ongoing concerns about systemic policing issues; and

Whereas, The organization, Mapping Police Violence has collected and analyzed data on over 1,200 police killings in 2023, compiled from diverse sources including media reports, obituaries, public records, and databases such as The Gun Violence Archive; and

Whereas, The Mapping Police Violence report indicates that many police killings involved individuals who did not pose an immediate threat, suggesting that with proper de-escalation, adherence to policies, and less lethal measures, these deaths could have been prevented; and

Whereas, The report also highlights a pattern of disproportionate use of force, particularly against racial minorities, and identifies systemic failures in accountability and decision-making, which, if addressed, could prevent future police killings and improve overall public safety; and

Whereas, The late Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee reintroduced the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, H.R. 8525, a comprehensive bill designed to address police misconduct, increase transparency, and promote safer policing practices nationwide; and

Whereas, The Act would lower the criminal intent standard for prosecuting police misconduct, limit qualified immunity, restrict the use of force, and ban practices such as chokeholds and no-knock warrants; and

Whereas, This legislation seeks to establish a national registry for police misconduct to prevent officers from evading accountability by transferring between jurisdictions, thereby ensuring that communities are protected from repeat offenders; and

Whereas, The Act also proposes to ban racial and religious profiling by law enforcement at federal, state and local levels, thereby promoting equality and justice within the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, H.R. 8525 would reform the legal doctrine of qualified immunity, allowing individuals to seek damages in civil court when their constitutional rights are violated by law enforcement officers; and

Whereas, Improved police training and policies, as required by the Act, will promote de-escalation, crisis intervention and bias awareness, fostering safer interactions between law enforcement and the communities they serve; and

Whereas, Transparency in data collection on police use of force and misconduct is vital for holding law enforcement agencies accountable and for informing effective policy decisions; and

Whereas, The passage of H.R. 8525 would address the deep-seated issues of racial injustice and police violence that have plagued communities across the nation, including New York City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the United States Congress to pass and the President to sign H.R.8525, also known as the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, to hold law enforcement accountable for misconduct in court, improve transparency through data collection, and reform police training and policies.

Referred to the Committee on Civil and Human Rights.

Res. No. 568

Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, Senate Bill S.7738, the New York Slavery Era Business and State Procurement Act.

By Council Members Williams, Stevens, Ossé, Brooks-Powers, Marte and Salaam.

Whereas, Chattel slavery of Africans was an integral part of the American economy and international trade before its abolition during the Civil War; and

Whereas, The trade and shipping of African slaves required extensive financing, insuring and other business services, much of which was provided by firms located in New York City; and

Whereas, Some firms that provided financing and insurance to the slave trade continue to exist to this day; and

Whereas, The profits made by firms financing and insuring the slave trade helped those enterprises grow; and

Whereas, Currently existing financial and insurance firms that facilitated the slave trade may contract with New York's state government and receive taxpayer dollars; and

Whereas, Senate Bill S.7738 would require insurers to report insurance policies issued to slaveholders during the slavery era that provided coverage for damage to or death to such slaveholders' slaves and would require contractors seeking to enter into or renew procurement contracts with state agencies to report slavery era financing, investments and profits of slavery; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, Senate Bill S.7738, the New York Slavery Era Business and State Procurement Act.

Referred to the Committee on Civil and Human Rights.

Res. No. 569

Resolution Calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign S.7591/A.7920, to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing and funding a universal basic income pilot program.

By Council Members Williams, Hudson, Ossé, Brooks-Powers, Marte, Salaam and Avilés.

