#### THE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Proceedings for the

## STATED MEETING

of

Thursday, December 19, 2024, 12:07 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	Kamillah M. Hanks	Keith Powers
Joann Ariola	Robert F. Holden	Lincoln Restler
Alexa Avilés	Crystal Hudson	Kevin C. Riley
Diana I. Ayala	Rita C. Joseph	Carlina Rivera
Chris Banks	Shekar Krishnan	Yusef Salaam
Erik D. Bottcher	Linda Lee	Rafael Salamanca, Jr
Justin 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
Shahana K. Hanif	Vickie Paladino	

Parental Leave: Council Member Gutiérrez.

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 50 Council Members marked present at this Stated Meeting held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, New York, N.Y. (including Council Members Feliz, Moya, Salamanca, Sanchez, and Ung who all participated remotely).

#### INVOCATION

The Invocation was delivered by Rabbi Yaacov Behrman, Founder the Jewish Future Alliance, Liaison for Chabad Headquarters located at 824 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11213.

Mi shebeirach avoteinu, Master of the Universe, who created the world with boundless blessings, empower us to see and embrace all that is good and beautiful in New York City. Bless us to honor the dignity of difference in this global city of remarkable diversity. Grant us the courage to celebrate our individuality and heritage without fear, staying true to our values while respecting one another so that we may recognize that those not made in our image are nonetheless made in your image. At this pivotal moment in history, guide the leaders of this city to honor you by first honoring one another. Through acts of collaboration, may we transform opponents into allies and become your family on Earth as you are our parent in heaven. As my teacher, the saintly Lubavitcher Rebbe, would say, we are one people living in one city under one administration and under one God. Beloved God, bless the Members of New York City Council with kindness and strength. May they govern this great city with wisdom, justice, grace, and compassion, honoring your name and bringing your blessing to New York City. Thank you.

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

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Council Member Ossé moved that the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of December 5, 2024 be adopted.

## COMMUNICATION FROM CITY, COUNTY & BOROUGH OFFICES

#### M-84

Communication from the Republican Delegation of the New York City Council regarding the appointment of Mr. Michael J. Coppotelli as the Republican Commissioner of Elections representing Richmond County by unanimous vote of the Republican City Council Members on December 6, 2024 pursuant to Section 3-204(4) of the New York State Election Law.

December 6, 2024

The Honorable Michael McSweeney The City Clerk, Clerk of the Council Executive Office 141 Worth Street New York, N.Y. 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

We write to inform you that on December 6, 2024, the Republican delegation of the New York City Council held a caucus to vote on the re-appointment of Mr. Michael J. Coppotelli to the New York City Board of Elections. We, the Republican City Council Members, unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Sullivan as the Republican Commissioner of Elections represent Richmond County.

Attached is a Certificate of Appointment filed with the County Clerk of Richmond County pursuant to Section 3-210 of the New York State Election Law.

Thank you for your time and interest regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Joseph Borelli, 51st District

Inna Vernikov, 48th District

Joann Ariola, 32<sup>nd</sup> District

David Carr, 50th District

Kristy Marmorato, 13th District

Vickie Paladino, 19th District

cc: The Hon. Eric Adams, Mayor, City of New York
The Hon. Adrienne Adams, Speaker, NYC Council
The Hon. Michael McSweeney, NYC Clerk New York City Board of Elections

Received, Ordered, Printed and Filed.

## M-85

Communication from the Republican Delegation of the New York City Council regarding the appointment of Mr. Keith Sullivan as the Republican Commissioner of Elections representing Queens County by unanimous vote of the Republican City Council Members on December 6, 2024 pursuant to Section 3-204(4) of the New York State Election Law.

December 6, 2024

The Honorable Michael McSweeney The City Clerk, Clerk of the Council Executive Office 141 Worth Street New York, N.Y. 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

We write to inform you that on December 6, 2024, the Republican delegation of the New York City Council held a caucus to vote on the re-appointment of Mr. Keith Sullivan to the New York City Board of Elections. We, the Republican City Council Members, unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Sullivan as the Republican Commissioner of Elections represent Queens County.

Attached is a Certificate of Appointment filed with the County Clerk of Queens County pursuant to Section 3-210 of the New York State Election Law.

Thank you for your time and interest regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Joseph Borelli, 51st District

Inna Vernikov, 48th District

Joann Ariola, 32<sup>nd</sup> District

David Carr, 50th District

Kristy Marmorato, 13th District

Vickie Paladino, 19th District

cc: The Hon. Eric Adams, Mayor, City of New York
The Hon. Adrienne Adams, Speaker, NYC Council
The Hon. Michael McSweeney, NYC Clerk New York City Board of Elections

#### Attachment:

New York City Board of Elections Certificate of Appointment

December 6, 2024

The Hon. Audrey Pheffer County Clerk Queens 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard #106 Jamaica, N.Y. 11435

Dear Ms. Pheffer.

We, the Republican Members of the New York City Council, write to advise you that pursuant to Section 3-204(4) of the New York State Election Law, a caucus of the City Council Republicans was held on December 6, 2024, to vote on the appointment of Mr. Keith Sullivan to the New York City Board of Elections. Mr. Sullivan resides at and is a registered Republican.

The Republican City Council members unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Sullivan as the Republican Commissioner of Elections representing Queens County. Mr. Sullivan was appointed to a four-year term that begins on January 1, 2025, and ends on December 31, 2028.

This letter shall serve as Mr. Sullivan's Certificate of Appointment. Pursuant to Section 3-210 of the New York State Election Law, this letter is being transmitted to you for filing within your office. In addition, this Section states that you are required to immediately notify the New York State Board of Elections of Mr. Sullivan's appointment.

Thank you for your time and interest regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Joseph Borelli, 51st District

Inna Vernikov, 48th District

Joann Ariola, 32<sup>nd</sup> District

David Carr, 50th District

Kristy Marmorato, 13th District

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cc: The Hon. Eric Adams, Mayor, City of New York
The Hon. Adrienne Adams, Speaker, NYC Council
The Hon. Michael McSweeney, NYC Clerk New York City Board of Elections

Received, Ordered, Printed and Filed.

## REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

# Report of the Committee on Civil Service and Labor

Report for Int. No. 265-A

Report of the Committee on Civil Service and Labor 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 improving benefits enrollment processes for city employees.

The Committee on Civil Service and Labor, to which the annexed proposed amended local law was referred on February 28, 2024 (Minutes, page 646), respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

#### I. INTRODUCTION

On December 19, 2024, the Committee on Civil Service and Labor, chaired by Council Member Carmen De La Rosa, voted on: Introduction Number 265-A-2024 (Int. 265-A), sponsored by Council Member Rita Joseph, in relation to improving benefits enrollment processes for city employees; Resolution Number 521-2024 (Res. 521), sponsored by Majority Leader Amanda Farías, calling on the United States Department of Labor to expand the number of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) authorized outreach trainers in New York City's ten designated languages; and Resolution Number 522-2024 (Res. 522), sponsored by Council Member Julie Menin, calling on the New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign A.10225/S.9376, also known as The Good Jobs Guarantee Act, which would establish certain workforce training programs and increase employment opportunities for New Yorkers. Int. 265-A was heard at a hearing held by the Committee on Civil Service and Labor on June 24, 2024, where witnesses invited to testify included the New York City (NYC) Office of Labor Relations (OLR), municipal labor unions, the New York City Managerial Employees Association, and other interested members of the public. On December 19, 2024, the Committee on Civil Service and Labor voted to pass Int. 265-A, Res. 521, and Res. 522 with nine votes in the affirmative, zero votes in the negative, and no abstentions.

## II. LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

Int. 265-A would require agencies to make best efforts to expedite the processing of health insurance coverage when an employee transfers from one agency to another. The bill would also require that on an employee's start date, agencies provide detailed descriptions of available benefits in clear, plain language. The bill would require that such descriptions of benefits be accompanied by a list of actions that must be taken by new employees to enroll in coverage, or actions that must be taken by employees who have transferred from another city agency to maintain their existing coverage. Employees must also be notified of the names and contact information of people who can provide guidance if there are any challenges to accessing benefits. Furthermore, the bill would require that translated copies of informational materials on accessing benefits be made available in the city's ten designated languages upon request. Since it was heard, this bill was edited to require that agencies provide crucial information to new employees on their start date regarding the availability of benefits, actions that must be taken by the employee to enroll in such benefits, and contact information for individuals who will assist employees if they encounter any challenges when accessing their benefits.

(The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 265-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 INT. No.: 265-A

**COMMITTEE:** Civil Service and Labor

**TITLE:** A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to improving benefits enrollment processes for city employees.

**SPONSORS:** By Council Members Joseph, Louis, Restler, Won, Gutiérrez, Brannan, Borelli, Feliz, Salaam, Farías, Gennaro, Riley, Schulman, Menin, Avilés, Banks, Cabán, Sanchez, Narcisse, Hudson, Hanif, Brooks-Powers, Yeger, Marmorato and Ariola.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** This bill would require city agencies to make best efforts to expedite the processing of health insurance coverage for city employees who transfer employment from one agency to another, to avoid any lapses in health insurance coverage during such transfer of employment. Additionally, this bill would require city agencies to provide information to new employees relating to employee benefits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 60 days after becoming law

#### **CITY COUNCIL ESTIMATE:**

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

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH PROPOSED LOCAL LAW WOULD FIRST BECOME EFFECTIVE: Fiscal Year 2025

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: N/A

**IMPACT ON REVENUES:** It is anticipated 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, as the City would use 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 Intergovernmental Affairs

**ESTIMATE PREPARED BY:** Michael Sherman, Principal Financial Analyst

**ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY:** Jack Storey, Unit Head

Chima Obichere, Deputy Director Nicholas Connell, Counsel

Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Director

**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ESTIMATE:** OMB provided a cost estimate, which is attached in full.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** The legislation was introduced to the Council on February 28, 2024, as Int. No. 265 and referred to the Committee on Civil Service and Labor (the Committee). A hearing was held by the Committee on June 24, 2024, and the bill was laid over. The legislation has been amended and the amended version, Proposed Int. No. 265-A will be considered by the Committee on December 19, 2024. Upon majority affirmative vote by the Committee, Int. No. 265-A will be reported to the Council for a vote on December 19, 2024.

DATE PREPARED: December 12, 2024.

(The following is the text of OMB's Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 265-A:)

## **Fiscal Impact Statement Prepared By**

## New York City Mayor's Office of Management and Budget



Jacques Jiha, PhD, Budget Director

**Disclaimer:** This fiscal impact statement is a preliminary estimate and subject to change based upon further data analysis or changes in bill text. This legislation is summarized as understood by the administration as of the date this statement was prepared and does not include or consider subsequent text changes. This fiscal impact statement is not legally binding on the administration. "Total" columns represent the respective sum over a four-year period; note that fiscal impacts continue after year four. Unless otherwise stated, information used in the preparation of this Fiscal Impact Statement is sourced from the agencies impacted and the NYC Mayor's Office of Management and Budget.

Proposed Intro No. / Title: Intro 265 / in relation to health insurance for city employees

**Sponsors:** Joseph, Louis, Restler, Won, Gutiérrez, Brannan, Borelli, Feliz, Salaam, Farías, Gennaro, Riley, Schulman, Menin, Avilés, Banks, Cabán, Sanchez, Marmorato, and Ariola

Committee: Civil Service and Labor

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires New York City agencies to make best efforts to expedite administrative processes related to providing continuing city-administered health insurance coverage when an employee transfers to a different City agency. Additionally, agencies would be required to provide detailed information regarding accessing city-administered benefits when an employee begins employment at that agency. Finally, upon request for translated information, agencies must provide this information in one of the 10

designated city languages, which are outlined in Chapter 11 of Title 23 of the New York City Administrative Code.

**Effective Date:** Immediate upon enactment.

First Fiscal Year Legislation Takes Effect: Fiscal Year 2025

First Fiscal Year with Full Impact: Fiscal Year 2025

# **Fiscal Impact Analysis**

## A. Total Impact (Expense and Revenue)

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

# **B.** Expense

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

# **Impact on Expenditures (Expense):**

There is no anticipated impact on expense expenditures.

# C. Revenue

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0

# **Impact on Revenue:**

There is no anticipated impact on revenue.

## D. Capital

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

## **Impact on Expenditures (Capital):**

There is no anticipated impact on capital expenditures.

**Date Prepared:** December 16, 2024.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption as amended.

#### (The following is the text of Int. No. 265-A:)

Int. No. 265-A

By Council Members Joseph, Louis, Restler, Won, Gutiérrez, Brannan, Borelli, Feliz, Salaam, Farías, Gennaro, Riley, Schulman, Menin, Avilés, Banks, Cabán, Sanchez, Narcisse, Hudson, Hanif, Brooks-Powers, Yeger, Ossé, Bottcher, Krishnan, Rivera, Brewer, Hanks, Marmorato, Ariola, Paladino and Mealy.

# A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to improving benefits enrollment processes for city employees

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 12-126.3 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 4 for the year 2000, is redesignated section 12-126.4.

- § 2. Chapter 1 of title 12 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new sections 12-126.5 and 12-126.6 to read as follows:
- § 12-126.5 Continuation of city employee health insurance during agency transfer. Each agency shall make best efforts to expedite any administrative processes related to the provision of continuous city-administered health insurance coverage for an employee who transfers employment from one agency to a different agency.
- § 12-126.6 Communication to city employees regarding enrollment in city-administered benefits. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following term has the following meanings:

City-administered benefits. The term "city-administered benefits" means employee benefits, including, but not limited to, health insurance; flexible spending accounts; commuter benefits; and other related supplemental benefits, such as life insurance, that are administered by the city for its employees.

Personnel services. The term "personnel services" means services related to personnel management, such as communication and guidance regarding agency policies; benefits information; and agency resources that are provided to employees.

- b. Communications relating to benefits. On the date on which an employee commences employment at an agency, such agency shall provide the following information to such employee in clear and plain language:
  - 1. Information regarding the availability of city-administered benefits;
- 2. Any required actions such employee must take to enroll in such city-administered benefits, including any relevant deadlines;
- 3. Any required actions such employee must take to maintain such city-administered benefits, to the extent such employee transfers employment from one agency to a different agency, without any interruption in service, including any relevant deadlines;
- 4. The names and contact information of persons at the agency where such employee commences employment who provide guidance to employees regarding accessing city-administered benefits;
- 5. The names and contact information of persons at the agency where such employee commences employment who provide personnel services, including the type of guidance such persons are designated to provide; and
- 6. To the extent such agency provides any information to such employee regarding available employee benefits that are not city-administered benefits, contact information for persons who can provide guidance to such employees regarding such benefits, to the extent such contact information is available.
- c. Language accessibility. Upon request by an employee for translation of the information required pursuant to subdivision b into one of the 10 designated city languages, as defined by chapter 11 of title 23, an agency shall provide such translation to such employee.
  - § 3. This local law takes effect 60 days after it becomes law.

CARMEN N. DE LA ROSA, *Chairperson*, FRANCISCO P. MOYA, ERIC DINOWITZ, OSWALD J. FELIZ, TIFFANY CABÁN, ERIK D. BOTTCHER, KAMILLAH M. HANKS, JULIE MENIN, YUSEF SALAAM; 9-0-0; Committee on Civil Service and Labor, December 19, 2024. *Other Council Members Attending: Council Members Joseph and Farías*.

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. 1090-A

Report of the Committee on Finance 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 authorizing an increase in the amount to be expended annually in 9 business improvement districts.

The Committee on Finance, to which the annexed proposed amended local law was referred on October 23, 2024 (Minutes, page 3561), respectfully

#### REPORTS:

#### I. INTRODUCTION

On December 19, 2024, the Committee on Finance, chaired by Council Member Justin Brannan, will consider the following legislation:

- **Proposed Int. No. 1090-A**, in relation to authorizing an increase in the amount to be expended annually in 9 business improvement districts;
- Int. No. 1098, in relation to increasing the amount to be expended annually in the Madison Avenue business improvement district and amending the district plan of such district to change the method of assessment upon which the district charge is based;
- **Pre-considered Res. No. 700,** approving a budget modification pursuant to section 107(e) of the Charter of the City of New York;
- **Res. No. 11**, calling upon the United States Congress to pass and the President to sign H.R. 4052, the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2023:
- **Preconsidered L.U. No. 200**, approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 1036, Lot 5) Manhattan, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law (**45th Street Partners**);
- **Preconsidered L.U. No. 201**, approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 2248, Lot 228) Manhattan, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law (**The Perennial**);
- **Preconsidered L.U. No. 202**, approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 3266, Lot 90) Bronx, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law (**3044 Albany Crecent**):

- **Preconsidered L.U. No. 204**, approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 387, Lot 141) Manhattan, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law (**73 Loisaida HDFC**);and
- **Preconsidered L.U. No. 203**, approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 2990, Lot 1) Bronx, pursuant to Section 125(1)(a-3) of the Private Housing Finance Law (**Crotona VII**).

Witnesses invited to testify include representatives of the New York City (NYC) Department of Small Business Services (SBS), NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), and members of the public.

#### II. LEGISLATION

#### **A.** Business Improvement Districts

Under Local Law 82 of 1990, the City Council assumed responsibility for adopting the legislation that would establish business improvement districts ("BIDs"). BIDs are specifically defined areas of designated properties. Their establishment is based upon a district plan. They use NYC'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 NYC provides. The additional services are designated to enhance the area and to improve local business. Typically, a BID's additional services can include security, sanitation, physical and capital improvements (lighting, landscaping, sidewalks, etc.), seasonal activities (Christmas lighting), and related business services (marketing and advertising).

#### i. Amendments to District Plans

Amendments to the district plan which provide for any change in the method of assessment upon which the district charge is based, or an increase only in the amount to be expended annually for improvements, services, maintenance and operaion may be adopted by local law, provided that the Council shall, after a public hearing, determine that it is in the public interest to authorize the additional improvements, services or increase in the maximum annual amount and that the tax and debt limits prescribed in section 25-412 of this chapter will not be exceeded. The Council shall give notice of the hearing by publication of a notice in at least one newspaper having general circulation in the district specifying the time when and the place where the hearing will be held. This notice shall be published once at least ten days prior to the date specified for the hearing.<sup>1</sup>

The Council adopted Resolutions No. 627-2024 and No. 630-2024, which scheduled a public hearing date of December, 19, 2024, for Proposed Int. No. 1090-A and Int. No. 1098, and authorized the implicated District Management Associations to publish in a newspaper of general circulation in each district, not less than 10 days prior to the hearing, a notice stating the time and place of the hearing and setting forth the proposed increase in the amount to be expended annually in each of the BIDS, and the proposed change in the method of assessment upon which the district charge in the Madison Avenue BID is based.

#### ii. Analysis of Legislation

#### a. Proposed Int. No. 1090-A

This bill would authorize nine existing business improvement districts throughout NYC to increase the amount they expend annually, as follows: 34th Street Business Improvement District, \$14,300,000; Times Square Business Improvement District, \$17,200,000; North Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ad. Code § 25-410 (b).

\$350,000; Madison/23rd/Flatiron/Chelsea Business Improvement District, \$9,000,000; Bayside Village Business Improvement District, \$430,000; Fulton Street Business Improvement District, \$800,000; Hudson Square Business Improvement District, \$5,850,000; Atlantic Avenue Business Improvement District, \$637,000; and the SoHo Business Improvement District, \$1,757,934.

#### b. Int. 1090

This bill would authorize an increase in the amount the Madison Avenue business improvement district may expend annually to \$2,520,000, and a change in the method of assessment upon which the district charge in the business improvement district is based.

# **B.** Budget Modification

# <u>Pre-considered Res. No. 700, to approve a budget modification pursuant to section 107(e) of the Charter of the City of New York</u>

This resolution would approve, pursuant to Charter section 107(e), the Office of Management and Budget's December 3, 2024, request to appropriate new City revenues in fiscal year 2025 in the amount of \$255.6 million (MN-2). The requested modification would implement revenue budget changes reflected in the City's November Financial Plan.

