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CITY COUNCIL PASSES BILL TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS' VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

New York, NY – The NYC Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based violence issued the following statement today after the New York City Council passed [Int. 565-2024A](#) to provide survivors of domestic violence with guidance on making voter registration records confidential and voting by special ballot.

“No one should experience fear when simply exercising their right to vote. Protecting the confidentiality of domestic violence survivors' voter registration information is critical to ensuring their safety. This is an often-unseen consequence of domestic violence, and we're glad that City Council acknowledges this reality. We look forward to working closely with the Campaign Finance Board to develop clear written guidance to survivors on how to keep their voter records confidential and vote by special ballot. This will help survivors avoid potentially dangerous situations, such as voting locations near the residence of a person causing harm or confidential shelters, or the risk of being tracked if their voter registration details are leaked.”

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