Whereas, Universal Basic Income (UBI) refers to an unconditional, recurring, non-means-tested cash payment given to all individuals in a given population; and

Whereas, UBI policies have a controversial history, with proponents arguing that UBI can be used to alleviate poverty and bolster economic security, health, and wellbeing with a limited administrative burden,

while critics note that UBI may dissuade recipients from participating in the labor market and earning their own income and could be ineffective in targeting those most in need; and

Whereas, According to a review of UBI pilots undertaken by the Stanford University Basic Income Lab, UBI-type programs, meaning those that have at least some, but not all, characteristics of a UBI, generally help alleviate poverty and improve health and education outcomes for recipients; and

Whereas, Guaranteed income (GI) pilots, which are means-tested and targeted at specific groups, such as low-income individuals, have been successfully trialed across the United States, including in New York City where, since 2021, the Bridge Project has been providing new mothers with either \$500 or \$1000 a month for three years; and

Whereas, After the first 6 months of The Bridge Project, researchers found there was a 63% increase in participants receiving outside childcare, which is proven to increase parental wellbeing and employment, compared to the control group who has not received any cash payments; and

Whereas, In Ulster County, New York, the Project Resilience GI pilot which provided 100 households who had an income of 80% the area's median income level with monthly cash payments of \$500 for 12 months resulted in an improved quality of life, according to research from the Center for Guaranteed Income Research at University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy & Practice; and

Whereas, The largest UBI study to date, in which the nonprofit GiveDirectly worked with researchers to study different ways of providing UBI (long-term, short-term, and in a large lump sum) to villagers in Kenya, has recently released findings from the first two years of the pilot; and

Whereas, The preliminary findings of the GiveDirectly pilot are that lump sum and long-term UBI are highly effective at empowering recipients to become more entrepreneurial and productive and did not correlate with any increased unemployment; and

Whereas, Similarly, a smaller study in Helsinki, from 2017-2018, which provided €560 per month to 2,000 randomly identified but initially unemployed individuals for two years, was found to result in an increase in employment and well-being which lead recipients to engage more with their communities and the labor market, according to the analysis from researchers at the Helsinki University; and

Whereas, In the United States, the OpenResearch Unconditional income Study (ORUS), a randomized control trial (RCT) which ran from November 2020 to October 2023, provided a randomly selected group of participants located in Texas and Illinois who had a household income less than 300 percent of the federal poverty line either \$1,000 per month for three years (the treatment group) or \$50 per month for three years (the control group); and

Whereas, Key results from ORUS include recipients reporting increased financial well-being and resilience, increased probability of receiving dental care and spending more on healthcare, greater mobility and ability to move neighborhoods, and increased agency to think about, plan, and pursue goals; and

Whereas, These aforementioned GI and UBI pilots have proven that unconditional cash transfers have net positive benefits on recipients as well as their communities and local labor markets and do not decrease self-sufficiency or employment; and

Whereas, S.7591, introduced by New York State Senator Kevin Parker and pending in the State Senate, and companion bill A.7920, introduced by New York State Assembly Member Desmond Meeks and pending in the State Assembly, would establish and fund a UBI pilot program and a subsequent study to identify recommendations for implementing a statewide UBI program; and

Whereas, The pilot program would utilize a means-tested GI model to provide 10,000 participants who have an annual income of \$35,600 per year or less with supplementary income of \$7,200 for individuals or \$14,400 for couples per year for two years; and

Whereas, The results of this pilot will be used to extrapolate cost savings and benefits of a statewide UBI program; and

Whereas, Following the completion of the pilot UBI program, S.7591/A.7920 also mandates recommendations on implementing a statewide UBI program and draft legislation to implement the recommended statewide UBI programs; and

Whereas, The number of New Yorkers facing poverty and material hardship is rising according to research from Robin Hood and the Columbia University Center on Poverty and Social Policy, with more than 23% of adults and 25% of children living in poverty in 2022; and

Whereas, UBI is an evidence-based policy option to reduce economic hardship and poverty as well as the resultant detriments to mental and physical health and wellbeing; and

Whereas, S.7591/A.7920 would allow the State to produce dedicated research and analysis on the specific needs of New Yorkers and the benefits of UBI to design and implement the most effective UBI program to best support and improve the lives of all New Yorkers across the City and State; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign S.7591/A.7920, to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing and funding a universal basic income pilot program.

Referred to the Committee on General Welfare.

Preconsidered L.U. No. 142

By Council Member Brannan:

Rachel Bridge HDFC, Block 2153, Lot 1; Block 2162, Lot 1, Manhattan, Community District No. 12, Council District No. 10.