#### C. Real Property Tax Exemptions

## i. Private Housing Finance Law, Article XI

Under section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law, the Council may exempt the real property in the project of a Housing Development Fund Company from local and municipal taxes including school taxes, other than assessments for local improvements, to the extent of all or part of the value of the property included in the completed project. The tax exemption shall operate and continue for such period as may be provided by such local legislative body, but in no event for a period of more than forty years, commencing in each instance from the date on which the benefits of such exemption first became available and effective.<sup>2</sup>

In New York City, within 120 days following receipt of a written submission from the supervising agency (HPD) requesting a tax exemption pursuant for real property containing the project of a Housing Development Fund Company, the Council shall approve or disapprove by resolution the requested tax exemption. If the local legislative body fails to take such action within one hundred twenty days following receipt of such written submission from such supervising agency, then the tax exemption requested by the supervising agency shall be deemed approved pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision.<sup>3</sup>

The Committee will consider the following written requests for tax exemptions received from HPD:

**a. Preconsidered L.U. No. 200, to** approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 1036, Lot 5) Manhattan, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law (**45th Street Partners**)

This resolution would approve a 40-year full exemption from real property taxes, pursuant to Article XI of the Private Housing Finance Law, for 45th Street Partners, a 4-builing portfolio with 80 residential units located in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood in Council Member Eric Bottcher's District. Of 45th Street's 80 units, there are 40 one-bedroom units and 40 two-bedroom units; 76 out of 80 units are currently rent stabilized and 4 are

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Private Housing Finance Law § 577 (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Id. at (d).

market rate units. 45th Street Partners aims to create 70 residential units to accommodate formerly homeless households.

**b. Preconsidered L.U. No. 201**, approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 2248, Lot 228) Manhattan, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law (**The Perennial**)

This resolution would approve a 40-year full exemption from real property taxes, pursuant to Article XI of the Private Housing Finance Law, for The Perennial, which will consist of the adaptive reuse of a former hospital building, resulting in a 145-unit (inclusive of one superintendent unit), 158,510 square feet affordable senior building located in Forest Hills, Queens, in Council Member Lynn Schulman's District. The Perennial will be comprised of 108 studio units, 16 one-bedroom units, and 21 two-bedroom units. Of the 144 rent-generating units, 124 rent units will be for low-income senior households with at least one person 62 years of age or older. Forty-four of the 124 senior units will be set-aside for homeless individuals. The 20 remaining affordable units will be set aside for low-income families. All such units will be covered under a Project-based Section 8 HAP Contract. On-site social services will be offered to residents, inclusive of case management and group programming via HRA SARA social services funding. The Perennial will promote aging in place for seniors with 8,649 SF of tenant amenity spaces.

**c. Preconsidered L.U. No. 202**, approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 3266, Lot 90) Bronx, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law (**3044 Albany Crescent**)

This resolution would approve a 40-year partial exemption from real property taxes, pursuant to Article XI of the Private Housing Finance Law, for 3044 Albany Crescent, a five-story walk-up building located on a single lot with a total of 36 residential units, located in the Kingsbridge Heights neighborhood in the Bronx in Council Member Pierina Ana Sanchez' District. Of the 36 units, there are 6 one-bedrooms, 20 two-bedrooms, and 10 three-bedrooms. All units are rent stabilized. 3044 Albany Crescent will restrict rents and income tiers, along with a 15% homeless set-aside (6 units). Current average rent is 43.84% AMI, while the current legal rents average 44.53% AMI. The weighted market rents in the area average 78% AMI according to Rent-O-Meter. All units will be income and rent restricted as part of the closing.

**d. Preconsidered L.U. No. 204**, approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 387, Lot 141) Manhattan, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law (**73 Loisaida HDFC**)

This resolution would approve a 40-year exemption from real property taxes, pursuant to Article XI of the Private Housing Finance Law, for 73 Loisaida HDFC, a multi-family walk-up building with 16 units in he East Village neighborhood within Manhattan Community Board 3 in Council Member Carlina Rivera's District. As a condition of the tax exemption, HPD will require 73 Loisaida Housing Development Fund Corporation ("Legal Owner") to enter a 40-year regulatory agreement restricting rents and income tiers in addition to requiring a 15% homeless set-aside (2 units) and HPD's Aging-In-Place initiative.

# ii. Private Housing Finance Law, Article V

Section 125 (a-3) of the Private Housing Finance Law authorizes the Council to grant an additional tax exemption period for any project, other than a project by a mutual redevelopment company, that received a tax exemption under paragraph (a) of Section 125, upon the expiration of the tax exemption period. The additional tax exemption period may be for a term of 40 years, or until such time as the project is no longer operated under the restrictions and for the purposes set forth in Article V of the Private Housing Finance Law, whichever is sooner.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Private Housing Finance Law § 125 (1)(a-3).

The Committee will consider HPD's request to approve a tax exemption pursuant to Article V of the Private Housing Finance Law:

**e. Preconsidered L.U. No. 203**, approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 2990, Lot 1) Bronx, pursuant to Section 125(1)(a-3) of the Private Housing Finance Law (**Crotona VII**)

This resolution would approve a 40-year partial exemption from real property taxes, pursuant to Article V of the Private Housing Finance Law, for Crotona VII, a project that consists of one building on a single lot in the Crotona Park East neighborhood of the Bronx in Council Member Rafael Salamanca's District. The building contains 55 units: 5 studios, 27 one-bedrooms, 17 two-bedrooms (one of which is reserved for the superintendent), 5 three-bedrooms, and 1 four-bedroom. Tenants generally pay 30% of their income for rent under the rental subsidy program. To maintain the property as affordable housing, HPD asked the Council to approve a partial Article V tax exemption. The sponsor of the project proposes to preserve the property for 40 years under Article V with a 12% base gross rent tax, starting in the current fiscal year, increasing by 25% of increases in contract rents after the date of the regulatory agreement up to a cap of the lower of 17% of HUD contract rents or full property taxes.

## f. Other Legislation

## Res. No. 11

This resolution would call upon Congress to pass, and the President to sign, H.R. 4052, known as the "National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2023," which was introduced by U.S. Representative Danny K. Davis and remains pending in Congress. The Act would establish a National Infrastructure Bank to facilitate efficient, long-term financing of infrastructure projects, business and economic growth, and new job creation. This public deposit bank would provide direct loans and other financing of up to \$5 trillion for qualifying infrastructure projects, helping to meet an estimated \$6.1 trillion in investments necessary to meet the country's infrastructure needs by 2029.

(The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 1090-A:)



THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK FINANCE DIVISION

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

RICHARD LEE, DIRECTOR

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROPOSED INT. NO. 1090-A

**COMMITTEE: FINANCE** 

**TITLE:** A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to authorizing an increase in the amount to be expended annually in 9 business improvement districts.

**Sponsors:** By Council Members Brannan and Louis.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This bill would authorize nine existing business improvement districts throughout the City to increase the amount they expend annually as follows: 34th Street Business Improvement District, \$14,300,000; Times Square Business Improvement District, \$17,200,000; North Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District, \$350,000; Madison/23rd/Flatiron/Chelsea Business Improvement District, \$9,000,000; Bayside Village Business Improvement District, \$430,000; Fulton Street Business Improvement District, \$800,000; Hudson Square Business Improvement District, \$5,850,000; Atlantic Avenue Business Improvement District, \$637,000; and the SoHo Business Improvement District, \$1,757,934.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2025, except that the increase for 34th Street Business Improvement District would take effect immediately be retroactive to July 1, 2024

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

#### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY 25	Succeeding FY 26	Full Fiscal Impact FY 26
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.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** New York City Department of Small Business Services

New York City Council Finance Division

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY: Michael Sherman, Principal Financial Analyst

**ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY**: Nicholas Connell, Finance Counsel

**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ESTIMATE:** OMB provided a cost estimate, which is attached in full.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** On November 13, 2024, the Finance Committee adopted Resolution 627 that set December 19, 2024, as the date to consider a local law that would to increase the budget amounts of eight BIDs throughout the City as of July 1, 2025, and one BID retroactive to July 1, 2024. Proposed Int. No. 1090-A will be heard by the Finance Committee on December 19, 2024, and upon majority affirmative vote by the Finance Committee on December 19, 2024, the bill will be reported to the Council for a vote on December 19, 2024.

**DATE PREPARED:** December 16, 2024.

(The following is the text of OMB'S Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 1090-A:)

## Fiscal Impact Statement Prepared By New York City Mayor's Office of Management and Budget



Jacques Jiha, PhD, Budget Director

**Disclaimer:** This fiscal impact statement is a preliminary estimate and subject to change based upon further data analysis or changes in bill text. This legislation is summarized as understood by the administration as of the date this statement was prepared and does not include or consider subsequent text changes. This fiscal impact statement is not legally binding on the administration. "Total" columns represent the respective sum over a four-year period; note that fiscal impacts continue after year four. Unless otherwise stated, information used in the preparation of this Fiscal Impact Statement is sourced from the agencies impacted and the NYC Mayor's Office of Management and Budget.

**Proposed Intro No. / Title:** Intro 1090 / in relation to authorizing an increase in the amount to be expended annually in 9 business improvement districts.

Sponsors: Brannan, Louis, Narcisse

**Committee:** Committee on Finance

Summary of Legislation: This bill would authorize nine existing business improvement districts throughout the City to increase the amount they expend annually as follows: 34th Street Business Improvement District, \$14,300,000; Times Square Business Improvement District, \$17,200,000; North Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District, \$350,000; Madison/23rd/Flatiron/Chelsea Business Improvement District, \$9,000,000; Bayside Village Business Improvement District, \$430,000; Fulton Street Business Improvement District, \$800,000; Hudson Square Business Improvement District, \$5,850,000; Atlantic Avenue Business Improvement District, \$637,000; and the SoHo Business Improvement District, \$1,757,934.

Effective Date: Immediate upon enactment.

First Fiscal Year Legislation Takes Effect: Fiscal Year 2025

First Fiscal Year with Full Impact: Fiscal Year 2025

**Agencies Impacted:** Department of Small Business Services (SBS)

## Fiscal Impact Analysis

## **A.** Total Impact (Expense and Revenue)

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

## **B.** Expense

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

## **Impact on Expenditures (Expense):**

There is no anticipated impact on expense expenditures.

## C. Revenue

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Impact on Revenues:**

There is no anticipated impact on revenue.

## D. Capital

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Impact on Expenditures (Capital):**

There is no anticipated impact on capital expenditures.

**Date Prepared:** December 16, 2024.

(For text of Int. Nos. 1098 and its Fiscal Impact Statement, please see the Report of the Committee on Finance for Int. No. 1098 printed in these Minutes; for text of Res. No. 11, please see the Report of the Committee on Finance for Res. No. 11 printed in the voice-vote Resolutions calendar section of these Minutes; for text of L.U. Nos. 200 to 204 with their coupled resolutions, please see, respectively, the Reports of the Committee on Finance for L.U. Nos. 200 to 204, printed in these Minutes; for text of Int. No. 1090-A, please see below)

Accordingly, this Committee recommends the adoption of Int. Nos. 1090-A, 1098, Res. No. 11, Preconsidered L.U. Nos. 200, 201, 202, 203, and 204.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 1090-A:)

Int. No. 1090-A

By Council Members Brannan, Louis, Narcisse and Mealy.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to authorizing an increase in the amount to be expended annually in 9 business improvement districts

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 25-422.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 235 for the year 2017, is amended to read as follows:

- 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 Times Square business improvement district beginning on July 1, [2017] 2025, 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 [fourteen million three hundred forty-seven thousand two hundred ninety-three dollars (\$14,347,293)] \$17,200,000.
- § 2. Subdivision a of section 25-423.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 209 for the year 2019, is amended to read as follows:
- 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 34th Street business improvement district beginning on July 1, [2019] 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 [thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000)] \$14,300,000.
- § 3. Subdivision a of section 25-453 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 3 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:
- 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 North Flatbush Avenue business improvement district beginning on July 1, [2012] 2025, 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 [two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)] \$350,000.
- § 4. Subdivision a of section 25-463.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 89 for the year 2021, is amended to read as follows:
- 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 Madison/23rd/Flatiron/Chelsea business improvement district beginning on July 1, [2021] 2025, 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 [six million dollars (\$6,000,000)] \$9,000,000.
- § 5. Subdivision a of section 25-474.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 135 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:
- 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 Bayside Village business improvement district beginning on July 1, [2016] 2025, 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 [two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000)] \$430,000.
- § 6. Subdivision a of section 25-478.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 29 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:
- 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 Fulton Street business improvement district beginning on July 1, [2015] 2025, 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 [five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)] \$800,000.
- § 7. Subdivision a of section 25-479.2 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 36 for the year 2019, is amended to read as follows:
- 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 Hudson Square business improvement district beginning on July 1, [2019] 2025, 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 [three million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$3,900,000)] \$5,850,000.

- § 8. Subdivision a of section 25-481.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 235 for the year 2017, is amended to read as follows:
- 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 Atlantic Avenue business improvement district beginning on July 1, [2016] 2025, 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 [three hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$390,000)] \$637,000.
- § 9. Subdivision a of section 25-482.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 235 for the year 2017, is amended to read as follows:
- 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 SoHo business improvement district beginning on July 1, [2017] 2025, 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 [nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000)] \$1,757,934.
- § 10. This local law takes effect July 1, 2025, except that section two of this local law takes effect immediately and is retroactive to and deemed to have been in effect as of July 1, 2024.

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, KAMILLAH M. HANKS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, CHI A. OSSÉ, YUSEF SALAAM, ALTHEA V. STEVENS, NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, DAVID M. CARR; 15-0-0; *Absent:* Julie Won; *Parental*: Pierina A. Sanchez; Committee on Finance, December 19, 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. 1098

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 increasing the amount to be expended annually in the Madison Avenue business improvement district and amending the district plan of such district to change the method of assessment upon which the district charge is based.

The Committee on Finance, to which the annexed proposed local law was referred on October 23, 2024 (Minutes, page 3578), respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

(For text of report, please see the Report of the Committee on Finance for Int. No. 1090-A printed above in these Minutes)

The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 1098:



THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK FINANCE DIVISION

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

RICHARD LEE, DIRECTOR

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

INT. No. 1098

COMMITTEE: FINANCE

**TITLE:** A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing the amount to be expended annually in the Madison Avenue business improvement district and amending the district plan of such district to change the method of assessment upon which the district charge is based.

**Sponsors**: Council Member Powers.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** This bill would authorize an increase in the amount the Madison Avenue business improvement district is authorized to expend annually to \$2,520,000 and change the method of assessment upon which the district charge in the business improvement district is based.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2025

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

#### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective	Succeeding	Full Fiscal
	FY 26	FY 27	Impact FY 26
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.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** New York City Department of Small Business Services

New York City Council Finance Division

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY: Michael Sherman, Principal Financial Analyst

**ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY**: Nicholas Connell, Finance Counsel

**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ESTIMATE:** OMB provided a cost estimate, which is attached in full.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** On November 13, 2024, the Finance Committee adopted Resolution 630 that set December 19, 2024 as the date to consider a local law that would increase the budget amounts of one BID throughout the City as of July 1, 2025. Int. No. 1098 will be heard by the Finance Committee on December 19, 2024, and upon majority affirmative vote by the Finance Committee on December 19, 2024, the bill will be reported to the Council for a vote on December 19, 2024.

**DATE PREPARED:** December 16, 2024.

(The following is the text of OMB's Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 1098:)

## Fiscal Impact Statement Prepared By New York City Mayor's Office of Management and Budget



Jacques Jiha, PhD, Budget Director

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**Proposed Intro No. / Title:** Intro 1098 / in relation to increasing the amount to be expended annually in the Madison Avenue business improvement district and amending the district plan of such district to change the method of assessment upon which the district charge is based.

**Sponsors:** Powers

Committee: Finance

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill increases the amount that the Madison Avenue Business Improvement District can spend annually, from \$2,100,000 to \$2,520,000. Additionally, the city council is required to file an amended district plan with the city clerk containing a change of method of assessment for the Madison Avenue Business Improvement District.

**Effective Date:** This local law would take effect July 1, 2025. The provision requiring the filing of an amended district plan is effective upon adoption of the local law.

First Fiscal Year Legislation Takes Effect: Fiscal Year 2026

First Fiscal Year with Full Impact: Fiscal Year 2026

## **Fiscal Impact Analysis**

A. Total Impact (Expense and Revenue)

	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

# **B.** Expense

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

## **Impact on Expenditures (Expense):**

# **C.** Revenue

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

## **Impact on Revenues:**

There is no anticipated impact on revenue.

# D. Capital

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

## **Impact on Expenditures (Capital):**

There is no anticipated impact on capital expenditures.

Date Prepared: December 16, 2024.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 1098:)

There is no anticipated impact on expense expenditures.

Int. No. 1098

By Council Members Powers and Mealy.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing the amount to be expended annually in the Madison Avenue business improvement district and amending the district plan of such district to change the method of assessment upon which the district charge is based

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 25-447.2 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 235 for the year 2017, is amended to read as follows:

- 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 Madison Avenue business improvement district beginning on July 1, [2016] 2025, 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 [two million one hundred thousand dollars (\$2,100,000)] \$2,520,000.
- § 2. Chapter 5 of title 25 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 25-447.3 to read as follows:
- § 25-447.3 Madison Avenue business improvement district; amendment to 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 Madison Avenue 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.
- b. Immediately upon adoption of the local law that added this section, the council shall file with the city clerk the amended district plan containing the change in the method of assessment authorized by subdivision a of this section.
  - § 3. This local law takes effect July 1, 2025.

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, KAMILLAH M. HANKS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, CHI A. OSSÉ, YUSEF SALAAM, ALTHEA V. STEVENS, NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, DAVID M. CARR; 15-0-0; *Absent:* Julie Won; *Parental:* Pierina A. Sanchez; Committee on Finance, December 19, 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 M-83

Report of the Committee on Finance in favor of approving a Communication from the Office of Management & Budget in regard to an Appropriation of new City revenues in Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of \$255.6 million, pursuant to Section 107(e) of the New York City Charter (MN-2).

The Committee on Finance, to which the annexed communication was referred on December 5, 2024 (Minutes, page 3971) and which same communication was coupled with the resolution shown below, respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

<u>Introduction.</u> At the meeting of the Committee on Finance of the City Council on December 19, 2024, the Council considered a communication from the Office of Management and Budget of the Mayor, dated December 3, 2024, of a proposed request to modify, pursuant to Section 107(e) of the Charter of the City of New York, the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget Plan, and the revenue estimate related thereto prepared by the Mayor as of December 3, 2024.

<u>Analysis.</u> The Council annually adopts the City's budget covering expenditures pursuant to Section 254 of the Charter. On June 30, 2024, the Council adopted the expense budget for fiscal year 2025 (the "Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget"). On December 3, 2024, the Mayor submitted to the Council MN-1, modifying the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget. On December 3, 2024, the Mayor submitted to the Council a revenue estimate MN-2, related to the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget.

Circumstances have changed since the Council last adopted the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget.

Section 107(e) provides one mechanism for the Mayor and the Council to amend the Expense Budget and related revenue estimate to reflect changes in circumstances that occur after adoption of a budget. Section 107(e) permits the modification of the budget in order to create new units of appropriation, to appropriate new revenues from any source other than categorical federal, state and private funding, or to use previously unappropriated funds received from any source.

<u>Discussion of Above-captioned Resolution.</u> The above-captioned resolution would authorize the modifications to the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget and related revenue estimate requested in the communication.

This modification (MN-2) seeks to increase revenues in the net amount of \$255.6 million compared to the Fiscal 2025 Adopted Budget. This represents an increase in City funds of approximately 0.3 percent.

MN-2 is the first revenue modification of Fiscal 2025 and it reflects changes since the Adopted Budget which are outlined in the Fiscal 2025 November Financial Plan.

MN-2 recognizes \$255.6 million in increased revenues. Tax revenues increased by \$201.0 million since the Adopted Plan. This is largely due to increases of \$101 million from the general corporation tax, \$51 million from the unincorporated business tax, and \$59 million from the real property tax. This was partially offset by a \$54 million decrease from the real property transfer tax and a \$22 million decrease from the sales tax.

Miscellaneous revenues increased by \$41.0 million since the Adopted Plan. This increase is mainly from \$88 million in interest payments, partially offset by a \$37 million decrease in charges for services and a \$26 million decrease in water and sewer charges.

Unrestricted federal aid increased by \$13.6 million, chiefly from FEMA.

This modification (MN-2) uses the \$255.6 million in new revenues to pay for rate increase for child care providers, tax lien sale outreach, rental assistance and partially pay for cash assistance.

The resolution would also direct the City Clerk to forward a certified copy thereof to the Mayor and the Comptroller so that the Mayor, the Comptroller and the City Clerk may certify the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget as amended thereby as the budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. The above-captioned resolution would take effect as of the date adopted.

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

TO: Honorable Adrienne E. Adams

Speaker

Honorable Justin Brannan Chair, Finance Committee

FROM: Tanisha S. Edwards, Esq.,

Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Speaker

Richard Lee, Director, Finance Division

Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Director, Finance Division

Emre Edev, Deputy Director, Finance Division Dilara Dimnaku, Chief Economist, Finance Division

Nicholas Connell, Counsel, Finance Division

Paul Sturm, Supervising Economist, Finance Division Vincent Giordano, Economist, Finance Division

DATE: December 19, 2024

SUBJECT: A Budget Modification (MN-2) for Fiscal 2025 that will appropriate \$255.6 million in new

revenues.

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INITIATION: By letter dated December 3, 2024, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget submitted to the Council, pursuant to section 107(e) of the New York City Charter, a request to appropriate \$255.6 million in new revenues. These new revenues will be used for pay for a rate increase for child care providers, tax lien sale outreach, rental assistance and partially pay for cash assistance.

BACKGROUND: This modification (MN-2) seeks to recognize \$255.6 million in new revenues, implementing changes reflected since the June 2024 Adopted Budget. These funds will add \$255.6 million to pay for a rate increase for child care providers, tax lien sale outreach, rental assistance and partially pay for cash assistance.

FISCAL IMPACT: This modification represents a net increase in the Fiscal 2025 budget of \$255.6 million.

(The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for coupled Res. No. 700:)



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

PRE CONSIDERED RESOLUTION NO: 700

**COMMITTEE:** Finance

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving a Modification (MN-2) Pursuant to Section 107(e) of the Charter of the City of New York.

SPONSOR(S): Brannan.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** This resolution implements the proposed budget modification (MN-2) which effectuates certain changes to the Fiscal 2025 budget as presented in the Mayor's November 2024 Financial Plan. This includes recognizing \$255.6 million in higher than anticipated City fund revenues, and allocating those funds to for head start & day care, tax lien sale outreach, and partially pay for cash assistance.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 19, 2024

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

#### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

	Effective FY25	FY Succeeding Effective FY26	Full Fiscal Impact FY25
Revenues	\$255,646,942	\$0	\$255,646,942
Expenditures	\$255,646,942	\$0	\$255,646,942
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

**IMPACT ON REVENUES:** This legislation recognizes \$255.6 million in greater than projected City funds revenues. This is primarily driven by \$201.0 million in additional tax revenues, including \$101 million from the general corporation tax, \$51 million from the unincorporated business tax, and \$59 million from the real property tax. These increases are partially offset by a \$54 million decrease from the real property transfer tax and a \$22 million decrease from the sales tax.

Miscellaneous revenues are also increased by \$41.0 million. This increase is mainly from \$88 million in interest payments, partially offset by a \$37 million decrease in charges for services and a \$26 million decrease in water and sewer charges.

Unrestricted federal aid increased by \$13.6 million, chiefly from FEMA.

All changes are limited to Fiscal 2025.

**IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES:** This modification allocates the additional revenues by increasing the budgets for Head Start and Daycare at the Administration for Children's Services by \$64.5 million; Public Cash Assistance

at the Department of Social Services by \$189.1 million; and funding for tax lien sale outreach activities at the Department of Housing Preservation & Development.

All changes are limited to Fiscal 2025.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: General Fund

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** Office of Management & Budget

**ESTIMATE PREPARED BY:** Paul Sturm, Supervising Economist, New York City Council Finance

Division

Vincent Giordano, Economist, New York City Council Finance Division

**ESTIMATED REVIEWED BY:** Emre Edev, Deputy Director, New York City Council Finance Division

Nicholas Connell, Counsel, New York City Council Finance Division

Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Director, New York City Council Finance Division

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** The Council received a request from the Director of the Office of Management & Budget on December 3 (MN-2), to approve a modification of the City's Fiscal 2025 Budget pursuant to Charter Section 107(e). This legislation will be heard pre-considered at a hearing before the Finance Committee on December 19, 2024, and upon majority affirmative vote, will be reported to the full Council. This legislation will be introduced to the Council on December 19, 2024.

**DATE PREPARED:** 12/18/2024.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends the adoption of M-83 & Res. No. 700.

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

Preconsidered Res. No. 700

# RESOLUTION APPROVING A MODIFICATION (MN-2) PURSUANT TO SECTION 107(e) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

By Council Member Brannan.

Whereas, At a meeting of the Committee on Finance of the City Council of the City of New York (the "City Council") on December 19, 2024, the Committee on Finance considered a communication, dated December 3, 2024, from the Office of Management and Budget of the Mayor of the City of New York (the "Mayor"), of a proposed request to recognize a net increase in revenue pursuant to Section 107(e) of the Charter of the City of New York (the "Charter"), attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Request to Appropriate"); and

Whereas, Section 107(e) of the Charter requires the City Council and the Mayor to follow the procedures and required approvals pursuant to Sections 254, 255, and 256 of the Charter, without regard to the dates specified therein, in the case of the proposed appropriation of any new revenues and the creation of new units of appropriation; and

Whereas, Section 107(e) of the Charter requires that any request by the Mayor respecting an amendment of the budget that involves an increase in the budget shall be accompanied by a statement of the source of current revenues or other identifiable and currently available funds required for the payment of such additional amounts, attached hereto as Exhibit B (together with the Request to Appropriate, the "Revenue Modification");

**NOW, THEREFORE,** The Council of the City of New York hereby resolves as follows:

- **1.** <u>Approval of Modification.</u> The City Council hereby approves the Revenue Modification pursuant to Section 107(e) of the Charter.
- **2. Further Actions.** The City Council directs the City Clerk to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor and the Comptroller as soon as practicable so that the Mayor, the Comptroller and the City Clerk may certify the Fiscal 2025 Expense Budget as amended by this resolution as the budget for the remainder of the fiscal year.
  - **3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect as of the date hereof.

(For text of Exhibit A and B, please see the New York City Council website at <a href="https://council.nyc.gov/">https://council.nyc.gov/</a> for the respective attachments section of the M-83 & Res. No. 700 of 2025 files)

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, KAMILLAH M. HANKS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, CHI A. OSSÉ, YUSEF SALAAM, ALTHEA V. STEVENS, NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, DAVID M. CARR; 15-0-0; *Absent:* Julie Won; *Parental:* Pierina A.Sanchez; Committee on Finance, December 19, 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. 200

Report of the Committee on Finance in favor of a Resolution approving 45th Street Partners, Block 1036, Lot 5, Manhattan, Community District No. 4, Council District No. 3.

The Committee on Finance, to which the annexed preconsidered Land Use item was referred on December 19, 2024 and which same Land Use item was coupled with the resolution shown below, respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

(For text of the report, please see the Report of the Committee on Finance for Res. No. 1090-A printed above in these Minutes:)

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.

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

## Preconsidered Res. No. 701

Resolution approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 1036, Lot 5) Manhattan, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law (Preconsidered L.U. No. 200).

By Council Members Brannan and Mealy.

**WHEREAS**, The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD") submitted to the Council its request dated November 26, 2024, that the Council take the following action regarding a housing project located at (Block 1036, Lot 5) 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. "Community Facility Space" shall mean those portions of the Exemption Area which the Regulatory Agreement requires to be devoted solely to community facility uses.
  - b. "Company" shall mean 45th Street Housing Partners LLC or any other entity that acquires the beneficial interest in the Exemption Area with the prior written consent of HPD.
  - c. "Effective Date" shall mean June 26, 2024.
  - d. "Exemption" shall mean the exemption from real property taxation provided hereunder.
  - e. "Exemption Area" shall mean the real property located in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, identified as Block 1036, Lot 5 on the Tax Map of the City of New York.
  - f. "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.
  - g. "HDFC" shall mean 351-357 West 45th Street Housing Development Fund Corporation or a housing development fund company that acquires the Exemption Area with the prior written consent of HPD.
  - h. "HPD" shall mean the Department of Housing Preservation and Development of the City of New York.
  - i. "Owner" shall mean, collectively, the HDFC and the Company.

- j. "Regulatory Agreement" shall mean the regulatory agreement between HPD and the Owner that is executed on or after November 1, 2024 establishing certain controls upon the operation of the Exemption Area on or after the date such regulatory agreement is executed.
- 2. All of the value of the property in the Exemption Area, (excluding those portions, if any, devoted to business or commercial use other than the Community Facility Space), 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 (i) execute and record the Regulatory Agreement, and (ii) 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, KAMILLAH M. HANKS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, CHI A. OSSÉ, YUSEF SALAAM, ALTHEA V. STEVENS, NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, DAVID M. CARR; 15-0-0; *Absent:* Julie Won; *Parental:* Pierina A. Sanchez; Committee on Finance, December 19, 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. 201

Report of the Committee on Finance in favor of a Resolution approving The Perennial, Block 2248, Lot 228, Queens, Community District No. 6, Council District No. 29.

The Committee on Finance, to which the annexed preconsidered Land Use item was referred on December 19, 2024 and which same Land Use item was coupled with the resolution shown below, respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

(For text of the report, please see the Report of the Committee on Finance for Res. No. 1090-A printed above in these Minutes:)

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.

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

Preconsidered Res. No. 702

Resolution approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 2248, Lot 228) Queens, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law (Preconsidered L.U. No. 201).

By Council Members Brannan and Mealy

**WHEREAS**, The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD") submitted to the Council its request dated December 4, 2024, that the Council take the following action regarding a housing project located at (Block 2248, Lot 228) Queens ("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 Perennial Owner LLC or any other entity that acquires the beneficial interest 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 Queens, City and State of New York, identified as Block 2248, Lot 228 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 Selfhelp Perennial Housing Development Fund Corporation 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, all mortgagees of record, and, where there has been an unauthorized conveyance or transfer of any interest in the Exemption Area, to the new owner of such interest in the Exemption Area, 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 a building on the Exemption Area that has a new permanent certificate of occupancy or a temporary certificate of occupancy for all of the residential areas on or before five years from 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, KAMILLAH M. HANKS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, CHI A. OSSÉ, YUSEF SALAAM, ALTHEA V. STEVENS, NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, DAVID M. CARR; 15-0-0; *Absent:* Julie Won; *Parental:* Pierina A. Sanchez; Committee on Finance, December 19, 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. 202

Report of the Committee on Finance in favor of a Resolution approving 3044 Albany Crescent, Block 3266, Lot 90, Bronx, Community District No. 8, Council District No. 14.

The Committee on Finance, to which the annexed preconsidered Land Use item was referred on December 19, 2024 and which same Land Use item was coupled with the resolution shown below, respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

(For text of the report, please see the Report of the Committee on Finance for Res. No. 1090-A printed above in these Minutes:)

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.

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

Preconsidered Res. No. 703

Resolution approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 3266, Lot 90) Bronx, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law (Preconsidered L.U. No. 202).

By Council Members Brannan and Mealy.

**WHEREAS**, The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD") submitted to the Council its request dated December 12, 2024, that the Council take the following action regarding a housing project located at (Block 3266, Lot 90) Bronx ("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 3044 Albany LLC or any other entity that acquires the beneficial interest 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 Bronx, City and State of New York, identified as Block 3266, Lot 90 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. "Gross Rent" shall mean the gross potential rents from all residential, commercial, and community facility units on the Exemption Area without regard to whether such units are occupied or vacant, including, but not limited to, Section 8, rent supplements, rental assistance, or any other subsidy.
  - g. "Gross Rent Deadline" shall mean three hundred and sixty-five (365) days from the date of the HPD letter requesting the information that HPD needs to calculate the Gross Rent Tax for the applicable tax year.
  - h. "Gross Rent Tax" shall mean, with respect to any tax year, an amount equal to five percent (5.0%) of the Gross Rent in such tax year; provided, however, that if the Owner fails to provide the Gross Rent on or before the Gross Rent Deadline, Gross Rent Tax shall mean an amount equal to real property taxes that would otherwise be due in such tax year in the absence of any form of exemption from or abatement of real property taxation.
  - i. "HDFC" shall mean BAH Albany Housing Development Fund Corporation or a housing development fund company that acquires the Exemption Area with the prior written consent of HPD.
  - j. "HPD" shall mean the Department of Housing Preservation and Development of the City of New York.
  - k. "Owner" shall mean, collectively, the HDFC and the Company.
  - 1. "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. Commencing upon the Effective Date, and during each year thereafter until the Expiration Date, the Owner shall make real property tax payments in the sum of the Gross Rent Tax. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the total annual real property tax payment by the Owner shall not at any time exceed the amount of real property taxes that would otherwise be due in the absence of any form of exemption from or abatement of real property taxation provided by an existing or future local, state, or federal law, rule, or regulation.

- 4. 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 a building on the Exemption Area that exists 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.
- 5. 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, KAMILLAH M. HANKS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, CHI A. OSSÉ, YUSEF SALAAM, ALTHEA V. STEVENS, NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, DAVID M. CARR; 15-0-0; *Absent:* Julie Won; *Parental:* Pierina A. Sanchez; Committee on Finance, December 19, 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. 203

Report of the Committee on Finance in favor of a Resolution approving Crotona VII, Block 2990, Lot 1, Bronx, Community District No. 3, Council District No. 17.

The Committee on Finance, to which the annexed preconsidered Land Use item was referred on December 19, 2024 and which same Land Use item was coupled with the resolution shown below, respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

(For text of the report, please see the Report of the Committee on Finance for Res. No. 1090-A printed above in these Minutes:)

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.

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

Preconsidered Res. No. 704

Resolution approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 2990, Lot 1) Bronx, pursuant to Section 125(1)(a-3) of the Private Housing Finance Law (Preconsidered L.U. No. 203).

By Council Members Brannan and Mealy

**WHEREAS**, The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD") submitted to the Council its request dated December 6, 2024, that the Council take the following action regarding a housing project located at (Block 2990, Lot 1) Bronx ("Exemption Area"):

Approve an exemption of the Project from real property taxes pursuant to Section 125(1)(a-3) 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 redevelopment company under Article V 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. "Contract Rent Deadline" shall mean three hundred and sixty-five (365) days from the date of the HPD letter requesting the information that HPD needs to calculate the Contract Rent Differential Tax for the applicable tax year.
  - b. "Contract Rent Differential" shall mean the amount by which the total contract rents applicable to the Exemption Area for such tax year (as adjusted and established pursuant to Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended) exceeded the total contract rents which are authorized as of the date of the Regulatory Agreement.
  - c. "Contract Rent Differential Tax" shall mean the sum of (i) \$109,826 plus (ii) twenty-five percent (25%) of the Contract Rent Differential; provided, however, that the total annual real property tax payment by the Owner shall not at any time exceed the lesser of (A) seventeen percent (17%) of the contract rents in the applicable tax year, or (B) the amount of real property taxes that would otherwise be due in the absence of any form of exemption from, or abatement of, real property taxation provided by an existing or future local, state, or federal law, rule, or regulation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Owner fails to provide the contract rents on or before the Contract Rent Deadline, Contract Rent Differential Tax shall mean an amount equal to real property taxes that would otherwise be due in such tax year in the absence of any form of exemption from or abatement of real property taxation.
  - d. "Effective Date" shall mean December 11, 2019.

- e. "Exemption" shall mean the exemption from real property taxation provided hereunder.
- f. "Exemption Area" shall mean the real property located in the Borough of the Bronx, City and State of New York, identified as Block 2990, Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the City of New York.
- g. "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 Redevelopment Agreement, (iii) the date of the expiration or termination of the Regulatory Agreement, (iv) the date upon which the Exemption Area ceases to be owned by the Owner, (v) the date upon which the City terminates the partial tax exemption pursuant to the terms of the Regulatory Agreement, or (vii) the date of the expiration or termination of the Exemption Area's Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments contract.
- h. "HPD" shall mean the Department of Housing Preservation and Development of the City of New York.
- i. "Owner" shall mean the Partnership.
- j. "Partnership" shall mean Crotona VII Redevelopment Company, L.P. or a redevelopment company organized pursuant to Article V of the PHFL that acquires the Exemption Area with the prior written consent of HPD.
- k. "PHFL" shall mean the Private Housing Finance Law.
- 1. "Prior Exemption" shall mean the exemption from real property taxation for the Exemption Area approved by the Board of Estimate on April 20, 1978 (Cal. No. 70).
- m. "Redevelopment Agreement" shall mean the agreement dated April 20, 1978 between the City of New York and the Owner, establishing certain controls upon the operation of the Exemption Area in accordance with PHFL Section 114 and recorded in City Register File No. (CRFN): 7820037601883 in the office of the City Register of the City of New York.
- n. "Regulatory Agreement" shall mean the regulatory agreement between HPD and the Owner establishing certain controls upon the operation of the Exemption Area on or after the date such regulatory agreement is executed.
- 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. Commencing upon the Effective Date, the Owner shall make real property tax payments in the sum of (i) \$59,256 for the period beginning on the Effective Date and ending on June 30, 2020, (ii) \$106,836 for the period beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021, (iii) \$106,386 for the period beginning on the July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022, (iv) \$106,836 for the period beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023, (v) \$106,836 for the period beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024, and (iv) from July 1, 2024 and for each year thereafter until the Expiration Date, the Contract Rent Differential Tax.
- 4. 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 V of the PHFL, (ii) the Exemption Area is not being operated in accordance with the requirements of the Redevelopment Agreement, (iii) the

Exemption Area is not being operated in accordance with the requirements of the Regulatory Agreement, (iv) 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, (v) any interest in the Exemption Area is conveyed or transferred to a new owner without the prior written approval of HPD, (vi) the Owner of the Exemption Area did not apply for a new Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments contract on or on December 31, 2032 or did not receive a new HAP contract effective January 1, 2033, or (vii) 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 a building on the Exemption Area that exists on the Effective Date.
- c. Nothing herein shall entitle the Partnership, 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.
- d. All previous resolutions, if any, providing an exemption from or abatement of real property taxation with respect to the Exemption Area are hereby revoked as of the Effective Date.
- 5. In consideration of the Exemption, the owner of the Exemption Area shall (a) execute and record the Regulatory Agreement, and (b) 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, KAMILLAH M. HANKS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, CHI A. OSSÉ, YUSEF SALAAM, ALTHEA V. STEVENS, NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, DAVID M. CARR; 15-0-0; *Absent:* Julie Won; *Parental*: Pierina A. Sanchez; Committee on Finance, December 19, 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. 204

Report of the Committee on Finance in favor of a Resolution approving 73 Loisaida HDFC, Block 387, Lot 141, Manhattan, Community District No. 3, Council District No. 2.

The Committee on Finance, to which the annexed preconsidered Land Use item was referred on December 19, 2024 and which same Land Use item was coupled with the resolution shown below, respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

(For text of the report, please see the Report of the Committee on Finance for Res. No. 1090-A printed above in these Minutes:)

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.

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

Preconsidered Res. No. 705

Resolution approving an exemption from real property taxes for property located at (Block 387, Lot 141) Manhattan, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law (Preconsidered L.U. No. 204).

By Council Members Brannan and Mealy.

**WHEREAS**, The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD") submitted to the Council its request dated December 17, 2024, that the Council take the following action regarding a housing project located at (Block 387, Lot 141) 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. "Effective Date" shall mean July 1, 2020.
  - b. "Exemption Area" shall mean the real property located in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, identified as Block 387, Lot 141 on the Tax Map of the City of New York.
  - c. "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.
  - d. "HDFC" shall mean 73 Loisaida Housing Development Fund Corporation or a housing development fund company that acquires the Exemption Area with the prior written consent of HPD.
  - e. "HPD" shall mean the Department of Housing Preservation and Development of the City of New York.
  - f. "New Exemption" shall mean the exemption from real property taxation provided hereunder with respect to the Exemption Area.
  - g. "Owner" shall mean the HDFC.

- h. "Prior Exemption" shall mean any exemption from real property taxation for the Exemption Area pursuant to the Private Housing Finance Law or the General Municipal Law that was in effect prior to the Effective Date.
- i. "Regulatory Agreement" shall mean the regulatory agreement between HPD and the Owner establishing certain controls upon the operation of the Exemption Area on or after the date such Regulatory Agreement is executed.
- 2. The Prior Exemption shall terminate with respect to the Exemption Area on the Effective Date.
- 3. All of the value of the property in the Exemption Area, (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.
- 4. Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary:
  - a. The New 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 New Exemption shall prospectively terminate.
  - b. The New Exemption shall apply to all land in the Exemption Area, but shall only apply to a building on the Exemption Area that exists 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.
  - d. All previous resolutions, if any, providing an exemption from or abatement of real property taxation with respect to the Exemption Area are hereby revoked as of the Effective Date.
- 5. In consideration of the New Exemption, the owner of the Exemption Area shall (a) execute and record the Regulatory Agreement, and (b) for so long as the New 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, KAMILLAH M. HANKS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, CHI A. OSSÉ, YUSEF SALAAM, ALTHEA V. STEVENS, NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS, DAVID M. CARR; 15-0-0; *Absent:* Julie Won; *Parental:* Pierina A. Sanchez; Committee on Finance, December 19, 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 Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation

Report for Int. No. 1111-A

Report of the Committee on Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation 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 adjustment of contribution and expenditure limits to account for two-year council terms.