Adopted by the Council (preconsidered and approved by the Committee on Finance).

Preconsidered L.U. No. 143

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number C 240301 HAM (Malcolm Shabazz Harlem Plaza) submitted by the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), pursuant to Article 16 of the General Municipal Law of New York State for the designation of an Urban Development Action Area and an Urban Development Action Area Project, and pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter for the disposition of such property to a developer to be selected by HPD, for property located at 73 West 115th Street and 52-58 West 116th Street (Block 1599, Lots 9, 61, 62, 64), Borough of Manhattan, Community District 10, Council District 9.

Referred to the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings, and Dispositions (preconsidered but laid over by the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings, and Dispositions).

Preconsidered L.U. No. 144

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number N 250006 HKK (Willoughby-Hart Historic District) submitted by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York City Charter and Section 25-303 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, for the designation of the Willoughby Hart Historic District (DL-542/LP-2683), consisting of 33 properties located on Willoughby Avenue and Hart Street between Marcy Avenue and Nostrand Avenue in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood, Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 3, Council District 36.

Referred to the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings, and Dispositions (preconsidered but laid over by the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings, and Dispositions).

Preconsidered L.U. No. 145

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number C 230250 ZMQ (21st Street Rezoning) submitted by Astoria Park Warehouse, LLC, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment of the Zoning Map, Section No. 9a, eliminating from within an existing R5D District a C1-3 District, changing from an R5B District to an R6A District, changing from an R5D District to an R6A District, and establishing within the proposed R6A District a C1-4 District, Borough of Queens, Community District 1, Council District 22.

Referred to the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises (preconsidered but laid over by the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises).

Preconsidered L.U. No. 146

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number N 230251 ZRQ (21st Street Rezoning) submitted by Astoria Park Warehouse, LLC, pursuant to Section 201 of the New York City Charter, for an amendment of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, modifying APPENDIX F, for the purpose of establishing a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing area, Borough of Queens, Community District 1, Council District 22.

Referred to the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises (preconsidered but laid over by the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises).

Preconsidered L.U. No. 147

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number G 240057 XAK (281-311 Marcus Garvey Boulevard Article XI) submitted by the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), pursuant to Article XI of the Private Housing Finance Law for approval of an exemption from real property taxes for property located at 281 Marcus Garvey Boulevard (Block 1629, p/o Lot 1 (Tentative Lot 5)) and 311 Marcus Garvey Boulevard (Block 1634, p/o Lot 1 (Tentative Lot 80)), Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 3, Council District 36.

Referred to the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises (preconsidered but laid over by the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises).

L.U. No. 148

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number N 250005 HIM (1 Wall Street Banking Room Interior) submitted by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York City Charter and Section 25-303 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, for the designation of the 1 Wall Street Banking Room Interior, located at 1 Wall Street (Block 23, p/o Lot 7501 formerly Lot 7), as an historic landmark (DL-542/LP-2679), Borough of Manhattan, Community District 1, Council District 1.

Referred to the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings, and Dispositions.

L.U. No. 149

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number C 230206 ZMM (135th Street Rezoning) submitted by Crosscap Holdings, LLC, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment of the Zoning Map, Section No. 5c, changing from an M1-1 District to an R7-2 District, establishing within the proposed R7-2 District a C2-4 District, and establishing a Special Manhattanville Mixed Use District (MMU), Borough of Manhattan, Community District 9, Council District 7.

Referred to the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises.

L.U. No. 150

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number N 230207 ZRM (135th Street Rezoning) submitted by Crosscap Holdings, LLC, pursuant to Section 201 of the New York City Charter, for an amendment of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, modifying special permit provisions of Article X, Chapter 4 (Special Manhattanville Mixed Use District) and modifying APPENDIX F for the purpose of establishing a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing area, Borough of Manhattan, Community District 9, Council District 7.

Referred to the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises.

L.U. No. 151

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number C 230208 ZSM (135th Street Rezoning) submitted by Crosscap Holdings, LLC, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for the grant of a special permit pursuant to Section 74-681(a)(1) of the Zoning Resolution to allow a portion of the railroad or transit right-of-way or yard which will be completely covered over by a permanent platform to be included in the lot area for a proposed 7-story mixed use building, on property located at 701 West 135th Street (Block 2101, Lot 58), in an R7-2/C2-4 District, within a Special Manhattanville Mixed Use District (MMU), Borough of Manhattan, Community District 9, Council District 7.

Referred to the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises.

L.U. No. 152

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number C 230209 ZSM (135th Street Rezoning) submitted by Crosscap Holdings, LLC, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for the grant of a special permit pursuant to Section 104-60 of the Zoning Resolution to modify the rear yard regulations of Section 23-52 (Special Provisions for Shallow Interior Lots) and the lot coverage requirements of Section 23-153 (For Quality Housing buildings), in connection with a proposed 7-story mixed use building, on property located at 701 West 135th Street (Block 2101, Lot 58), in an R7-2/C2-4 District, within a Special Manhattanville Mixed Use District (MMU), Borough of Manhattan, Community District 9, Council District 7.

Referred to the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises.

L.U. No. 153

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number C 240244 ZSM (343 West 47th Street Demolition Special Permit) submitted by Midtown West 47 St., LLC, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for the grant of a special permit pursuant to Section 96-108 of the Zoning Resolution to allow the demolition of more than 20 percent of residential floor area of an existing 4-story building containing dwelling units, on property located at 343 West 47th Street (Block 1038, Lot 11), in an R8 District, within the Special Clinton District (Preservation Area), Borough of Manhattan, Community District 4, Council District 3.

Referred to the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises.

L.U. No. 154

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number D 2450065822 SWX (Seis Vecinos Restaurant) pursuant to Section 19-160.2 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, for a revocable consent to establish, maintain, and operate a sidewalk café located at 640 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, NY 10455, Borough the Bronx, Community District 2, Council District 17.

Referred to the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises.

L.U. No. 155

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number D 2450082809 SWQ (Cozy Corner Bar) pursuant to Section 19-160.2 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, for a revocable consent to establish, maintain, and operate a sidewalk café located at 6001 70th Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11358, Borough of Queens, Community District 5, Council District 30.

Referred to the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises.

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL**A N N O U N C E M E N T S****Friday, September 13, 2024**Committee on Health

Lynn C. Schulman, Chairperson

Oversight - The State of Animal Rescue in New York City.

Int 1018 - By Council Members Brannan and Schulman - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the regulation of pet dealers and prohibiting the sale of dogs and cats in retail pet stores, and to repeal section 17-1706 of such code, relating to the exemptions for shelter and rescue partners.
 Council Chambers – City Hall.....10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 16, 2024Committee on Higher Education

Eric Dinowitz, Chairperson

Oversight - Engaging CUNY Students in Voting and Civic Activities.

Council Chambers – City Hall.....10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 17, 2024Committee on Oversight and Investigations jointly with the

Gale A. Brewer, Chairperson

Committee on Finance

Justin Brannan, Chairperson

Oversight – The Mayoral Administration’s Implementation of Cannabis Enforcement Laws

Proposed Int 557-A - By Council Members Brewer, Yeger, Hanif, Bottcher, Gennaro, Ung, Hudson, Avilés, Mealy, Marte, Narcisse, Menin, Brannan, Salaam, Farías, Brooks-Powers, Lee, Krishnan, Louis, Won, Banks, Rivera, Hanks, Ayala, Dinowitz, Zhuang, Moya, Williams, Schulman, Paladino, Ariola, Marmorato and Carr - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to adding a 311 complaint category for unlicensed cannabis retailers.

Int 981 - By Council Members Brewer, Powers, Brooks-Powers, Restler, Ung, Hanif, Brannan, Schulman and Carr - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting on enforcement of unlicensed sellers of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, tobacco products and illicit cannabis.

Council Chambers – City Hall.....10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Zoning & Franchises

Kevin C. Riley, Chairperson

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Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 16th Floor..... 11:00 a.m.