The Committee on Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation, to which the annexed proposed amended local law was referred on November 13, 2024 (Minutes, page 3675), respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

#### I. Introduction

On December 19, 2024, the Committee on Governmental Operations, State and Federal Legislation, chaired by Council Member Lincoln Restler, will hold a vote on Proposed Introduction Number (Int. No.) 1111-A, sponsored by Council Member Schulman, in relation to adjustment of contribution and expenditure limits to account for two-year council terms. On December 4, 2024, the Committee held a hearing on a previous version of this bill.

Among those who testified at that hearing were representatives from the New York City Board of Elections ("NYCBOE" or "BOE"), the New York City Campaign Finance Board ("CFB"), advocacy organizations, and other members of the public. Int. 1111-A passed with 5 votes in the affirmative, 2 votes in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

### II. BACKGROUND

# a. Campaign Finance Board and the Campaign Finance Act

The Campaign Finance Board is an independent, nonpartisan agency. The CFB is headed by a board consisting of five members, two of whom are appointed by the Speaker, two of whom are appointed by the Mayor, and one of whom—the Chairperson—is appointed by the Mayor in consultation with the Speaker. 2

The Campaign Finance Act ("the CFA"), which the CFB is charged with administering and enforcing, regulates spending in local elections and provides participating candidates with public funds to help finance their campaigns. Candidates who choose to participate in the public financing program are eligible to receive \$8 in public funds for every matchable dollar raised.<sup>3</sup> In exchange, participating candidates must abide by certain

<sup>2</sup> N.Y.C. Charter § 1052 (a)(1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> N.Y.C. Charter § 1052

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See generally N.Y.C. Charter §1052(19) and N.Y.C. Ad. Code §§ 3-703—3-706.

expenditure limits and other requirements.<sup>4</sup> Regardless of their participation in the program, all candidates for local office must abide by certain contribution limits.<sup>5</sup>

In order to be eligible for matching funds, campaigns must raise a minimum amount of money and receive contributions of \$10 or more from a minimum number of individual donors. This ensures that candidates have a sufficient amount of public support before they can receive public funds.<sup>6</sup>

The intent of the CFA is, among other things, "to improve popular understanding of local issues, to increase participation in local elections by voters and candidates, to reduce improper influence of local officers by large campaign contributors and to enhance public confidence in local government." The program is credited with improving the democratic process by increasing the diversity of representation of elected officials, 8 limiting the potential impact of special-interest money, establishing greater engagement between voters and elected officials, and amplifying the value of small contributions.<sup>9</sup>

#### b. Expenditure and Contribution Limits

The CFA sets contribution and expenditure limits for candidates participating in public financing and authorizes the Board to adjust those limits every four years. 10 As a result, contribution and expenditure limits are raised for participating candidates in City elections following every election cycle, with one exception: due to redistricting, every 20 years, candidates for the New York City Council must run for election in two consecutive two-year cycles in districts that may change between these cycles. 11 However, the contribution and expenditure limits are not adjusted after the second of these two-year election cycles, regardless of the impacts of inflation. 12 Candidates for the following term, who may be incumbents or challengers, campaign with the same limitations that were imposed in a previous election. This unusual feature of the consecutive two-year terms is not present for other local elected officials: the Mayor, Public Advocate, Comptroller, and Borough President are not subject to two-year terms and thus never run in an election at which contribution and expenditure limits remain the same (unless the increase in the CPI has not risen between elections). Adjusting contribution or expenditure limits for candidates for these offices in the middle of an election cycle could create public and candidate confusion, and have the effect of donors who had "maxed out" under the previous limits now being permitted to donate a small extra amount, complicating compliance and auditing work. These risks are not present for candidate for the Council, however, who would under Proposed Int. No 1111-A be brought in line with candidates for other offices with respect to contribution and expenditure limits being adjusted after each applicable general election.

## III. LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

Proposed Int. No. 1111-A - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to adjustment of contribution and expenditure limits to account for two-year council terms.

Sections one and two of this bill would change the frequency with which the Campaign Finance Board recalculates contribution and expenditure limits to account for changes in the consumer price index from once every four years to once every local general election for the office at issue. This means that, in those instances that occur once every 20 years in which members of the Council serve two two-year terms, the contribution and expenditure limits for candidates for the Council will be recalculated before the next general election. This

<sup>4</sup> Id

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See generally N.Y.C. Ad. Code § 3-703.

<sup>6</sup> Id

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> N.Y.C. Local Law 8 of 1988, § 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Gregory Clark, Hazel Milard and Mariana Paez. Small Donor Public Financing Plays Role in Electing Most Diverse New York City Council. BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE. (Nov. 5, 2021) Available at <a href="https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/small-donor-public-financing-plays-role-electing-most-diverse-new-york">https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/small-donor-public-financing-plays-role-electing-most-diverse-new-york</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Benefits. N.Y.C. CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD. Available at https://www.nyccfb.info/program/benefits/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> N.Y.C. Ad. Code §§ 3-703—3-706.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> N.Y.C. Charter § 25(a)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> N.Y.C. Ad. Code §§ 3-703—3-706.

change would not affect the frequency with which contribution and expenditure limits for other offices would be recalculated.

Section three is the effective date which states that the bill takes effect immediately, however, section two of this bill is retroactive and requires that the Board adjust Council candidate expenditure limits for the 2025 election cycle. Contribution limits are not required to be adjusted for the 2025 election cycle.

## (The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 1111-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 INT. No.: 1111-A

**COMMITTEE:** Committee on Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation

**TITLE:** A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to adjustment of contribution and expenditure limits to account for two-year council terms.

**SPONSORS:** Council Members Schulman, Restler, Hudson, Louis and Menin.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** Proposed Int. No. 1111-A would change the frequency with which the Campaign Finance Board (CFB) recalculates contribution and expenditure limits to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index from once every four years to once every local general election. In those instances that occur once every 20 years in which members of the Council serve two-year terms, this legislation would require recalculation of the contribution and expenditure limits for candidates for the Council prior to the next general election.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately, except that the provisions requiring recalculation of expenditure limits for candidates for the Council in 2025 are retroactive to and deemed to be in effect as of March 1, 2024.

#### **CITY COUNCIL ESTIMATE:**

	Effective FY25	FY Succeeding Effective FY26	Full Fiscal Impact FY25
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$1,028,089	\$0	\$0
Net	\$1,028,089	\$0	\$0

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH PROPOSED LOCAL LAW WOULD FIRST BECOME EFFECTIVE: Fiscal Year 2025

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

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

IMPACT ON REVENUES: The Council estimates that total cost for the enactment of this legislation would be \$1,028,089 to cover the impact of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases required for the 2025 City Council elections. The maximum public funds match for 2025 elections is \$184,000. Applying a CPI increase of 10.16 percent, an additional \$18,693 would be due to each eligible City Council candidate, per election, in 2025. The Council was not able to determine the number of eligible elections and agrees with the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) estimate – 40 candidates in the primary election and 15 candidates in the general election. The Council's estimate is slightly higher than OMB's because of differing CPI rates used in the calculation.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: General Fund

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** New York City Council Finance Division

New York City Campaign Finance Board

Consumer Price Index - New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA

**ESTIMATE PREPARED BY:** Ross Goldstein, Financial Analyst

Julia K. Haramis, Unit Head Chima Obichere, Deputy Director Nicholas Connell, Counsel

Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Director

**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ESTIMATE:** OMB has provided an estimate of this legislation's fiscal impact to the Council, which is attached in full.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** The legislation was introduced to the Council on November 13, 2024, as Int. No. 1111 and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation (the Committee). This legislation was considered by the Committee at a hearing on December 4, 2024, and was laid over. The legislation has been amended, and the amended version, Proposed Int. No. 1111-A, will be considered by the Committee on December 19, 2024. Upon majority affirmative vote by the Committee, Int. No. 1111-A will be reported to the Council for a vote on December 19, 2024.

**DATE PREPARED:** December 12, 2024.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption, as amended.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 1111-A:)

Int. No. 1111-A

By Council Members Schulman, Restler, Hudson, Louis, Menin, Rivera, Bottcher and Mealy.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to adjustment of contribution and expenditure limits to account for two-year council terms

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 3-703 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 128 for the year 2019, is amended to read as follows:

7. Not later than the first day of March in [the year two thousand twenty-two and every fourth year thereafter] any year following a general election described in subdivision a of section 25 of the charter, the campaign finance board shall: (i) determine the percentage difference between (A) the average over a calendar year of

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the consumer price index for the metropolitan New York-New Jersey region published by the United States bureau of labor statistics for the twelve months preceding the beginning of such calendar year, and (B) the average [over the calendar year two thousand nineteen of such consumer price index] that the board most recently used to adjust maximum contributions pursuant to this subdivision for the candidates for the applicable office; (ii) adjust each maximum contribution applicable pursuant to paragraph (f) of subdivision one of this section by the amount of such percentage difference to the nearest fifty dollars; and (iii) publish such adjusted maximum contribution in the City Record. Such adjusted maximum contribution shall be in effect for any election held before the next such adjustment; provided, however, that for such an adjustment occurring after an election for members of the city council at the general election in two thousand twenty-three and every twenty years thereafter, pursuant to subdivision a of section 25 of the charter, the board shall only adjust such maximum contributions applicable to candidates for member of the city council.

- § 2. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 3-706 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 34 for the year 2007, is amended to read as follows:
- (e) Not later than the first day of March in [the year two thousand ten and every fourth year thereafter] any year following a general election described in subdivision a of section 25 of the charter, the campaign finance board shall: (i) determine the percentage difference between (A) the average over a calendar year of the consumer price index for the metropolitan New York-New Jersey region published by the United States bureau of labor statistics for the twelve months preceding the beginning of such calendar year, and (B) the average [over the calendar year two thousand seven of such consumer price index] that the board most recently used to adjust expenditure limitations pursuant to this subdivision for the candidates for the applicable office; (ii) adjust each expenditure limitation applicable either pursuant to this subdivision or subdivision 2 of this section by the amount of such percentage difference to the nearest thousand dollars; and (iii) publish such adjusted expenditure limitation in the City Record. Such adjusted expenditure limitation shall be in effect for any election held before the next such adjustment; provided, however, that for such an adjustment occurring after an election for members of the city council at the general election in two thousand twenty-three and every twenty years thereafter, pursuant to subdivision a of section 25 of the charter, the board shall only adjust such expenditure limitations applicable to candidates for member of the city council.
- § 3. This local law takes effect immediately, provided that section two of this local law is retroactive to and deemed to have been in effect as of March 1, 2024, and that the campaign finance board shall make the adjustments due no later than March 1, 2024, in accordance with paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 3-706 of the administrative code of the city of New York as amended by section two of this local law, no later than March 1, 2025.

LINCOLN RESTLER, *Chairperson*; JAMES F. GENNARO, GALE A. BREWER, LYNN C. SCHULMAN, VICKIE PALADINO; 5-2-0; *Negative:* David M. Carr and Inna Vernikov; *Absent*: Shahana K. Hanif; *Parental*: Jennifer Gutiérrez; Committee on Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation, December 19, 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 Land Use

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

Report for L.U. No. 205

Report of the Committee on Land Use in favor of Application number G 240065 GAX (Kingsbridge Armory ESDC Grant Application) submitted by the City of New York by and through the New York City Economic Development Corporation requesting from the New York City Council a favorable resolution in support of the City's application for funding from the New York State Empire State Development Corporation, pursuant to Section 16-n of the ESDC Act, under the Restore New York Communities Initiative, in connection with the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory (Block 3247, Lot 10), Borough of the Bronx, Community District 7, Council District 14.

The Committee on Land Use, to which the annexed preconsidered Land Use item was referred on December 19, 2024 and which same Land Use item was coupled with the resolution shown below, respectfully

## **REPORTS:**

## **SUBJECT**

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Application submitted by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC), requesting a favorable resolution in support of a Restore New York's Communities Initiative grant application to the Empire State Development Corporation, pursuant to Section 16-n of the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act, and in connection with the Kingsbridge Armory (Block 3247, Lot 10), Borough of the Bronx, Community District 7, Council District 14.

## **INTENT**

To support New York City's application for funding for capital projects under the Restore New York's Communities Initiative pursuant to the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act, for the Kingsbridge Armory (Block 3247, Lot 10), in the Borough of the Bronx.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**DATE:** December 12, 2024

Witnesses in Favor: Two Witnesses Against: None

### SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**DATE:** December 12, 2024

The Subcommittee recommends that the Land Use Committee approve the request made by the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

In Favor: **Against:** Abstain: Riley None None Moya Abreu Hanks Schulman Carr

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

**DATE:** December 17, 2024

The Committee recommends that the Council approve the attached resolution.

In Favor: **Against:** Abstain: None Salamanca None

Moya Rivera Riley

**Brooks-Powers** 

Abreu **Farias** Hudson Borelli

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

Res. No. 706

Resolution in support of New York City's application for funding for a capital project under the Restore New York's Communities Initiative pursuant to Section 16-n of the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act, related to the property known as the Kingsbridge Armory (Block 3247, Lot 10), in the Borough of the Bronx (Preconsidered L.U. No. 205; G 240065 GAX).

By Council Members Salamanca, Riley and Mealy.

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 New York State budget provided new funding for the Restore New York's Communities Initiative ("Restore NY"), which is implemented by the New York State Empire State Development Corporation ("ESDC") and intended to provide funding for capital projects under the New York State Urban Development Act; and

WHEREAS, under Round 9 of Restore NY funding, the City of New York (the "City") is permitted to submit applications for the funding of one capital project, receiving up to \$2 million; and

WHEREAS, the City has submitted a notice of intent to apply to ESDC for funding by Restore NY (the "Funding Application") for the future redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory (the "Kingsbridge Armory"), in the Borough of the Bronx; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kingsbridge Armory is located on Block 3247, Lot 10, located in the Kingsbridge Heights neighborhood, and in the Borough of the Bronx; and

**WHEREAS**, up to \$2 million is being sought by the City in connection with the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory that would involve the renovation and adaptive reuse of an existing landmark building of approximately 588,000 gross square feet that is currently vacant; and

**WHEREAS**, the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory may be subject to and contingent upon certain discretionary land use and other approvals by the City and the New York City Council (the "Council"); and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution in support of the Funding Application for the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory does not constitute any determination by the Council for any future discretionary land use approvals that may be needed for the project; and

WHEREAS, the *Together for Kingsbridge Vision Plan*, coordinated, produced, and released by the New York City Economic Development Corporation on August 24, 2023 (the "Vision Plan"), together with the release of the subsequent Request for Proposals on September 22, 2023, sought proposals from qualified parties for the unique opportunity to redevelop and operate the Kingsbridge Armory and accomplish the City's goals of creating a financially feasible, thriving, mixed-use development that would reflect the guiding principles set forth in the Vision Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kingsbridge Armory is eligible to receive Restore NY funding because it is located within a distressed census tract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Funding Application is consistent with the goal to facilitate effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources to develop a project that enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kingsbridge Armory would involve the adaptive reuse of the landmark building which should be consistent with the goals set forth in the Vision Plan, and promote economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the Funding Application is appropriate for the Kingsbridge Armory.

## **RESOLVED:**

The Council of the City of New York supports the City of New York's application for funding for capital projects under Restore NY pursuant to the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act, for the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory (Block 3247, Lot 10), in the Borough of the Bronx.

RAFAEL SALAMANCA, Jr., *Chairperson*; FRANCISCO P. MOYA, CARLINA RIVERA, KEVIN C. RILEY, SELVENA N. BROOKS-POWERS, SHAUN ABREU, AMANDA C. FARÍAS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, JOSEPH C. BORELLI; 9-0-0; *Absent:* Kamillah M. Hanks; *Parental*: Pierina A. Sanchez; Committee on Land Use, December 17, 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 Parks and Recreation

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

Report for Int. No. 1153

Report of the Committee on Parks and Recreation in favor of approving and adopting, a Local Law in relation to the naming of 109 thoroughfares and public places, Thích Nhất Hanh Way, Borough of Manhattan, David N. Dinkins Drive, Borough of Manhattan, School Crossing Guard Krystyna Naprawa Lane, Borough of Queens, St. Philip's Square, Borough of Brooklyn, Don Lee Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Donna Maxil's Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Laquai Dash Way, Borough of the Bronx, Vanessa "Vany" Pinero Way, Borough of the Bronx, Antonio Fields Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Florence M. Hall Loop, Borough of Brooklyn, Gail Fedrick Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Frank J. Provenzano "Pro Sho" Way, Borough of Staten Island, Dan Tomai Way, Borough of Staten Island, Lt. James V. Buebendorf Way, Borough of Staten Island, Freddie Castellano Way, Borough of Staten Island, Michael Ferrara's Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Frank Tripodi Way, Borough of Brooklyn, FDNY Paramedic Peter L. Bushey Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Monnie Callan Way, Borough of Manhattan, Lawrence Harlow Kahn Way, Borough of Manhattan, Linda Carter Cooper Way, Borough of Manhattan, Pat Simon Way, Borough of Queens, Bartunek Way, Borough of Queens, Giuseppa Vendome Way, Borough of Queens, Elizabeth White Marcum Way, Borough of Queens, Senad Demiri Way, Borough of Staten Island, USAAF James F. Healy Way KIA WW2 100BG, Borough of Staten Island, Coach Bill Welsh Way, Borough of Staten Island, FDNY FF Anthony R. Iraci Way, Borough of Staten Island, Michael "Coach Mike" Colini Way, Borough of Staten Island, FDNY FF James P. McManus Way, Borough of Staten Island, Coach Bill Rogers Way 1964 LLWS Champions, Borough of Staten Island, Black Angels Way, Borough of Staten Island, FDNY Rev. Deacon Fred Fausak Way, Borough of Staten Island, Reverend Carlos R. Reves Way, Borough of Manhattan, James Baldwin Way, Borough of the Bronx, Borough of the Bronx, Carmen Alicia Rivera Way, Borough of the Bronx, Dr. Leandro Lozada Way, Borough of the Bronx, Dr. Leandro Lozada Way, Borough of the Bronx, Jack "Giacomo" Virdone Way, Borough of Queens, Brinckerhoff Memorial Way, Borough of Queens, David Lopez Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Augie Ayala Jr. Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Dianne Jackson Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Samiya Spain Place, Borough of Brooklyn, Thomas "Citos" Rigney Way, Borough of Staten Island, Geraldine Parker Way, Borough of Staten Island, Icema "June" Williams Way, Borough of Staten Island, George Doyle Way, Borough of Staten Island, Sajda Musawwir Ladner Way, Borough of Staten Island, Naimullah Sheikh Khan Way, Staten Island, Ralph Lucci Way, Borough of Staten Island, Raymond J. Pezzoli Esq. Way, Borough of Staten Island, John C. Woodman Way, Borough of Staten Island, Vincent Gattullo Way, Borough of Staten Island, Miss Billee Duncan Way, Borough of Queens, John Killcommons Corner, Borough of Queens, Lubavitcher Rebbe Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Leroy Johnson Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Justin T. Hackley Way, Borough of Brooklyn, John H. Bunyan Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Fernande Valme Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Cathedral Prep Way, Borough of Queens, Gerard J. Neufeld Way, Borough of Queens, Rose Marie César Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Veta I. Brome Way, Borough of Queens, Perry Kokotas Place, Borough of Brooklyn, The Dorothy Turano Plaza, Borough of Brooklyn, Monsignor John Powis Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Oshaman Long Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Mrs. Clara Hayes Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Joseph "Scooter Joe" Willins Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Miriam Carter Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Miss Irene's Way, Borough of Queens, NYPD Captain Richard McHale Way, Borough of Queens, Detective Vito Navarra Way, Borough of Queens, Antonella Mattina Way, Borough of Queens, Dick Ravitch Way, Borough of Manhattan, Ernst Jaakson Way, Borough of Manhattan, Matthew Jensen Way, Borough of Brooklyn, James Payne Way, Borough of the Bronx, Kashmir's Way, Borough of the Bronx, Marvin E. Mayfield, Jr. Way, Borough of the Bronx, Jimi Hendrix Way, Borough of Manhattan, Jean-Michel Basquiat Way, Borough of Manhattan, Dr. Joseph I. Kramer Way, Borough of Manhattan, Isaac Freeman III aka

Fatman Scoop Way, Borough of Manhattan, Edouard E. Plummer Place, Borough of Manhattan, Ernestine Eleanor Bland Williams Way, Borough of Manhattan, Dr. Maya Angelou Place, Borough of Manhattan, Franklin H. Williams Street, Borough of Manhattan, Robertus Coleman Place, Borough of Manhattan, Edwin Eddie Ellis Way, Borough of Manhattan, Bronx Halloween Parade Way, Borough of the Bronx, Hector Lavoe Way, Borough of the Bronx, Jehova Shalom Church Way, Borough of the Bronx, Eternal Rock Church, Borough of the Bronx, Alfie's Way, Borough of Queens, Guru Tegh Bahadur Marg Ji Way, Borough of Queens, Arthur O'Meally Place, Borough of Queens, Andre (Dre. Most) Saunders Road, Borough of Queens, Charles J. Adams Jr. Way, Borough of Queens, Det. Mary 'Mae' Foley Way, Borough of Queens, Dr. Jose P. Rizal Way, Borough of Queens, New York Irish Center Place, Borough of Queens, Frank Carrado LIC Mayor Way, Borough of Queens, April Simpson-Taylor Way, Borough of Queens, Lai Wan "Mary" Chin Way, Borough of Brooklyn and the repeal of sections 107 and 165 of local law number 54 for the year 2022, sections 4, 33, 71 and 83 of local law number 41 for the year 2024, sections 28, 32, 47, 62 and 88 of local law 81 for the year 2024 and section 84 of local law 158 for the year 2019.