Committee on Standards and Ethics

Sandra Ung, Chairperson

Oversight - Meeting pursuant to Council Rule 10.80.

Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 14th Floor..... 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 18, 2024Committee on Fire and Emergency Management

Joann Ariola, Chairperson

Oversight - New York City Fire Department's Search, Rescue, and Fire Investigation Procedures.

Committee Room – City Hall.....10:00 a.m.

Committee on Public Housing

Chris Banks, Chairperson

Oversight - Rent Arrears and Evictions (resulting from underfunding ERAP).

Council Chambers – City Hall.....10:00 a.m.

Committee on Veterans

Robert F. Holden, Chairperson

Oversight - Increasing Veterans' Civic Engagement in New York City.

Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 14th Floor..... 10:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings and Dispositions

Kamillah Hanks, Chairperson

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Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 16th Floor..... 11:00 a.m.

Committee on Environmental Protection,Resiliency and Waterfronts

James F. Gennaro, Chairperson

Oversight - Citizen Complaint Programs.

Int 5 - By Council Members Avilés, Restler, Gutiérrez, Dinowitz, Won, Krishnan, Marte, Ung, Feliz, Bottcher, Salaam, Nurse, Narcisse, Abreu, Ayala, Hudson, Hanif, Brewer, Cabán, Farías, Sanchez, Ossé, Hanks, Williams, Brannan, Menin, Schulman, Riley, Moya, Banks, De La Rosa, Rivera, Joseph, Brooks-Powers and Louis - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to translating the citizen's air complaint program portal into the designated citywide languages.

Int 291 - By Council Members Menin, Aviles, Louis, Nurse, Restler, Hanif, Hudson, Joseph, Ung, Marte, De La Rosa, Holden, Farías, Williams, Cabán, Powers, Narcisse, Bottcher, Schulman, Ayala, Won, Krishnan, Abreu, Feliz, Ossé, Gutiérrez, Dinowitz, Sanchez, Hanks, Riley, Rivera, Brewer, Salaam, Gennaro and Paladino (in conjunction with the Manhattan Borough President) - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing civil penalties for idling infractions by trucks and buses.

Int 747 - By Council Members Gennaro and Brewer - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a code of conduct applicable to citizen noise complaints.

Int 941 - By Council Member Gennaro - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to regulating the idling of engines and the use of citizen's complaints to enforce laws enforced by the department of environmental protection.

Council Chambers – City Hall.....1:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 19, 2024Committee on Governmental Operations,State & Federal Legislation

Lincoln Restler, Chairperson

Oversight - Increasing Government Efficiency and Access to City Facilities.

Int 162 - By Council Members Dinowitz, Marte, Brewer, Hudson, Restler and Cabán - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to bicycle storage in city buildings.

Int 191 - By Council Members Gutiérrez, Restler, Louis, Abreu, Marte, Hudson, Farías, Cabán, Yeger and Schulman (by request of the Brooklyn Borough President) - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of citywide administrative services to give two years notice of lease expiration to tenants of city-leased properties.

Int 246 - By Council Members Hudson, Cabán, Schulman, Bottcher, Restler, Brewer, Hanif, Ung and Abreu - **A Local Law** to amend the New York city charter, in relation requiring city agencies to provide an "X" option for gender on certain forms.

Int 267 By Council Members Joseph, Restler, Won, Feliz, Brewer, Abreu, Louis, Marte, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Salaam, Riley, Farías, De La Rosa, Hudson, Avilés, Cabán, Williams, Banks, Sanchez, Brooks-Powers, Stevens, Ossé, Zhuang, Rivera and Nurse (by request of the Manhattan Borough President) - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to making certain bathrooms in city facilities available for public use.

Int 478 - By Council Members Won, Restler, Hanif, Ung, Bottcher, Brewer, Gennaro, Hudson, Avilés, Cabán, Yeger and Schulman - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring agencies to translate and distribute to community-based organizations emergency information in the designated citywide languages

Int 523 - By Council Members Brannan, Yeger and Schulman - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to procedures to be adopted by the 311 call center for responding to certain repeat anonymous complaints against the same property.

Int 563 - By Council Members Brewer, Hanif, Ung, Restler, Avilés, Cabán, Rivera, Sanchez, Yeger, Brooks-Powers, Banks and Schulman - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to public access to water bottle-filling stations in city buildings.

Int 564 - By Council Members Brewer, Hanif and Cabán - **A Local Law** to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to creating an archive of official government social media accounts.

Int 587 By Council Members Dinowitz, Bottcher, Mealy, Joseph, Hudson, Farías, Schulman, Hanif, Abreu, Hanif and Yeger - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the 311 customer service center to conduct customer satisfaction surveys after each 311 call intake is closed and to publish agency report cards.

Int 694 - By Council Members Nurse, Farías, Joseph, Won, Hanif, Gutiérrez, Louis, Ung, Restler, Hudson, Brooks-Powers, Williams and Vernikov - **A Local Law** to amend the New York city charter, in relation to a long-term citywide bathroom strategy.

Int 744 - By Council Members Dinowitz, Powers, and Ariola - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to duplicate 311 requests for service and complaints.

Committee Room – City Hall.....10:00 a.m.

Committee on Land Use

Rafael Salamanca, Jr., Chairperson

Int 958 - By the Speaker (Council Member Adams) and Council Members Brooks-Powers, Farías, Hudson, Williams, Louis, Banks, Rivera and Sanchez - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of affordable homeownership opportunities.

All items reported out of the Subcommittees

AND SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY BE NECESSARY

Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 16th Floor..... 11:00 a.m.

Monday, September 23, 2024

Committee on Mental Health, Disabilities and Addiction jointly with the
Committee on Fire and Emergency Management and the
Committee on Public Safety and the
Committee on Hospitals

Linda Lee, Chairperson
Joann Ariola, Chairperson
Yusef Salaam, Chairperson
Mercedes Narcisse, Chairperson

Oversight - Behavioral Health Emergency Assistance Response Division (B-HEARD) and Responses to Mental Health Crises

Int 532 - By Council Members Brannan, Yeger, Gennaro, Abreu, Holden, Menin, Schulman, Salamanca, Narcisse, Ariola, Paladino and Vernikov - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reimbursing small nonpublic schools for the cost of security guard services.

Council Chambers – City Hall.....10:00 a.m.

Committee on Aging

Crystal Hudson, Chairperson

Oversight - Community Care Plan.

Int 1022 - By Council Members Gutiérrez and Hudson - **A Local Law** in relation to requiring a study on naturally occurring retirement communities and the development of a plan to support aging in place.

Int 1025 - By Council Member Hudson - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the provision of information regarding employment discrimination and older adult workforce programs.

Res 452 - By Council Members Hudson, Mealy, Brannan, Hanif, Joseph and Cabán - **Resolution** calling on the United States Congress to pass, and the President to sign, legislation to lower the age of eligibility for Older Americans Act-supported social services and programs from 60 to 45 years for individuals living with HIV.
Committee Room – City Hall.....1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Subcommittee on Zoning & Franchises

Kevin C. Riley, Chairperson

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Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 16th Floor..... 11:00 a.m.

Committee on Land Use

Rafael Salamanca, Jr., Chairperson

All items reported out of the Subcommittees

AND SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY BE NECESSARY

Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 16th Floor.....11:30 a.m.

Committee on Children and Youth jointly with the

Althea V. Stevens, Chairperson

Committee on Women and Gender Equity

Farah N. Louis, Chairperson

Oversight - Addressing the Needs of LGBTQ+ Youth in the City's Child Welfare System.

Int 8 - By Council Members Ayala, Louis, Stevens, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hudson, Ung, Abreu and Schulman (by request of the Queens Borough President) - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to enhanced reporting on the child welfare system.

Int 56 - By Council Members Ossé, Restler, Stevens, Gutiérrez, Brewer, Hudson, Hanif, Ung, Cabán, Rivera, Avilés, Louis, Won, Farías, Abreu, Joseph and Schulman - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the administration for children's services to report annually on the number of and placement of LGBTQ+ foster youth.