The Committee on Parks and Recreation, to which the annexed preconsidered proposed local law was referred on December 19, 2024, respectfully

## **REPORTS:**

On December 19, 2024, the Committee on Parks and Recreation, chaired by Council Member Shekar Krishnan, held a hearing to vote on Int. No. 1153, which co-names one hundred and nine (109) thoroughfares and public places. At this hearing, the Committee voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions on the bill. The Council acts upon the authority granted in subdivision (b) of section 25-102.1 of the New York City Administrative Code which states:

b. Unless the local law specifically provides otherwise, any local law changing the name of a street, park, playground or portion thereof, or any facility or structure, located and laid out on the city map, that bears a name indicated on the city map shall not be construed to require a change in such name as it is indicated on the city map; provided, however, that in the case of a local law changing the name of a street or portion thereof, the name added by such local law shall be posted on a sign placed adjacent to or near a sign bearing the name of such street or portion thereof indicated on the city map.

The following street name changes are not to be construed as a change in the City Map, but as additional names to be posted near or adjacent to the street or location indicated on the City Map.

## Section 1. Thích Nhất Hanh Way

Introduced by Council Member Abreu October 11, 1926 – January 22, 2022

Thich Nhất Hanh was a world-renowned Buddhist monk who was one of the most influential Zen masters of his day, who developed the concept of Engaged Buddhism and devoted his life to teaching and spreading messages of mindfulness, compassion and non-violence. He was born in Hue, Vietnam prior to the schism, Thich Nhất Hanh was exiled for much of his adult life from both North and South Vietnam for his advocacy of peace and for the rights of all including the Viet Cong. He lived on West 109th Street while teaching at Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University in the 1960s, and continued his work through seminars and lectures at Riverside Church and the Beacon Theater, among other New York City venues. He shared the dais at one such event with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Later, Dr. King nominated him for a Nobel Peace Prize, the only individual Dr. King nominated. He led the Buddhist delegation to the Paris Peace Talks, seeking an end

to the Vietnam War and authored over 100 books, including "Fragrant Palm Leaves" that chronicled his residence on West 109th Street and at Columbia University. He shared his teachings and examples of mindfulness, which focused on peace with the world. In addition, his artistry in calligraphy and the written word has inspired generations of followers seeking a more just world built upon mindfulness and empathy.

#### Section 2. David N. Dinkins Drive

Introduced by Council Member Abreu

July 10, 1927 – November 23, 2020

David Dinkins was an American politician, who served as the first African American mayor of New York City from 1990 until 1993. After graduating from high school in 1945, he attempted to enlist in the United States Marine Corps but was told that the "Negro quota" had already been met. He eventually was drafted and served with the United States Marines. He attended Howard University on the G.I. Bill (of Rights), studying mathematics. In 1953 he entered Brooklyn Law School and was introduced to politics when he married Joyce Burrows, the daughter of a New York state assemblyman. He joined a law firm and became increasingly involved with the Democratic Party. He was elected to a term in the state assembly in 1965, and later served as President of Elections for New York City, as City Clerk, and as Manhattan Borough President before his successful bid for Mayor in 1989. He later became a professor at Columbia University. In 2013, he released the memoir *A Mayor's Life: Governing New York's Gorgeous Mosaic*.

## Section 3. School Crossing Guard Krystyna Naprawa Lane

Introduced by Council Member Ariola

Died October 20, 2023

Krystyna Naprawa served as a crossing guard for 13 years. She died in the line of duty when she was struck and killed by a truck while directing traffic outside of a Queens elementary school.

## Section 4. St. Philip's Square

Introduced by Council Member Avilés

This co-naming will commemorate St. Philip's Episcopal Church, which is located at 1072 80<sup>th</sup> Street and has served the community for 124 years.

### Section 5. Don Lee Way

Introduced by Council Member Avilés 1959 – 2024

Don Lee was the chair of Homecrest Community Services, a social service center in Brooklyn. His distinguished career as a public servant for New York City spanned multiple mayoral administrations, where his innovative contributions set new benchmarks for efficiency and accessibility. In 1995, he co-led a successful effort to save the Grand Street subway station vital to Chinatown residents. After 9/11, he worked with the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association to coordinate disaster relief in support of Chinese American community businesses in Chinatown and Little Italy. In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, he led a mutual aid initiative to deliver food to Chinese seniors in need. After his death, the Don Lee Memorial Fund was established to fund various initiatives in the Brooklyn community.

### Section 6. Donna Maxil's Way

Introduced by Council Member Avilés

November 22, 1956 - December 11, 2021

Donna Maxil was a paraprofessional for the Department of Education and later a parent coordinator and retired after 30 years. She served as a member of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Community Council for 22 years, including 18 years as the Council's president and was instrumental in improving police and community relationships by organizing annual National Night Out events in Sunset Park and establishing a police appreciation day for officers at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Precinct. She co-founded The 17<sup>th</sup> Street Cancer Crusade in 2005, and had over 75 volunteers annually from all over the United States who traveled to participate in the one-day event on 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The event was supported by the 72<sup>nd</sup> Precinct and included DJ's, Hosts, Live Entertainment and other attractions to raise money for the American Cancer Society. She received the Brooklyn's Extraordinary Women Award for her

community involvement, 2005 thorough 2011 she received a Certificate of Honor from the American Cancer Society and received a proclamation and citation for her community involvement and fundraising for cancer awareness.

#### Section 7. Laquai Dash Way

Introduced by Council Member Ayala

June 8, 2006 – March 7, 2024

Laquai Dash was a member of S.O.S, (Save Our Streets) and Aces Program. He was expected to graduate from Legacy College Prep High School and was accepted to Buffalo State, however on March 7, 2024, he was shot and killed over a dispute after school while trying to protect his girlfriend.

## Section 8. Vanessa "Vany" Pinero Way

Introduced by Council Member Ayala

January 24, 1981 - December 12, 2023

Vanessa "Vany" Pinero was a member of the Moore House community and formed lifelong friendships during her school years at P.S. 5, I.S. 184, and Morris High School. She was known for her motherly nature, helping to raise her siblings and creating fond memories with her nieces and nephews. She worked as a 9-1-1 Dispatcher, Patient Relations Administrator, and C.A.B. Liaison at HHC Gotham Health. Her community involvement and event organization were hallmarks of her generous spirit and infectious joy. She organized community events to promote health and wellness in her community and played a pivotal role in organizing family days at Moore Houses.

## Section 9. Antonio Fields Way

Introduced by Council Member Banks

February 19, 1966 – June 6, 2024

Antonio Fields opened his barbershop called Black Success in 1994, which had a positive impact on the community. The shop was where people often came together to socialize, and also where he would hold Black History readings, held school supply fundraisers for students and mentored young men who wanted to pursue a career in the barber trade.

### Section 10. Florence M. Hall Loop

Introduced by Council Member Banks

August 6, 1942 – July 26, 2022

Florence M. Hall moved to Brooklyn in the late 1960s, and settled in Starrett City in 1985. She was known as "Flo," or "Mother Hall," and was very active in her community. She was a member of the Starrett City Tenants Association since 1989, and began as a Building Representative, where she worked and volunteered with many programs and participated in many events within the community for over twenty years. She then joined the Executive Board, serving as First Vice President for over 14 years until her death. She consistently volunteered her time, for the community, on top of working for the New York City Parking Violations Bureau, even after she retired in 2001. She was a member of the Starrett City Spring Creek Lions Club for over 30 years and held several key leadership positions, including President, Secretary, Membership Chairperson, and Fundraiser Chairperson.

### Section 11. Gail Fedrick Way

Introduced by Council Member Banks

August 7, 1951 – May 8, 2024

Gail Fedrick was a dedicated volunteer and community advocate in East New York. She volunteered at the local food pantry and would often bring groceries to neighbors in need, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. She advocated for education and served as the PTA Secretary at Imagine Me School, and later served as president of the PTA. She led outreach programs to get parents involved in school and made sure all the kids attended school regularly. She raised money for school events and helped students graduate and pursue college and served with the Board of Elections for over ten years.

## Section 12. Frank J. Provenzano "Pro Sho" Way

Introduced by Council Member Borelli

May 1, 1963 – March 30, 2022

Frank J. Provenzano was involved in the music scene and organized many charitable events. He founded Pro Sho Sound, Inc., a retail pro-audio store that offered audio and video services for a large range of performers and clients for over 39 years. He supported organizations, such as the Historic Richmond Town, The March of Dimes, and the Carl V. Bini Memorial Fund, among others. He also helped organize the Richmond County Fair, Bikers for Bini, Back to the Beach, The Italian Festival and Food Truck Festival at Mount Loretto and many more. He supported the Emergency Children's Help Organization (ECHO), Staten Island's largest child specific non-profit helping children and families dealing with several mental and physical disabilities. When the JCC of Staten Island needed production assistance, he was happy to lend a crew and equipment to assist. He worked with Catholic Charities of New York at Mount Loretto for their largest fundraising event each year and assisted in every other smaller fundraiser as well. When the Staten Island Yankees held a charity event, he would be called on time and time again to lend his assistance and expertise. He assisted with countless golf outings, dinner dances and other events as a board member of the Carl V. Bini Memorial Fund.

#### Section 13. Dan Tomai Way

Introduced by Council Member Borelli 1953 – 2024

Dan Tomai owned a successful construction company called Signature Construction Group. He donated to many local organizations and his accomplishments and contributions were widely recognized. In 2009, he was named a finalist for Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year award, in 2014, he was honored by the Staten Island Zoological Society for his philanthropic efforts and in 2022, Signature Construction was celebrated at The Plaza Hotel in NYC by the New York Foundling, which recognized the firm's impactful partnership and contributions. He was a long-time member of The Metropolitan Club of New York City, Tiro A. Segno of New York City and, while a resident of Staten Island, the Richmond County Country Club of Staten Island.

## Section 14. Lt. James V. Buebendorf Way

Introduced by Council Member Borelli

January 14, 1945 – January 28, 2023

James V. Buebendorf served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He served with the NYPD for 28 years. He died as a result of 9/11 related illness as part of the search and recovery efforts at Ground Zero.

#### Section 15. Freddie Castellano Way

Introduced by Council Member Borelli September 3, 1963 – August 10, 2024

Freddie Castellano owned several successful businesses, including a landscaping company, a Snapple route, Castellano Construction, a bar, and Freddie's Gourmet. For many years, he poured his heart and soul into Freddie's Gourmet, a store that was truly his labor of love. Along with his partner, Freddie's wasn't just a place to shop, it was a community gathering spot where everyone felt like part of the family. His dedication to quality and personal service created a warm, welcoming atmosphere that touched the lives of everyone who walked through the door. He sponsored numerous events and fundraisers that were hosted by local organizations, churches, NYPD, FDNY and hospitals. He also contributed to the maintenance of the bocce court in Bloomingdale Park and founded an annual Christmas gathering there where he would hand out gifts and food to children and those in need. He also donated food to St. Clare's Church and participated in many fundraisers, including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, World of Women and Staten Island Chapter.

### Section 16. Michael Ferrara's Way

Introduced by Council Members Brannan and Louis

For nearly 3 decades, Mike Ferrara was the owner, producer, and engineer at Fastlane Recording & Rehearsal Studio on Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn. People have always found music significant in their lives, whether for enjoyment in listening, the emotional response, performing, or creating. He was a father figure to countless musicians trying to find their way in the music business. He gave them a place to sleep and focus on

their craft. Many of these musicians went onto release silver, gold, and platinum albums certified by Recording Industry Association of America, selling millions of copies and touring the world over. However, it all started at Fastlane Studio on Flatbush Avenue. Many musicians would rehearse and write there during the late 1980s through the early 2000s. He was also a mentor to many producers and recording engineers who got their start and learned the trade under his tutelage.

### Section 17. Frank Tripodi Way

Introduced by Council Member Brannan

April 2, 1937 – November 26, 2019

Frank Tripodi was a member of Friends of Kaiser Park, helped organize holiday parades on Mermaid Avenue and played Santa Claus at Our Lady of Solace toy drives. He helped found Halloween Fest and volunteered most of his time helping children. He volunteered with summer youth programs, volunteered at clothing drives, the Million Tree Give Away program and helped families in need with supplies after Superstorm Sandy.

## Section 18. FDNY Paramedic Peter L. Bushey Way

Introduced by Council Member Brannan

Died February 23, 2023

Peter L. Bushey joined the NYC EMS on May 20, 1996 and was assigned to Station 40 in Coney Island. He served the department for 25 years and was a responder at the World Trade Center during the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He died of 9/11 related illness.

## Section 19. Monnie Callan Way

Introduced by Council Member Brewer

Died August 28, 2022

Monnie Callan was a community organizer and champion of civil rights, women's and workers' rights, universal health care and social justice. She worked at the Hamilton-Madison settlement house and the Payne Whitney Clinic and Visiting Nurse Service. She was a medical social worker for nearly 20 years at Montefiore Medical Center and in the 1980s, served on one of the first medical teams supporting HIV/AIDS patients and their families. She received an AIDS Service Award from the National Association of Social Workers NYC for her dedication. She was an 1199SEIU union delegate and served on the Executive Board of the NYC Alliance for Retired Americans. She was the American Public Health Association Social Worker of the Year in 2000 and one of the first recipients of the Clara Lemlich Award, honoring women working for the larger good.

## Section 20. Lawrence Harlow Kahn Way

Introduced by Council Member Brewer

Died August 20, 2021

Lawrence Harlow Kahn helped define salsa music and spread it throughout the United States and the world. He performed in small clubs and on big stages, including for an audience estimated variously at 30,000 to 50,000 at <u>Yankee Stadium in 1973</u> as a member of the seminal group the Fania All-Stars. He was one of the first artists signed to Fania, a Latin record label formed in 1964 in New York. He also helped Fania sign numerous up-and-coming artists and producing over 250 records. He was inducted into the International Latin Music Hall of Fame in 2000 and earned a Latin Grammy Trustees Award.

## Section 21. Linda Carter Cooper Way

Introduced by Council Member Brewer

April 18, 1956 – December 12, 2023

Linda Carter Cooper was an Upper West Side resident for over 40 years and was the recipient of the Good Neighbor Award for helping neighbors navigate housing issues and the public school system. She also fought for rent stabilization. She was a tenant advocate, supporting those facing housing issues such as wrongful eviction, unsafe living conditions, and tenant harassment, providing both sage advice and personal encouragement with practical guidance on fighting back against injustices. She was a long-time member of the local School Board advocating for opportunities and resources for all, especially our most vulnerable students,

was a site coordinator for the Board of Elections, ensuring that every vote is counted, was a leader and guiding force for those participating in the All Angels Basketball Program and the Sunday Meals Program at The Church of St. Matthew and Timothy for over 40 years, was a member of the local Democratic Club and was a Sunday School teacher and a devoted volunteer in her community of faith.

## Section 22. Pat Simon Way

Introduced by Council Member Brooks-Powers

Patricia "Pat" Simon was a trailblazer and visionary leader whose impact on underserved communities in New York City was truly remarkable. Hired as the first Executive Director of the Ocean Bay Community Development Corporation (OBCDC or Ocean Bay CDC) in 2004, she transformed the organization from an information and referral service to a direct service provider, addressing the dearth of resources in the Rockaways. With a keen understanding of community needs, Patricia undertook a comprehensive assessment that revealed the disconnect between existing service providers and the neighborhood's residents. Her tireless efforts and strategic initiatives over more than a decade have left an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals in the Rockaways and beyond. Prior to her tenure at OBCDC, Patricia served as the Director of the Abyssinian Development Corporation's Community Vision Project in Harlem, a groundbreaking initiative funded by the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation. Her work in this seven-year comprehensive community change initiative aimed to prevent homelessness and empower residents, including renters, brownstone homeowners, and tenement dwellers, in an area once described as New York City's worst block for substance abuse and drug sales. She received her Master's degree in Urban, Community, and Regional Planning from Harvard University, and brought an unparalleled perspective and expertise to her life's work of improving the lives of New York's most vulnerable neighborhoods. In 2019, she served as Assistant to the Executive Director of Ocean Bay in lieu of retirement. As the inaugural Executive Director of Ocean Bay CDC, she secured federal HUD ROSS funding to provide direct services to NYCHA residents. Her advocacy for economic and educational opportunities, especially for seniors, was unwavering. Her vision for Ocean Bay CDC to establish the first Older Adult Center in the BIPOC communities of the Rockaways materialized in 2022. Under her leadership, Ocean Bay CDC joined the RAD program at Ocean Bay (Bayside) Apartments, enhancing living conditions for residents through improvements and repairs under a public-private ownership model.

# Section 23. Bartunek Way

Introduced by Council Member Cabán

This co-naming would commemorate Bartunek Hardware celebrating 100 years of business serving the Astoria community. Established in 1925, Bartunek is the oldest hardware store in Queens.

## Section 24. Giuseppa Vendome Way

Introduced by Council Member Cabán

1923 – April 29, 2024

Giuseppa Vendome was born in Italy in 1923, and later migrated to the United States. Over her life, she worked as a chocolate candy maker, a tailor and owner and manager of real estate and restaurants. Shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, she opened her Canal Street restaurant, Nino's to first responders and over the next months provided over 500,000 free meals to police, fire and sanitation workers who were assisting in the rescue and recovery efforts. Her efforts were chronicled in the 9/11 Memorial website and she was honored by Mayor Eric Adams with September 10, 2022, being proclaimed as Giuseppa Vendome Day. She was also honored by the New York State Assembly on November 6<sup>th</sup> "as worthy of the esteem of both the community and State of New York.

#### Section 25. Elizabeth White Marcum Way

Introduced by Council Member Cabán

January 19, 1940 – 2024

Elizabeth White Marcum served in a variety of volunteer and leadership roles in the Boy Scouts as a den mother in Troop 470 and went on to serve as one of the first female Cub Scout troop leaders where she mentored numerous youths and led them on trips to Washington D.C. and Philadelphia. She also volunteered with the Girl Scout Troop 500 where she assisted with community based fundraising activities. She was a volunteer at St.

Joseph's fundraisers and activities, including little league and the St. Joseph's Brigade Drum and Bugle Corps. She was a committed activist for LGBTQ civil rights, where she marched in pride parades and rallies and also served as a parent activist in the group Western Queens for Marriage Equality.

### Section 26. Senad Demiri Way

Introduced by Council Member Carr

February 4, 1972 – October 5, 2023

Senad Demiri owned Cafe Latte's in Dongan Hills since 2012. He brought food to those in need in the community and also provided food to many charity events and fundraisers. He was born in Ana e Malit (Municipality of Ulcinj) and initially moved to Brooklyn. He supported many Albanian organizations and his café was used as a meeting space for all people.

## Section 27. USAAF James F. Healy Way KIA WW2 100BG

Introduced by Council Member Carr

December 13, 1916 - June 12, 1944

James F. Healy served in the United States Army Air Forces with the 349<sup>th</sup> Bomber Squadron, in the famous 100<sup>th</sup> Bomber Group during WWII. The 100<sup>th</sup> Bomber Group suffered the most casualties of any unit. He served as a ball turret gunner on a B-17. He was shot down over France and his body was never recovered. He was the recipient of the Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

## Section 28. Coach Bill Welsh Way

Introduced by Council Member Carr July 5, 1929 – September 6, 2023

Bill Welsh was regarded as the greatest mentor for the Staten Island running community. He finished fifth in the 1955 Boston Marathon and helped develop sub four-minute miler Charlie Marsala and Olympic high-jumper Bill Jankunis. He started the track team at Port Richmond High School and led the New Dorp track team to win numerous titles. He coached the Staten Island AC and Central Jersey Striders, wrote a column in the Staten Island Advance for beginner runners and was inducted into the Staten Island Sports Hall of Fame, was a member of Brighton Kiwanis, SI Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Staten Island Athletic Club and an original member of SITRAC, which initiated the construction of the Indoor Track at Ocean Breeze where he was honored on opening day.