Int 81 - By Council Members Riley, Louis, Brooks-Powers, Abreu, Gutiérrez, Hudson, Schulman, Hanks, Stevens, Marte and De La Rosa - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring an audit and report on foster care placement notices.

Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 16th Floor..... 1:00 p.m.

Committee on Immigration

Alexa Avilés, Chairperson

Oversight - Assessing the Mayoral Administration's Compliance with Local Law 30 of 2017.

Council Chambers – City Hall.....1:00 p.m.

Committee on Parks and Recreation

Shekar Krishnan, Chairperson

Oversight - Best Practices to Prevent Drownings at the City's Beaches and Pools.

Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 14th Floor..... 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection

Julie Menin, Chairperson

Int 865 - By Council Members De La Rosa, Restler, Brannan, Brewer, Cabán, Gennaro, Ossé, Avilés, Krishnan, Powers, Hudson, Abreu, Brooks-Powers, Williams, Won, Schulman, Salaam, Menin, Ung, Ayala, Banks, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Nurse, Joseph, Narcisse, Farías, Moya, Marte, Zhuang, Riley, Rivera, Louis and Sanchez - **A Local Law** to amend the New York city charter, in relation to records of the chief medical examiner that relate to work-related fatal injuries in the workplace, and to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting on workplace fatalities.

Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 14th Floor..... 10:00 a.m.

Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and
International Intergroup Relations

Carlina Rivera, Chairperson

Oversight - How Libraries Empower New Yorkers To Become Informed Voters and Engaged Citizens.

Council Chambers – City Hall.....10:00 a.m.

Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management

Shaun Abreu, Chairperson

Oversight - Waste Diversion.

Int 256 - By Council Members Hudson, Bottcher, Restler, Brewer, Hanif, Abreu and Cabán - **A Local Law** in relation to requiring the commissioner of sanitation to study the feasibility and potential environmental effects of a recycling mandate for household textiles.

Int 351 - By Council Members Nurse, Restler, Won, Brewer, Hanif, Bottcher, Gennaro, Hudson, Avilés and Cabán - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of sanitation to develop a plan for ensuring proper disposal of rechargeable batteries used for powered mobility devices

Int 695 - By Council Members Nurse, Gennaro, Won, Hanif, Gutiérrez, Brewer, Ung, Bottcher, Restler, Hudson, Avilés, Brooks-Powers, Salaam, Sanchez, Ayala, Schulman, Banks, Williams and Cabán (by request of the Manhattan Borough President) - **A Local Law** in relation to a study of single-use plastics.

Int 697 - By Council Members Nurse, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Louis, Avilés, Brooks-Powers, Salaam, Sanchez, Williams, Banks, Restler and Cabán (by request of the Brooklyn Borough President) - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to updated waste characterization studies.

Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 16th Floor..... 10:00 a.m.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, Chairperson

Oversight - TLC: For-Hire Vehicles, Commuter Vans and Other TLC Licensees.

Int 277 - By Council Members Krishnan, Hanif, Lee, Banks, Abreu, Won, Hudson, Avilés and Cabán - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to taxicab driver pay for electronically dispatched taxicab trips.

Int 323 - By Council Members Moya and Hudson - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing maximum rates for the leasing, rental, lease-to-own and conditional purchase of for-hire vehicles.

Int 939 - By Council Members Brooks-Powers, Louis, Banks and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to allowing commuter vans to accept hails from prospective passengers in the street.

Int 950 - By the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) - **A Local Law** to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing the number of violations required to revoke authorization to operate a commuter van service.

Committee Room – City Hall.....10:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Stated Council Meeting

Council Chambers – City Hall.....Agenda – 1:30 p.m.

During the Communication from the Speaker segment of this meeting, the Speaker (Council Member Adams) held a special remembrance for long-time Council staffer Carlos Carino who had passed away suddenly on August 15, 2024 at the age of 60.

The Speaker (Council Member Adams) praised Carlos as the heart of the Council's Community Engagement Division. She noted that he had served the City of New York with the Council for twenty-five years and had worked for every Speaker in the Council's history. She further added that he had recently served as co-director of the Community Outreach Unit.