#### Section 29. FDNY FF Anthony R. Iraci Way

Introduced by Council Member Carr

Died March 26, 2020

Anthony R. Iraci served as a police officer before he joined the FDNY. He was a first responder at Ground Zero after the 9/11 terrorist attacks and developed respiratory issues. He died as a result of 9/11 related illness and COVID-19.

## Section 30. Michael "Coach Mike" Colini Way

Introduced by Council Member Carr

July 25, 1964 – 2024

Michael "Coach Mike" Colini served with the MTA as a police officer. He was very involved in the Staten Island Little League for over 25 years as a coach, manager, vice president and president. He was also a member of the Dongan Hills loop's Board of Governors. He played a pivotal role in helping rebuild Staten Island Little League after its complex was affected by Superstorm Sandy in 2012. When his son passed away in 2017, he created the Michael Francis Colini Foundation to aid incoming Monsignor Farrell students and a Staten Island Little Leaguer who are in need of financial assistance.

## Section 31. FDNY FF James P. McManus Way

Introduced by Council Member Carr

Died August 2, 1978

James P. McManus served with the FDNY and was assigned to Ladder Company 153 on February 11, 1961. He was killed in the line of duty while fighting a fire at a Waldbaum's Supermarket in Brooklyn.

#### Section 32. Coach Bill Rogers Way 1964 LLWS Champions

Introduced by Council Member Carr 1934 – 2021

Bill Rogers played Minor League Baseball with the Washington Senators and later became a little league coach and was instrumental in developing Mid-Island Little League's (MILL) farm division, where he guided them to the 1964 LL World Series title in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. This was the only Little League World Series title won in New York City's history to date. He owned Bill's World of Sports on Victory Boulevard for 15 years. He received the Staten Island Baseball Old-timers lifetime achievement award and remained active in MILL as president and district administrator. He held baseball clinics for coaches and players and donated sports equipment to those in need.

## Section 33. Black Angels Way

Introduced by Council Member Carr

The Black Angels were African-American nurses who cared for tuberculosis patients at Sea View Hospital, a tuberculosis sanatorium that operated from 1913 to 1961, in Staten Island. The Black Angels were responsible for caring for and saving thousands of lives.

#### Section 34. FDNY Rev. Deacon Fred Fausak Way

Introduced by Council Member Carr

July 9, 1936 – July 29, 2023

Rev. Deacon Fred Fausak served in the United Sates Army with the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division, participating in over 30 jumps as a Paratrooper and later joined the FDNY. He served with the FDNY for 28 years, retiring in 1995. He was a substitute teacher for 17 years and was very active in the Church of St. Andrew, serving as Youth Leader for 10 years. He was ordained at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in 1997 and served as deacon at St. Andrew's. He was a lifetime member of the New York City Fire Department Retirees, Staten Island Division, served as their chaplain since his ordination, and additionally served on the Board of Directors and was a lifetime member of the St. George Association, and a member of the Fire Department Viking Association. He volunteered for many years at Eger Health Care Center and volunteered as a coach for PeeWee Football and Little League Baseball. While serving with the FDNY, he was decorated for merit in 1987 and 1990 and for bravery in 1991 and 1993. He was recognized by the FDNY Staten Island Division as Man of the Year in 2000 and was recognized as Man of the Year in 2015 by the FDNY Viking Association. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, he cooked and served meals to those suffering from AIDS. During the 1990's, he volunteered at the Interfaith Coalition Feeding Ministries where he supplied food, household items and childcare to families in crisis and volunteered at the Trinity Lutheran Food Pantry.

# Section 35. Reverend Carlos R. Reyes Way

Introduced by Council Member De La Rosa March 7, 1924 – July 23, 2021

Carlos Romero Reyes was born on March 7, 1924, in Puerto Rico, and migrated to New York City when he was 20 years old. He graduated from George Washington High School and subsequently continued religious studies. In 1953, he was appointed Co-Pastor of La Iglesia Pentecostal de Washington Heights (Pentecostal Church of Washington Heights, "PCWH") located on Audubon Ave & West 179th St, and five years later was ordained as the lead pastor. The church had gone through 21 pastors before he was ordained. It would not have another pastor until 2022, 64 years later. During his pastorate at PCWH, he graduated from Montclair University and later earned a master's degree in professional studies from the NY Theological Seminary where he continued to teach for many years as an adjunct professor. He held various roles with the Assemblies of God, including as superintendent for the theological school of the Spanish Eastern District. Over his 64 years of pastoring PCWH,

he ministered to countless homeless persons and families by providing food, shelter, counseling, and monetary assistance. He connected with local government agencies to support their efforts to distribute whatever was needed to the neighborhood. He assisted the community by offering space where classes in English, citizenship, and computer basics, and group meetings including Alcoholics Anonymous could be conducted.

## Section 36. James Baldwin Way

Introduced by Council Member Dinowitz

August 2, 1924 – December 1, 1987

James Baldwin was a writer and civil rights activist and is considered one of the greatest writers of his generation. He would later become a prominent figure of the Civil Rights Movement. He was born in Harlem and at the age of fourteen, became a member of the Pentecostal Church where he began to preach. In the early 1940s, he abandoned his religious faith to focus on literature. He began writing short stories, essays and book reviews, which were published in Notes of a Native Son in 1955. His most known and celebrated work is his partially autobiographical novel Go Tell It On The Mountain. His writings denounce racism and more precisely the injustices done to the African-American community in the United States in the 1920s. The book is considered one of the literary masterpieces of that era. In 1956, he published Giovanni's Room in which he openly discusses the issues of race and homosexuality. In 1957, he returned to the United States to participate in the Civil Rights Movement alongside Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. In 1961, he published an important essay on race relations and the role of writers in society entitled Nobody Knows my Name: More Notes of a Native Son, which would be followed in 1962 by the novel Another Country. In 1963, he published The Fire Next Time, which is widely considered one of the most brilliant essays on the history of black protest. He also wrote two plays, The Amen Corner (1955), and, Blues for Mister Charlie (1964). He won the prestigious George Polk prize in 1963. In 1987, the "National James Baldwin Literary Society" was founded and in 1992, Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, the institution of higher learning where he taught in the 1980s started the "James Baldwin Scholar Program" which provides scholarships to talented students from undeserved communities who would benefit from a transition year before college. His short story Sonny's Blues is often included in anthologies of fiction studied in college literature seminars. He was included in Molefi Kete Asante's, founder of the first PhD program in African American Studies, dictionary as one of 100 Greatest African Americans. Also, in 2005, the United States Postal Service made a first-class stamp dedicated to James Baldwin.

#### Section 37. Carmen Alicia Rivera Way

Introduced by Council Member Farías

Died September 11, 2001

Carmen Alicia Rivera was an Assistant Vice President for Fiduciary Trust International at the World Trade Center. She was killed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

## Section 38. Dr. Leandro Lozada Way

Introduced by Council Member Feliz Died 2007

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# Section 40. Jack "Giacomo" Virdone Way

Introduced by Council Member Gennaro Died March 30, 2020

Jack "Giacomo" Virdone owned Alba's Pizzeria since 1962, and supported local civic associations and the Boys Scouts. He contributed to the Lions Clubs in the area, where he played a crucial role in supporting their fundraising initiatives. Through his involvement, local Lions Clubs were able to contribute to Lions Clubs International's SightFirst II campaign, which raised an impressive \$205 million to combat preventable blindness worldwide. This campaign was instrumental in reducing the global blindness population, preventing it from doubling by 2020, despite the growth of the global population by over a billion people. His support extended further as he provided his pizzeria as a venue for local Lions Clubs to host additional fundraisers for other community-based projects throughout Queens County. In addition to his work with the Lions Clubs, he also extended his generosity to Hispanic organizations, including those from Ecuador, Argentina, and Colombia, He hosted fundraisers at his establishment to raise money for kitchen projects and school supplies for communities in these countries, showing his global reach and compassion for those in need. His contributions weren't limited to global causes, he also made a profound difference in his own local community. He donated a scoreboard to Archbishop Molloy High School, further supporting education in the area. He regularly provided pizza to local public and middle schools, as well as to community organizations such as the Community Association and Samaritan Village, which served as venues for local meetings. Additionally, he supported park cleanup groups throughout Briarwood and contributed meals to the Friends of the Queens Public Library in Briarwood, demonstrating his commitment to community development and environmental stewardship.

### Section 41. Brinckerhoff Memorial Way

Introduced by Council Member Gennaro

This co-naming will commemorate the Brinckerhoff Dutch Colonial Cemetery that is a landmark.

### Section 42. David Lopez Way

Introduced by Council Member Gutiérrez

August 22, 1952 - July 6, 2024

David Lopez was born in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. At the age of 14, he was inspired by the Young Lords movement who advocated for adequate healthcare, access to education, and dignified housing conditions and began to join their various marches and demonstrations. He marched with students and educators in Ocean Hill Brownsville and skipped classes while attending Eastern District, today Grand Street Campus, to participate. Additionally, he led efforts to preserve free tuition while attending New York City Community College, and saved the efforts to save Hostos Community College. He graduated with his Bachelor of Arts at the College of New Rochelle where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. In the 1970s, in response to profound disinvestment from local government in Williamsburg, a groundswell of community organizations began to take shape to protect residents. Southside United HDFC- Los Sures was one of them and he was one of its earliest members to serve in various capacities, specifically its Chairman for over thirty years. Today, Los Sures boasts various affordable residential properties, senior housing, senior centers, a social services hub, a museum, tenant organizing, and a food pantry. He played a crucial role in the Broadway Triangle Community Coalition, BTCC, in its fight for fair housing to ensure that the many Black and Brown families of Williamsburg, Bushwick and Bed-Stuy had access to affordable housing in the 31 acres of land at the Triangle that was being afforded to white families. He also served on the board of Brooklyn Legal Services, Corp. A and El Puente. He served as a human rights specialist at the Human Rights Commission for over 25 years, most memorably playing a key role in diffusing the racial tensions of Crown Heights and Washington Heights of the early 1990's.

## Section 43. Augie Ayala Jr. Way

Introduced by Council Member Gutiérrez

February 2, 1959 – May 24, 2023

Augie Ayala Jr. shined shoes next to his father's piragua truck on South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in 1967. In the summer of 1969, he got his first job in the beverage business sweeping the floors and making ice bags at Melanie Beverages on South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. In 1985, with the help and support of his family, he would go on to acquire the very same property and started his family business and legacy with A. B. C South End Distributors on Montrose Avenue. His leadership style played a vital role in providing opportunities and resources to the expanding Latino

community of North Brooklyn and businesses targeting the same community. A few years later in the 1990s, as the City had turned its back on struggling properties in pre-gentrified Williamsburg and with the advice of his father, he and his brother ventured into property ownership and management. They knew so many of their neighbors that didn't have dignified housing and so Area Management became crucial affordable housing for the community. He was a member of the Empire Beer Association, the PRACA Board and served as Vice President of the 100 Hispanic Men organization. He provided summer employment to youths through The HANAC Summer Youth Employment Program. Some of his community recognitions include serving as Grand Marshall for the Brooklyn Puerto Rican Day Parade. In 1997, the New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators, Inc. presented him with the Corporate Leadership Award. He also received various recognitions from political leaders like Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez and former Council Member Diana Reyna. He consistently sponsored the little leagues that played across the street from his beverage distributor at Sternberg Park. He donated to the 90th Precincts Police Athletic League, as well as the annual festivals and parades that run along Graham Avenue including the Fiesta de San Juan and the Dominican Day Parade. He was also known to provide support for local schools like PS250 and PS19- Roberto Clemente, now known as the Arbor School. During the 9/11 relief efforts, he donated money and beverages to the first responders. In 2017, while North Brooklyn was organizing relief efforts after the people of Puerto Rico were devastated by Hurricane Maria, he joined community leaders to provide monetary support, collected medical supplies, and other necessary items. The support was overwhelming and soon the community ran into a storage and shipment problem where we had no space to store items or a way to get them to Puerto Rico. He offered his multiple business locations to help store items at no cost and help support coordination efforts to fly items to the island.

## Section 44. Dianne Jackson Way

Introduced by Council Member Gutiérrez

Dianne Jackson was an incredible force in North Brooklyn lending her support to many causes, but none more significant than the impact she had at home, as a leader and President of the Cooper Park Residents Council for a decade. Locally, she was known to be a fierce advocate for tenants and fair housing, combating homelessness, childcare for all, and improving public health for over 25 years. She was a graduate of the National Congress of Neighborhood Women's college program where she used her voice to empower other women in her community to lean into their passion for social justice to fight for others, like organizing to demand youth services in Williamsburg. She volunteered her time serving on the NYCHA's Citywide Council of Presidents and on the 94th Community Council Precinct. She also worked with the National Congress of Neighborhood Women to help organize women in the fight for healthcare services, daycare and community services for youth. She was a member of the NYPD Community Council and fought for safer neighborhoods and fought for improvements to air quality and against the unjust closing of Greenpoint Hospital.

## Section 45. Samiya Spain Place

Introduced by Council Member Hanif

April 11, 2004 - March 17, 2024

Samiya Spain was a victim of violence when she and her twin sister were attacked outside a store by a man after she refused to give him her number. She died of stab wounds.

#### Section 46. Thomas "Citos" Rigney Way

Introduced by Council Member Hanks

September 16, 1979 – November 1, 2019

Thomas "Citos" Rigney was an accomplished student and athlete who spent many hours coaching and helping the young people in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, he became ill from substance use disorder. He fought his illness valiantly and became an inspirational peer mentor to many others who were afflicted by the same disease. He saved many lives but ultimately, he succumbed to this pernicious condition. This street sign dedication will honor his life but also serve as a beacon of hope for those who are seeking to combat this illness and a reminder of its consequences.

## Section 47. Geraldine Parker Way

Introduced by Council Member Hanks July 9, 1960 – August 27, 2024

Geraldine Parker was an advocate for her community and passionate about making it a safe and beautiful place. She served as Tenant Association President for Stapleton Houses for over 20 years. She was also Citywide Council Of Presidents Chairwoman, working closely with the police department to build relationships within the community focusing on the needs of the community. She worked in the neighborhood community center that provided a safe haven for children and teens to come and converse. She fought for the neighborhood community center to stay open so the children could have a place to go and won to keep it open. She organized Stapleton Day to bring residents together with food, music and fun. She partnered with the MAP literacy program for the youth in the community. During COVID-19, she organized a food pantry to ensure the residents had food during the pandemic. In 2012, she was cited as a "woman in history", and she was awarded a plaque for her commitment to her community. She advocated for Stapleton Houses workers and ensured that during the holidays, they received an appreciation for their hard work. She helped create a community garden where fresh vegetables are grown and open for the community.

### Section 48. Icema "June" Williams Way

Introduced by Council Member Hanks June 11, 1953 – August 25, 2022

Icema "June" Williams was born in Kingston, Jamaica. She attended kindergarten and primary school in Jamaica and later migrated to New York in 1965, where she attended Wagner Junior High School and later moved to Staten Island where she attended the College of Staten Island. As a young mother, she loved to cook meals for her family, even when she did not have much money, she would always make sure the children were well-fed and well-clothed, even if it meant that she didn't have much to eat or wear. She worked with children all of her adult life, including with the P.A.L. Playstreet and after-school programs for over 30 years. She served as the president of the tenant association in her building, where she organized fundraisers, gave annual Christmas parties for the youth. She was involved with Grandmother's Love Over Violence (LOV) NYPD program.

# Section 49. George Doyle Way

Introduced by Council Member Hanks February 10, 1944 – February 11, 2024

George Doyle was the PTA President at The Hungerford School from 1994 until 1999. He held fundraisers for the school to grow the bank account for the PTA, which were able to help supplement school necessities that the school budget would not be able to. He assisted with pushing the School Construction Authority to complete the new elevators within the school for the wheelchair bound and students that needed assistance. He was a surrogate parent advocate for over 40 special education foster care students through the Committee on Special Education from 2000 until 2005. He lost his son, Paul in 1999 due to complications from Cerebral Palsy. After his son's passing, he did not stop advocating for students with special needs and students in foster care. He acted as a surrogate parent for over 40 students whose IEP's were due for review and recommendation. He was the Stapleton Athletic Club manager and coach during the 1970s, as well as a field manager and baseball coach. He served as president of the Clifton Homeowners Association during the 1980s and 190s. He held monthly community meetings at the NY Foundling building located on Tompkins Avenue. In the early 1990s, former Mayor David Dinkins came to the Clifton community to meet George and the members of the Clifton Homeowners Association to get tips on how to bring this type of Civic Comradery to other boroughs. He was also recognized by channel 2 CBS News for his unwavering support of the community. He was a member of the 120th Precinct Community Council Member for 20 years and led the organization of National Night Out. He was a Community Board member for 42 years.

## Section 50. Sajda Musawwir Ladner Way

Introduced by Council Member Hanks October 24, 1940 – August 18, 2021

Sajda Musawwir Ladner was the founder of Universal Temple of the Arts (UTA), a non-profit organization established in 1967, to support and highlight artists of color. Her leadership, as both the artistic and executive director of UTA, encompassed a wide array of activities, including musical performances, the renowned Staten Island Jazz Festival, poetry, as well as critical community outreach initiatives, particularly aimed at the youth. She was an accomplished professional dancer, a talented clothing and costume designer, and a dedicated teacher of fine arts. Over the years, she received numerous commendations for her tireless efforts, including recognitions from Community Board 1, various elected officials, honors from the NAACP, and the Coalition of Staten Island Women's Organizations Athena Award. Her profound commitment to fostering unity and harmony through the arts was evident in her mission for UTA, particularly in reaching out to underserved and disadvantaged youth, using the arts as a conduit for personal and communal growth.

## Section 51. Naimullah Sheikh Khan Way

Introduced by Council Member Hanks Died April 13, 2020

Naim Khan was very dedicated to her Staten Island community. For over 35 years, Khan was the proud owner and operator of Five Eleven, a beloved grocery store located at the corner of Port Richmond Ave. and Van Riper St. This store wasn't just a place to buy groceries; it was a cornerstone of the neighborhood, a place where people from all walks of life came together, creating a unique bond of community and camaraderie. In recognition of his lifetime of service, the Asian American Labor and Community Organization (AALCO), alongside District Attorney Michael McMahon, awarded him the John Lewis Community Service Award posthumously on October 17, 2020. The award acknowledged his "unsurpassed love, dedication, and commitment to the Staten Island community" and highlighted his kindness, generosity, and selflessness as a true pillar of the community. Additionally, AALCO recognized him as a founding member, celebrating his lasting contributions to their mission of creating positive change.

## Section 52. Ralph Lucci Way

Introduced by Council Member Hanks May 25, 1952 – August 7, 2023

Ralph John Lucci was born in Naples, Italy. At the age of five, he immigrated to the United States with his family, where he grew up in Brooklyn, and dedicated his life to service, community, and resilience. He attended Sacred Heart Grammar School, Bishop Ford High School, and Brooklyn College, where he studied engineering. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, demonstrating his lifelong commitment to service and his indomitable spirit. He built a distinguished career in the automotive industry, working as General Manager at Lamborghini of New Jersey before establishing his own business as a Picture Car Coordinator for the TV and film industry. Over his 25-year career, he earned a reputation as a dependable and resourceful provider, known for his ability to "find any vehicle" for film and television productions, helping bring New York's vibrant presence to screens nationwide. He made significant contributions to his community, particularly in Staten Island, where he resided and operated his business. Following the devastation of Superstorm Sandy in 2012, which heavily affected his own business, he responded by co-founding the North Shore Business Association in Stapleton. His efforts with the Association helped local businesses recover, showing his dedication to his community in its time of need. His most selfless work, however, came in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, attacks. He volunteered extensively in the rescue and recovery operations at Ground Zero and the NYC Exposure Zone, providing essential support to recovery workers by delivering food, drink, and supplies. He also worked at the Staten Island Landfill, a key site in the recovery process, where he assisted alongside first responders. His sustained commitment and willingness to serve during this critical time demonstrate his extraordinary compassion and heroism. Ralph's dedication to others eventually took a toll on his health. Years later, he was diagnosed with lung cancer as a direct result of his exposure while volunteering at Ground Zero.