During this remembrance, the Speaker (Council Member Adams) said:

"Carlos' passion for community shown through in everything he did. He mentored countless public servants and taught people to care for this city, its diverse communities, and people in the way he knew best. Whether he was promoting IDNYC or volunteering to provide New York City's annual estimate of unhoused New Yorkers, Carlos sought to make sure everyone was counted, because for Carlos, everyone did. When New Yorkers traveled to Carlos' beloved Puerto Rico, for SOMOS, he seized the opportunity to help organize the council's volunteer cleanup efforts, because he was so proud of his roots and his birthplace. Carlos lived by the code that we should strive to leave a place better than we found it, and he always did. He was known to soften a tough day and brighten the good ones with a reminder of our purpose, not just our role, but of our duty to New Yorkers. His work made it possible for our neighbors to live a good life in our great city. Carlos sparked a light in each of us and made us smile. In his memory, we carry his enduring light forward." [Transcript, p. 18-19]

On behalf of the Council, the Speaker (Council Member Adams) offered her thoughts and prayers to Carlos's siblings Willie, Marilyn, Lily, Bruni, and Ada. She announced that the Council's upcoming Puerto Rican Heritage celebration in the Chambers would be held in Carlos's honor on November 18th. The Speaker (Council Member Adams) added that this celebration would be co-hosted by Carlos's friend Council Member Alexa Avilés. The Speaker (Council Member Adams) invited all to attend.

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The following comments were among the remarks made by the Speaker (Council Member Adams) during the Communication from the Speaker segment of this meeting:

The Speaker (Council Member Adams) acknowledged the recent twenty-third anniversary of the September 11th attacks. She recalled the personal shock and pain that she had experienced on that tragic day. On behalf of the Council, the Speaker (Council Member Adams) asked that the innocents who lost their lives are always remembered and honored. She further acknowledged the ongoing grief of their loved ones left behind. She also noted the ongoing trauma of those New Yorkers who had witnessed the experience and who had breathed in the toxins.

The Speaker (Council Member Adams) acknowledged the weight of loss felt by parents who have buried a child – this weight was experienced recently by the parents of Hirsch Goldberg Polin. Young Hirsh and five other Israeli hostages were killed while in captivity by Hamas in August 2024. She reiterated that the violence in Palestine and Israel had reverberated throughout the city's own communities and she further acknowledged the unimaginable grief and trauma associated with such violence. The Speaker (Council Member Adams) emphasized that all should work together in order to protect the lives of civilians, to bring the hostages homes, and to end the cycle of violence which continues to tear families apart.

The Speaker (Council Member Adams) acknowledged the September 2, 2024 West Indian Day Parade shooting in Brooklyn that left five people wounded and one person dead. On behalf of the Council, she offered her thoughts and prayers to the grieving family of Denzel Chan who was the person killed on that day. The Speaker (Council Member Adams) reiterated that it was incumbent for everyone to unite together in the fight against gun violence in order to make our communities safer.

The Speaker (Council Member Adams) acknowledged that a resident in Council Member Schulman's district had recently lost his life in a tragic basement fire. She noted that the deceased was remembered as a loving father and grandfather who helped raise two of his grandchildren.

The Speaker (Council Member Adams) acknowledged the recent Labor Day holiday honoring the labor movement and the labor leaders who had fought for many of the benefits that are enjoyed in the workplace today.

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Whereupon on motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Fariás) adjourned these proceedings to meet again for the Stated Meeting of Thursday, September 26, 2024.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Editor's Note: For the transcript of these proceedings, please refer to the respective attachment section of items introduced or adopted at this Stated Meeting of September 12, 2024 on the New York City Council website at <https://council.nyc.gov>.

Editor's Local Law Note: Int. Nos. 118-A, 435-A, and 863-A, all adopted at the July 18, 2024 Stated Meeting, were returned unsigned by the Mayor on August 19, 2024. These items had become law on August 17, 2024 due to the lack of Mayoral action within the Charter-prescribed thirty day time period. These bills were assigned subsequently as Local Laws Nos. 83 to 85 of 2024, respectively.