# Section 53. Raymond J. Pezzoli Esq. Way

Introduced by Council Member Hanks July 15, 1943 – May 21, 2024

Raymond J. Pezzoli Esq. had decades of community service through the North Shore Rotary Club and Randall Manor Residents Association. He was heavily involved in the Staten Island Community and dedicated his life to service and philanthropy. He joined and volunteered his time as a Rotarian starting in 1995, serving the community for over 29 years. In 2007, the Bruce G. Geary Foundation formed, and appointed Ray as the president for the next 25 years. The Foundation is a nonprofit with a mission of supporting animal care and conservation groups. Each year under his leadership, the Bruce G. Geary Foundation funded more than 65 organizations and donated over \$1.25M towards animal causes. The Foundation are long-time supporters of the Staten Island Zoo, donating \$140,000 to the Zoo each year. The Foundation and the Zoo collaborated in partnership with the St. Peters Boys High School Zoology Club to support and provide hands-on experience for students who may one day pursue an interest in veterinary science, conservation management and environmental studies as careers.

## Section 54. John C. Woodman Way

Introduced by Council Member Hanks August 9, 1944 – April 12, 2024

John C. Woodman graduated from Port Richmond High School in 1962, where he played basketball and baseball and was the school's student body president. He served as president of Port Richmond High School's Alumni Association from 2018 until December 2022. He earned a Master's Degree and Supervisory Certificate from Richmond College. He excelled in the classroom and went on to fulfill a lifelong desire to be a teacher and educator rising through the NYC school system beginning as an English teacher at McKee Vocational and Technical High School and eventually becoming the Principal of Harry Van Arsdale High School in Brooklyn in 1987. A natural educator, he was an active coach throughout his life. He began coaching at McKee High School in the 1960s and went on to coach many teams at Snug Harbor Little League between 1980 and 2018. He was the all-star coach of numerous city championship softball and baseball teams. Soon after his 1996 retirement, he began introducing high school students around the country to architecture and engineering as he led the ACE Mentoring programing for many years helping teenagers find their future while earning college scholarships.

#### Section 55. Vincent Gattullo Way

Introduced by Council Member Hanks Died September 2017

Vincent Gattullo was a dedicated educator and community leader with broad influence on Goodhue Center, Zoological Society, American Parkinson Disease and other local and national institutions. He worked multiple jobs at a young age while still attending school. He served in the United States Army. One of his proudest and earliest accomplishments was improving the Goodhue Center, The Children's Aid Society complex, He helped raise \$4 million to renovate the Goodhue Mansion, turning an unusable space into an administrative and recreation center, but most importantly building the new children's foster homes and a gymnasium that helped countless generations. He was an educator for 23 years with the New York City Department of Education. He earned several degrees and proudly became a New York City public school teacher, and eventually a principal. He helped create the Sex Education program for the entire New York City school system. He later became a professor at Wagner College, College of Staten Island and St. John's University. For 15 years as a trustee, five years as president and 25 years as the director of the Staten Island Zoological Society, he raised \$65 million to create a place for the whole community to enjoy, but more importantly improving the first educational zoo in America bringing it back the "biggest little Zoo" back from the brink of closing. Over his 30 years of involvement with the American Parkinson Disease Association Inc., he raised \$63 million that funded much-needed research and information and referral centers throughout the United States. He formed an additional foundation in the Netherlands, Netherlands Parkinson's Foundation Inc. that funded research to find a cure for the debilitating disease worldwide.

## Section 56. Miss Billee Duncan Way

Introduced by Council Member Holden 1914 – 2001

Miss Billee Duncan was a vaudeville performer with her husband and a Broadway choreographer before founding her own dance studio in Elmhurst. Many of her students went on to successful careers in the entertainment industry. The Billee Duncan School of Dancing performed shows for the patients at Elmhurst General Hospital, the Veterans Administration Hospital, for orphans at the Elks Lodge in Manhattan, for underprivileged families at the Capt. Chas B. Dillington Post of the American Legion, performed at the Trinity Evangelical Parish House and the Mothers' Club of St. Adalbert's R.C. Church. She performed with the USO in the United States from 1941 to 1946, where she travelled to Europe to perform for the troops in Germany. In 1967, she participated in the sixth annual Maspeth Gay Nineties Parade and Antique Automobile Show that attracted over 100,000 people. She also received a plaque for her efforts in preventing juvenile delinquency under the auspices of the Police Athletic League

## Section 57. John Killcommons Corner

Introduced by Council Member Holden February 12, 1934 – December 21, 2023

John Killcommons served in the United States Navy and was a Korean War veteran. He served with the FDNY working at Ladder 128 Company in Long Island City for over 35 years and also served as Head Usher at the US Tennis Association and at the NY Mets baseball home field, Shea Stadium, and later CitiField, for many years. He volunteered as the Vice President of the Juniper Park Civic Association, dedicating his time and enthusiasm for parks and community affairs and was known for his column "Killy's Corner" published in the Juniper Berry.

#### Section 58. Lubavitcher Rebbe Way

Introduced by Council Member Hudson

April 5, 1902 – June 12, 1994

Lubavitcher Rebbe was a Russian-American Orthodox rabbi and the most recent Rebbe of the Lubavitch Hasidic dynasty and is considered one of the most influential Jewish leaders of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He published over 400 volumes of teachings and established over 5,000 educational and social centers that include kindergartens, schools, drug-rehabilitation centers, care homes for the disabled and synagogues. In 1978, the United States Congress established Education and Sharing Day on his birthday in honor of his lifelong efforts for education.

## Section 59. Leroy Johnson Way

Introduced by Council Member Joseph May 2, 1963 – July 6, 2024

Leroy Johnson began his activist career in New York as a member of NYACORN in 2002. He served as the chair of the New York Communities for Change Flatbush Chapter since 2010. Under his leadership, the chapter grew in membership and participated in dozens of campaigns from the Fight for \$15 to the campaign for Universal Pre-K for New York City children. He was a leader in New York's tenant movement and helped found dozens of tenant organizations across Flatbush, was part of campaigns to expand the right of tenants, and was instrumental in the 2018 campaign to strengthen the rent laws. During the pandemic, he helped lead the charge to ensure that New York had the longest running eviction moratorium in the country and helped secure more than \$2 billion in Emergency Rental Assistance for New York tenants with arrears related to income lost during the COVID-19 crisis. In 2020, he helped start a monthly pop-up food and essentials pantry that provides free food, PPE and other essentials to the community. He also ran an annual drive to purchase and distribute sleeping bags to homeless people in Flatbush.

## Section 60. Justin T. Hackley Way

Introduced by Council Member Joseph

August 22, 1996 – July 11, 2017

Justin T. Hackley was the victim of gun violence after he was killed during a dispute at a smoke shop and deli on Ocean Avenue.

#### Section 61. John H. Bunyan Way

Introduced by Council Member Joseph

John H. Bunyan served in the United States Army and later became a teacher, coach and dean at Erasmus Hall High School from 1965 until the 1990s. He received many awards for his community involvement and coaching one of the top basketball teams in the City. He was awarded the All-Star HS Basketball Coach, New York State Basketball Coaches Association Recognition Award, the NYC Man of Courage Award and was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame by the Brooklyn United Scholarship Association.

#### Section 62. Fernande Valme Way

Introduced by Council Member Joseph July 23, 1924 – 2009

Evangelist Fernande Valme was born in Leogane, Haiti, a small village outside the nation's capital, Portau-Prince. As a teenager, she was committed to her church and began to volunteer around her community, which exposed her to the medical field, where she learned basic wound care. As a young missionary, she traveled with her Church Group on various church missions to comfort the sick with prayers and to give Holy Communion. She managed the choir of the First Baptist Church of Port-au-Prince where she served for 29 years. Her love for helping people and spreading the word of God, led her to open her home to host weekly prayer sessions with all those seeking salvation and spiritual guidance. This quickly became a worship center for her community. In 1971, she immigrated to New York and continued her mission, bringing people with different backgrounds together in worship and similar to what she practiced in Haiti, she began hosting prayer meetings at her home. She quickly found her space, which expanded into the facility at 1120 Flatbush Avenue, providing a peaceful place for people to congregate for praise and worship. Evangelist Valme organized events to bring about a sense of community, spreading love and spreading the word of God while helping people in need. Her focus was always on others, dedicating her time to pray with the needy, giving hope and giving courage. In 1984, she returned to Haiti to lay the first brick on a large multi service facility that stands today Housing a Medical Clinic, Worship Center and School for over 2000 children. She was focused on guiding the youths. Although she had limited education, she was blessed with wisdom and foresight, she knew that equipping youths, who eventually grow up to be leaders, with educations was the right step in improving the conditions of her people. She established a worship center where people could congregate for prayers that was also vital to achieving everything she had always hoped for her country. A day care, after school, food pantries were opened. On every Saturday there was a nursing clinic for Senior's activities, such as sewing, cooking, youth activities and a yearly recognition party for those who graduated from school. Her efforts helped many people all over the world for many decades. She has been recognized for her contributions with various awards, her strong faith, integrity, love and care for people will always be remembered.

## Section 63. Cathedral Prep Way

Introduced by Council Member Krishnan

This co-naming will commemorate Cathedral Prep for over 70 years of service.

#### Section 64. Gerard J. Neufeld Way

Introduced by Council Member Krishnan

February 11, 1912 – April 28, 1980

Gerard Neufeld established his funeral services in the 1940's and provided his services to help the families of the young servicemen who died in WWII to give them proper burials. He also helped found the Newtown Civic Association, the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and the Elmhurst Lion's Club. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the St. Bartholomew's Church Parish Council. He was president of the Elmhurst

Memorial League and the Elmhurst Community Celebrations Commission where he oversaw community events such as concerts held in the parks and holiday gatherings.

## Section 65. Rose Marie César Way

Introduced by Council Members Louis and Narcisse Died in 2023

Rose Marie César was a community activist and advocate. Her home was often dubbed the "Haitian Ellis Island" where people from all walks of life sought her out for prayer, support, healing and deliverance. She settled in Port-au-Prince, where she would open a retail store. She later launched a wholesale business selling food products, importing from the Dominican Republic. In 1984, she arrived and settled in Brooklyn, New York, where she became a member of Remsen Avenue Church of God, where she served as a Deaconess and a long-standing leader of the Ladies' Ministry. She served the Brooklyn community from her arrival in1984 until her death in 2023. She visited local hospitals daily, praying with the sick and spent time with those without friends or family. For thirty-seven years, her home was a sanctuary to many, a refuge for the ill in need of divine healing, the homeless and those in need of various forms of assistance. She was known as a "Doctor by Faith." She was always ready and available to pray for and help anyone in need. Even as she dedicated her life to serving the Brooklyn community, she continued to serve her birth country in ministry. She returned often to pray for the sick, feed the hungry and help house the homeless. She built a church and a school in Dumé that serves over a hundred children, providing hot meals along with an education. She also traveled all over the South of Haiti to help cohabiting couples enter into holy matrimony, providing them with all necessities from their wedding garb to the reception.

## Section 66. Veta I. Brome Way

Introduced by Council Member Moya January 8, 1945 – December 2, 2020

Veta I. Brome served as the Democratic District leader of the 35<sup>th</sup> Assembly District in Queens, and was a member of The Kiwanis of LaGuardia Airport Club. She was the former Secretary and advisor of the Kiwanis Key Clubs. In 1997, she became president of the Kiwanis Club of LaGuardia Airport, making her the second woman to hold this position in the club's 57-year history. She also was the Treasurer of Queens West Foundation, served as Vice-Chair and chairperson of the Board of Directors of Elmcor Youth and Adult Activities, Inc. She was a member of The Episcopal Church of Grace and Resurrection where she was a faithful supporter and took care of the real estate affairs of the church, the NAACP, her Block Association, Queens Chamber of Commerce, JFK Chamber of Commerce, NYS Chamber of Commerce, The National Association of Professional Women, the East Elmhurst/Corona Civic Association, and the Barbados We Gatherin' initiative. She was honored with the Elmhurst-Corona Civic Association's Community Legacy Award, NAHREP's Real Estate Top Producer Award, Key Women of America, and from many more associations.

#### Section 67. Perry Kokotas Place

Introduced by Council Member Narcisse December 17, 1944 – September 30, 2021

Paraskevas "Perry" Kokotas was born in Mandra Aetolokarnania Greece and later moved to Brooklyn in 1970. He got his first job working as a dishwasher, when they washed dishes by hand at the famous Campus Sugar Bowl Restaurant by Brooklyn College. He jumped at the opportunity to become a kitchen helper and went to work at Three Star Restaurant on Avenue U in the Homecrest area of Brooklyn. His hard work and dedication were rewarded and he quickly became a waiter, one of his more well-known customers at Three Star was a young up and coming Brooklyn politician named Charles Schumer. In 1987, he was offered a minority stake by the owners of Three Star after they acquired The Chelsea Lobster House in Howard Beach Queens. This was his first chance to become a business owner and he welcomed the opportunity. In 1991, his dream became a reality and Perry's Restaurant opened on Nostrand Avenue in the Sheepshead Bay section of Brooklyn. His tireless commitment and dedication to Perry's is almost unbelievable. In his 30 years of ownership, he took less than 30 days off, most of which were used to go to Greece to visit his brothers who were ill. He averaged over 100 hours of work a week for over 30 years. He supported the local civic organizations and schools, the Knights of Pythias

and many senior groups. He was also a great benefactor of The Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church and Community, as well as St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

## Section 68. The Dorothy Turano Plaza

Introduced by Council Member Narcisse

Died May 18, 2023

Dorothy Turano was the District Manager of Community Board 18 in Brooklyn for thirty-eight years, served as Community School Board Member District No. 18 Secretary Treasurer, served as president of the Parent Teachers Association PS 114, Bildersee Junior High School IS 68 and South Shore High School. She was a board member of the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education and a board member of the Farragut Redwood Civic Association and of the Joint Council for Community Betterment.

### Section 69. Monsignor John Powis Way

Introduced by Council Member Nurse November 10, 1933 – September 29, 2021

Monsignor John Powis was a community leader who helped build power amongst North Brooklyn's working class, and helped advance the cause of housing and social justice. His life is a lesson in the power of community organizing and advocacy. In 1992, after Father Powis personally appealed to the founder of El Puente, he helped the organization expand to Bushwick. To this day, El Puente's record of accomplishment of youth engagement, environmental advocacy, and community organizing has helped shape policy affecting Bushwick and the City. In 1993, as a pastor of St. Barbara's Roman Catholic Church, he led the Church's restoration ahead of its 100th anniversary. His efforts and leadership purportedly grew the Church's congregation from 200 worshipers to 1,400 worshippers. He also has a distinguished legacy in affordable housing advocacy. He co-founded the East Brooklyn Congregations, an influential coalition of religious groups that has created thousands of homes for low- and middle-income families, most notably Nehemiah Homes. Furthermore, he helped found the Bushwick Housing Independence Project, which continues to educate tenants about their rights, organizes against discrimination and exploitation, and helps preserve affordable housing for Bushwick families.

### Section 70. Oshaman Long Way

Introduced by Council Member Nurse July 11, 1968 – January 1, 2024

Oshaman Long, known to everyone as "Osh" spent six years in the restaurant business and later enrolled and completed a six-month training course in carpentry. Upon completion, he founded Osh Construction and Appraisals, which became a success. As a result, he was able to employ many Bushwick residents. With his success, he started on his journey to help underprivileged kids who lived in the Bushwick community. He was featured in an article by the Bushwick Daily, for his noble efforts of giving back to the children of the Bushwick community. He was fully aware that Bushwick was in desperate need of positive activities to deter our youth from going astray. He partnered with the Field Of Dreams Sports Club, an organization which provided organized youth basketball and baseball. At the time, the organization was in desperate need for funding, as the majority of the families could not afford the expenses associated with having their children participate in the program. After hearing about their struggles, he decided to sponsor the entire program. His donation made it possible for all who wanted to join and participate. He also sponsored the Fire and Ice Youth Basketball League, another Bushwick base youth organization. His commitment to charity work spanned over 30 years earning him the affectionate titles, "The President of Eldert Street, and the "Honorary Mayor" of the community. He hosted numerous community-based functions, such as, Father's Day Cookouts, Birthday Celebrations, Atlantic City Bus Trips and The Legendary Annual Eldert Street Block Party. He also raised money for back to school supplies for the children of Eldert Street.

## Section 71. Mrs. Clara Hayes Way

Introduced by Council Member Ossé

May 27, 1928 - February 14, 2022

Clara Hayes moved to New York City at the age of 18 with \$28 in her pocket. She later purchased her first property at 235 McDonough Street in 1954. After working many years at Macon Hardware Store, she bought the business and the building with her husband from its original owners. The couple ultimately purchased three properties in their Brooklyn neighborhood. She dedicated her life to serving her community with her hardware and variety store. She prepared and gave away meals for people in need for over 30 years, and gave discounts to those who needed supplies from her store. She provided jobs to those who needed and also received rewards and citations for her community involvement. She is documented as maintaining one of the longest-running businesses owned by an African-American woman in Bed-Stuy. She managed and owned her store for over 70 years, and received news coverage from Pix 11, CBS and many other newspaper and TV outlets.

# Section 72. Joseph "Scooter Joe" Willins Way

Introduced by Council Member Ossé

August 5, 1939 – April 9, 2020

Joseph Willins served in the United States Marines and later joined the NYPD in 1966. His intimate involvement and knowledge of the neighborhood made him a tremendously effective officer in Bed-Stuy. His stern attitude towards crime was evened out by his compassionate heart. He dutifully protected and served a struggling community, and successfully apprehended dangerous criminals without ever employing deadly force, using tactics commonly associated with modern "community-oriented policing" long before they became institutionalized. He retired from the NYPD in 1986 but continued to stay embedded and actively involved in the Bed-Stuy community for the rest of his life.

## Section 73. Miriam Carter Way

Introduced by Council Member Ossé

Miriam Carter founded the drum and bugle corps called the Carter Cadets in her home in 1949. Until her death in 1963, and for a decade after, the Carter Cadets played a critical role in the lives of many African-American youths in Brooklyn. They participated in numerous competitions and traveled to Washington D.C. in 1961, to participate in Bayard Rustin's first March on Washington.

#### Section 74. Miss Irene's Way

Introduced by Council Member Paladino

Died February 2024

Irene Kouba spent over 40 years dedicating her life to educating children. She served as co-president of P.S. 209's PTA, co-president of the Presidents Council for District 25 and the Administrative Director of the North Side School.

# Section 75. NYPD Captain Richard McHale Way

Introduced by Council Member Paladino

Died October 24, 1935

Richard McHale was a member of the New York 69<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Infantry, Company A and a veteran of the Spanish-American War. He was a recipient of the New York City Police Department's Medal of Honor and was the Commanding Officer of the 109th Precinct. He was shot and killed by a disgruntled patrolman who had been placed on reserve duty by the police surgeon.

## Section 76. Detective Vito Navarra Way

Introduced by Council Member Paladino

Died 2023

Detective Vito Navarra was appointed to the NYPD on October 25, 1968, and retired as a Detective First Grade. As an officer, he was severely beaten on April 14, 1972, during the infamous incident at the Nation of Islam Mosque in Harlem. His partner, P.O. Phillip Cardillo was shot and later died that day. He worked in the Special Victims Unit in Queens until he retired from the department in 1995, and then was appointed as an

investigator for the District Attorney's Office where he was assigned to the Special Victims Bureau until his final retirement in 2002

## Section 77. Antonella Mattina Way

Introduced by Council Member Paladino

June 18, 1971 – November 26, 1987

Antonella lived in Astoria, Queens, until she was 10 years-old and later moved to Flushing. Her caring nature and kindness inspired those around her to be more empathetic and understanding. She disappeared on July 16, 1984, after going to the bank to make a deposit for her parents. After an extensive search by detectives and police officers, her remains were found on Thanksgiving in Yorktown, New York. Her case remains unsolved. Though her time with us was tragically short, Antonella's legacy lives on through the countless lives she touched.

## Section 78. Dick Ravitch Way

Introduced by Council Member Powers

July 7, 1933 – June 25, 2023

Dick Ravitch was the former MTA Chairman and served as Lieutenant Governor of New York from 2009 to 2010. He helped save the City's mass transit system in the 1980's during an 11-day transit strike and also helped save the City from financial collapse during the 1970's while he was head of the State's Urban Development Corporation. He worked for Major League Baseball as its chief labor negotiator.

#### Section 79. Ernst Jaakson Way

Introduced by Council Member Powers

August 11, 1905 – September 4, 1998

Ernst Jaakson was one of the longest-serving foreign diplomatic representatives to the United States. He worked at the Estonian Consulate in NYC starting in 1932 and in 1940 took over as the chief diplomatic representative of Estonia in the United States until Estonia regained independence in 1991, this is including the time period that Estonia was under Soviet Union occupation. After they regained independence, he was appointed to be Estonia's ambassador to the United States and Estonia's permanent representative to the United Nations. From 1993 until his death in 1998, he continued his work as the Estonian Consul General in NYC. He served in NYC as the main representative for the Estonian government, even throughout the turmoil of Soviet oppression.

## Section 80. Matthew Jensen Way

Introduced by Council Member Restler

Died May 18, 2021

Matthew Jensen was an English teacher at PS 110. He was a UFT member for 20 years and served in the Peace Corps in Senegal and Armenia. He was killed by a hit and run driver while walking home from his birthday party. After his death, over 200 people, including Mayor Bill de Blasio, held a march and vigil in his memory on May 27, 2021, calling for safer streets, specifically for McGuinness Boulevard where advocates have called for wider sidewalks to help pedestrians as they cross the street, a protected bike lane and eliminating one lane of traffic in each direction to slow vehicles down.

# Section 81. James Payne Way

Introduced by Council Member Riley

February 9, 1940 – May 10, 2024

James Payne served in the United States military for 15 months in Korea and was honorably discharged from active duty on May 2, 1962 and remained in the Reserves until 1966. He served as a CSEA union representative while employed at Bronx Children's Psychiatric Center, he served as president of the Building 17 Association for many years, was a member of the Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club and became president, he served on several Riverbay Corporation Committees, including the Security Committee and was the Male Democratic Party District Leader of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District.

#### Section 82. Kashmir's Way

Introduced by Council Member Riley December 19, 2018 – January 3, 2024

Kashmir Marquis was tragically killed in a residential fire. The family is currently working with a daycare center in Middletown, NY, to establish a fire safety program and also hand out fire safety kits to local families in recognition of Fire Safety Week in October.

## Section 83. Marvin E. Mayfield, Jr. Way

Introduced by Council Member Riley December 15, 1961 – March 30, 2023

Marvin E. Mayfield, Jr. was born in Brooklyn and attended Edward R. Murrow High School before entering into the United States Air Force. His attendance and graduation from NYU's Prison Education Program inspired him to share his life experiences and hopes for the future. He attended the Justice-in-Education Initiative Scholars program of Columbia University and became an advocate for those who have been imprisoned, mistreated and traumatized. His personal experiences of criminalization and incarceration drove him to build a movement to change unjust laws and policies. From 2017 to 2019, he helped lead the fight for bail and discovery reform, changing laws in New York State, which spared thousands of people the horrors of pretrial incarceration, allowing them to keep their jobs and homes and take care of their children. In 2020, he served as the Director of Organizing at the Center for Community Alternatives, building power with people across New York State who were harmed by mass incarceration, criminalization and community disinvestment. He galvanized people across New York State to end racist and unjust sentencing laws, win respect and opportunities for people with conviction records, support parole justice, and protect bail reform. He was an active member and leader at Woods Memorial AME Zion Church in the Bronx, served as Trustee Board Chairman, local Lay Council President, and honorary member of the Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society, was an Advocacy Assistant at The David Rothenberg Center for Public Policy at The Fortune Society. He was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including Just Leadership USA's Larry Gilbert Award, and the Jo Man's Black Wall Street Award from Black Wall Street Harlem. He also received a public health award from William Paterson University in honor of his dedication and commitment to criminal justice reform and the Center for Community Alternatives is starting the Marvin Mayfield Organizing Fellowship in his honor.

#### Section 84. Jimi Hendrix Way

Introduced by Council Member Rivera November 27, 1942 – September 18, 1970

Jimi Hendrix was born November 27, 1942, in Seattle, Washington, and is widely regarded as one of the most influential and innovative electric guitarists in the history of music. Hendrix moved to New York City in 1964 to pursue his music career. He played as a backing musician for various artists, including Little Richard and The Isley Brothers. It was in Manhattan where Hendrix's musical career truly began to take shape, and where he eventually caught the attention of producer Chas Chandler, who helped him form the iconic band The Jimi Hendrix Experience. Manhattan played a pivotal role in Jimi Hendrix's rise to fame. The city, known for its vibrant music scene, especially in areas like the Lower East Side and Greenwich Village, became a hub for emerging artists in the 1960s. His performances at venues like the Café Wha? and the Fillmore East were significant in establishing him as a guitar virtuoso and an experimental artist. The Fillmore East, in particular, became an iconic location associated with his legacy. Hendrix recorded some of his most groundbreaking work in the city. His 1968 album Electric Ladyland, regarded as one of his finest, was recorded at Electric Lady Studios, a recording facility in Greenwich Village that he personally designed. The studio became a symbol of his creative vision and a focal point of his New York connection. Hendrix's relationship with Manhattan, from his early days in the city's clubs to his groundbreaking performances and recordings, helped shape the course of his career and solidified the city as an integral part of his artistic legacy. Even decades after his death, Manhattan continues to honor his memory with tributes, concerts, and museums. His time in Manhattan exemplifies his role in the cultural revolution of the 1960s and 1970s, a period when New York City was at the epicenter of music, art, and social change.

## Section 85. Jean-Michel Basquiat Way

Introduced by Council Member Rivera

December 22, 1960 - August 12, 1988

Jean-Michel Basquiat was a trailblazing Black artist whose work in the 1980s reshaped the art world. Known for his raw, vibrant, and often cryptic graffiti-inspired paintings, Basquiat's rise to fame was closely tied to the cultural and artistic energy of Manhattan, particularly the Lower East Side and SoHo. Basquiat moved to Manhattan from Brooklyn in the late 1970s, where he began as a street artist under the pseudonym SAMO. His graffiti, often marked by sharp social commentary, caught the attention of the city's art scene. In the early 1980s, he transitioned from street art to gallery exhibitions, with his work quickly garnering attention for its bold style and fusion of African, Caribbean, and American influences. Manhattan, especially neighborhoods like SoHo, became the center of his career. Basquiat exhibited at prominent galleries, worked alongside artists such as Andy Warhol, and frequented the downtown Manhattan scene, which was a melting pot of artists, musicians, and intellectuals. His apartment in Chelsea, and later his studio spaces, became hubs for his creative output, where he painted large-scale works that reflected his engagement with politics, identity, and race. Basquiat's work was often infused with references to African heritage, jazz, and the struggles of living in a racially divided society. His artistic legacy continues to influence contemporary art, and his deep connection to Manhattan remains an integral part of his story. The city provided the canvas and community that helped Basquiat shape his revolutionary art, solidifying his status as a defining figure of the 1980s art scene.

## Section 86. Dr. Joseph I. Kramer Way

Introduced by Council Member Rivera

December 7, 1924 – August 30, 2021

Dr. Joseph I. Kramer, was a respected physician and community leader in New York City, who dedicated much of his life to serving residents, particularly in the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Born and raised in the city, he was deeply committed to improving the lives of his neighbors, both through his medical practice and his advocacy for social justice. Throughout his career, he worked tirelessly to address health disparities in underserved communities. He provided medical care to low-income residents and was known for his compassionate approach, often treating patients who had limited access to healthcare and seeing on average, 40 patients per day. His work extended beyond just medical treatment. He was also involved in local activism, advocating for the betterment of living conditions, affordable housing, and equitable access to resources for marginalized communities. One of his most significant contributions was his involvement in the health and welfare of the Lower East Side, where he played a pivotal role in mobilizing efforts to support residents who faced economic and health challenges. He would often accompany patients to the pharmacy and pay for their medicine and would also pay for treatments to those in dire need. In 1983, he was profiled in New York magazine and had a segment on 60 Minutes regarding his work. His dedication to public service and healthcare, as well as his deep ties to the Lower East Side, ensured that his influence would live on in the lives of the people he helped and the initiatives he championed. His work exemplifies the power of compassionate service and communityoriented healthcare, and his memory continues to inspire those who seek to make a difference in their communities.

# Section 87. Isaac Freeman III aka Fatman Scoop Way

Introduced by Council Members Salaam and Farías

August 6, 1968 – August 30, 2024

Isaac Freeman III aka Fatman Scoop was a hip-hop artist, best known for his performances with Missy Elliott, Mariah Carey and his own hit singles. He was also featured in the UK TV series Chancers and also hosted a reality show called Man and Wife.

### Section 88. Edouard E. Plummer Place

Introduced by Council Member Salaam

May 22, 1928 – December 5, 2018

Edouard E. Plummer was an inspirational educator in the New York City Public Schools and founder of the Wadleigh Scholars Program. He was educated in the West Virginia public school system and attended West Virginia State University where, in 1949, he earned his BA in History. He served as a corporal in the United

States Army from 1950 until 1952, and was honorably discharged. From 1952 until 1958, he lived in Paris where he met James Baldwin, Josephine Baker, Picasso, Richard Wright and others. He also met and befriended Lena Horne. In 1958, he moved to New York, took a job at Wadleigh JHS in Harlem and completed his MA in History at City University of NY. In 1964, he created the Wadleigh Scholars Program, assisted by a group of his peers. The program has prepared over 600 highly achieving Harlem students to attend elite boarding schools and colleges.

## Section 89. Ernestine Eleanor Bland Williams Way

Introduced by Council Member Salaam

Ernestine Eleanor Bland Williams served as a Parent Teachers Association President of Public School 123M, president of the Parents Council of the Boys & Girls Harbor and Vice President of Schomburg Plaza Residents Council, was a member of the Uptown Democratic Club, Minisink and other organizations. She worked as an Election Day Poll Worker for over three decades and served as a County Chief of a Board of Elections.

# Section 90. Dr. Maya Angelou Place

Introduced by Council Member Salaam April 4, 1928 – May 28, 2014

Maya Angelou was a prolific poet, author, dancer, actor, film and television producer, playwright, film director, scholar and civil rights activist. At the age of 14, she dropped out of the California Labor School to become San Francisco's first African-American female cable car conductor. In 1954 and 1955, she toured Europe with a production of the opera "Porgy and Bess," and also studied modern dance with Martha Graham, and participated in dance performances with Alvin Ailey in San Francisco and appeared with him on television variety shows. In the late 1950s, she recorded her first album, "Calypso Lady," then moved to New York City to focus on her writing career, where she joined the Harlem Writers Guild, acted in the historic Off-Broadway production of Jean Genet's "The Blacks," and wrote and performed "Cabaret for Freedom." In the early 1960s, she lived in Egypt and Ghana, where she worked as an editor, journalist, and professor. She also participated in the civil rights and antiapartheid movements, and worked closely with Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 1970, she published her landmark book, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," which received international acclaim, and is still one of the most popular books today. In 2000, she was honored with the Presidential Medal of the Arts, the Ford's Theatre Lincoln Medal in 2008, and in that same year, she narrated the award-winning documentary film "The Black Candle," and published a book of guidance for young women titled, "Letter to My Daughter." In 2011, President Barack Obama awarded her the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She also received three Grammy awards, fifty honorary degrees and served over thirty years as the Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

# Section 91. Franklin H. Williams Street

Introduced by Council Member Salaam October 22, 1917 – May 20, 1990

Franklin H. Williams graduated from Lincoln University in 1941 and later received his law degree from Fordham University in 1945. He served as an assistant counsel to Thurgood Marshall, special counsel to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He served as the Director of the west coast NAACP from 1950 until 1959, and was credited with major inroads in the civil rights movement involving cases on school desegregation and restrictive covenants. He played a significant role in battling a once common practice of systematically excluding African Americans from juries. He was also instrumental in the development of the Peace Corps and eventually became the Peace Corps Regional Director for Africa. The Peace Corps currently honors his memory with the Franklin H. Williams Awards given to over 90 outstanding returned Peace Corps Volunteers. He served as the United States Ambassador to Ghana and was recognized by the State Department with the Distinguished Service Award, as well as being honored by numerous Ghanaian tribes and communities. He served as the director of the new Urban Center at Columbia University in 1968. He chaired the New York State Judicial Commission on Minorities from 1987 to 1990, which studied the treatment of minority group members in state courts. The study resulted in a 1991 report, which revealed a severe lack of diversity on the bench and in management positions and a widespread perception of racial bias in the courts. To address the

issues raised in the 1991 report, the Franklin H. Williams Commission was established as a permanent entity in the courts.

#### Section 92. Robertus Coleman Place

Introduced by Council Member Salaam

July 12, 1944 – November 10, 2020

Robertus Coleman served as the Tenant Association President for over forty years on West 114th Street between Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard and Fredrick Douglass Boulevard. During her tenure as leader, she worked to close the block for the Police Athletic League to play in the street every summer and she organized yearly community trips for residents. She advocated for the underserved members of the community, ensuring their voices were heard by elected officials and community leaders, she ran a food pantry, organized employment opportunities for residents with developers and facilitated teen employment through the Summer Youth Employment Program. She also played a crucial role in enhancing the physical environment of the block, working with the New York City Housing Authority to plant trees, install benches and improve public spaces, including two parks. She was instrumental in a multi-million-dollar project aimed at keeping housing affordable, on West 114th Street, which resulted in a Social Service Department that assisted tenants with employment, training, yoga, Zumba, healthy cooking classes and pantry deliveries to the elderly.

## Section 93. Edwin Eddie Ellis Way

Introduced by Council Member Salaam

Died July 24, 2014

Edwin "Eddie" Ellis was an activist, a member of the Black Panthers and a broadcaster on WBAI for many years, on their weekend "On the Count" show produced by ex-prisoners. He founded the NuLeadership Policy Group in 2001, which conducts research, advocacy and leadership training to assist incarcerated individuals. He lectured globally in such issues in places, such as Harvard, Stanford, London and South Africa. During his 25 years in prison, he devoted his time to education, earning two Associate Degrees from SUNY Sullivan County Community College in Paralegal Studies; a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Marist College; and a Master's Degree, summa cum laude, in Theology from New York Theological Seminary. He used his skills to bring hope and life to youngsters in Harlem. He was part of a group of men that introduced the Seven Neighborhood Study, which documented the disproportionate representation of Black and Latino men from seven neighborhoods in New York State's prison system. In fact, it was his thinking, with other prisoner-scholars in Green Haven Prison in Stormville, NY, in 1979 that uncovered the seven neighborhood notion of where 87% of state prisoners come from.

# Section 94. Bronx Halloween Parade Way

Introduced by Council Member Salamanca, Jr.

This co-naming will commemorate the  $40^{\rm th}$  Anniversary of the Bronx Halloween Parade. Since its inception in 1985, the Bronx Halloween Parade has been a cherished tradition in the Bronx community, providing a safe and joyful environment for families and children to celebrate Halloween. Over the past four decades, the parade has grown significantly, now recognized as the second largest Halloween parade in New York City, attracting nearly 20,000 spectators and participants each year.

#### Section 95. Hector Lavoe Way

Introduced by Council Member Salamanca, Jr.

September 30, 1946 – June 29, 1993

Hector Lavoe was a legendary Puerto Rican salsa singer, widely regarded as one of the most influential and iconic voices in Latin music history. Known for his distinct voice, charismatic stage presence, and a career that spanned over two decades, Lavoe became one of the most prominent figures in the development and popularization of salsa music. Born Héctor Juan Pérez Martínez in Ponce, Puerto Rico, Lavoe moved to 1119 Bryant Avenue in the South Bronx at a young age, where he was exposed to the burgeoning salsa movement in the 1960s. He started performing in local clubs before joining the renowned Fania All-Stars, a collective of the top Latin musicians of the era, which helped catapult him to stardom. Lavoe's unique vocal style was marked by its raw emotion, impeccable phrasing, and ability to convey both joy and sorrow through his performances.

His collaborations with the famed musician Willie Colón were particularly significant, and together they produced some of the most iconic salsa albums of the 1970s, including *El Malo* (1975) and *Asalto Navideño* (1971). Lavoe's music combined traditional Puerto Rican sounds with New York's urban salsa style, creating a sound that resonated with a wide audience. Some of his best-known hits include "*Periódico de Ayer*", "*El Cantante*", "*Aquel lugar*", and "Mi Gente". "*El Cantante*," in particular, became an anthem of sorts, reflecting Lavoe's own struggles and the harsh realities of life in the barrios of New York. While his career soared, Lavoe faced personal hardships, including struggles with addiction, the loss of his mother, the tragic death of his son, and financial difficulties. Despite these challenges, his music continued to inspire and touch the hearts of salsa fans worldwide. Lavoe's legacy remains powerful, not only as an artist but also as a symbol of resilience in the face of adversity. His emotive style and ability to connect with audiences made him a beloved figure in the Latin music community. Today, he is remembered as one of the greatest salsa performers of all time, often referred to as "El Cantante de los Cantantes" ("The Singer of Singers"). Héctor Lavoe's life and career were the subject of the 2002 biographical film \*El Cantante\*, in which actor Marc Anthony portrayed the singer. Lavoe's influence continues to shape the world of salsa and Latin music, and his contributions remain celebrated by fans and musicians alike.

#### Section 96. Jehova Shalom Church Wav

Introduced by Council Member Salamanca, Jr.

Jehova Shalom Church was founded in 1977, and has been operating primarily out of 1723 Boston Rd., Bronx, NY 10460, since 1992. Reverend Guzman, arrived in New York with a spirit of determination and faith, initially working as a taxi driver while spreading the word of God at various churches throughout the Bronx. At the age of 24, a shepherd on October 4, 1977. Despite his youthful age, he preached while nurturing a community of 17 men, women and children who were united in faith and worship. As Reverend Guzman's congregation grew larger, the Jehovah Shalom Church moved from one location to another until they outgrew their respective location. Jehovah Shalom Church was established on Featherbed Lane in the Bronx, NY, where they spent 12 years celebrating the Lord, before moving to the their temple at 1723 Boston Road, and currently, their temporary home at 1111 East Tremont Avenue. The Guzmans' dedication to their church, community and God has remained steadfast as they celebrate 47 years of service, evangelism and education. The church has done several services and events in the community, including in Crotona Park as part of community outreach. The church has held food and clothing drives and helped several families obtain safe housing, jobs and connected them with academic opportunities to help them succeed.

#### Section 97. Eternal Rock Church

Introduced by Council Member Salamanca, Jr.

Eternal Rock Church was founded in 1952 and received a certificate of incorporation in 1955. This conaming will commemorate the church's service in the community for over 72 years.

#### Section 98. Alfie's Way

Introduced by Council Member Schulman

This co-naming will commemorate Alfie Muto and Alfie's Pizzeria on celebrating 50 years of business. Alfie's Pizzeria is recognized as an outstanding eatery that has won the hearts, accolades and loyalty from Queens residents and beyond for 50 years. It was founded in 1974, by Alfio Muto, a Sicilian national who immigrated to America in 1970 and found his calling to operate a pizzeria. The pizzeria is now the oldest pizzeria restaurant in South Richmond Hill, having been continuously open since its founding at the same location and continues to serve the community after Alfie Muto's death.

## Section 99. Guru Tegh Bahadur Marg Ji Way

Introduced by Council Member Schulman

This co-naming will commemorate the 403<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur Marg Ji, the ninth of the ten gurus in the religion of Sikhism. Guru Tegh Bahadur Marg Ji was born on April 1, 1621, and martyred on November 24, 1675. He was considered a poet, warrior and great philosophical thinker and scholar, who made tremendous contribution to Sikhism during his spiritual leadership. This community in Queens has a significant population of Sikhs who are devotes of the faith and have established a spiritual house of worship in

honor of the late spiritual leader Baba Makhan Shah Lubana Gurudwara. The Gurdwara at 114th Street and 101st Avenue in South Richmond Hill, serves not only as a spiritual shine for religious life, but a sacred and solemn sanctum for social development, spiritual growth, and cultural virtues.

#### Section 100. Christine Haider Way

Introduced by Council Member Ung Died January 21, 2023

Christine Haider was a member of Community Board 11 for over 30 years and headed the first all-female group of officers as Board Chair. She also served as president of the Harding Heights Civic Association and was a member of several other community groups where she focused on overdevelopment and school safety measures. She was the recipient of the Community Board Service Award for 25 years of service, the Women's History Month Award, the Marjorie Matthews Advocacy Award from Health and Hospitals Corporation, the 2004 Administrative Professional of the Year from the American Lung Association, the Karen Cooper Award and the Outstanding Citizen Award, amongst others. In addition, she served on the finance and membership committees and was the Treasurer of the Community Advisory Board of the NYC Health and Hospitals/Queens. She was a member of the National Notary Association and the International Association of Administrative Professionals. She was also a member of the 111th Precinct Community Council and the Saul Weprin Democratic Club.

# Section 101. Arthur O'Meally Place

Introduced by Council Member Ung

Arthur O'Meally was an active volunteer in his community for over 40 years. He was a member of the Flushing NAACP chapter and served as the vice president of operations of the Queens Historical Society. He also participated in the Parks Department's tree census and assisted with tree pruning and cemetery cleaning throughout his neighborhood. For his actions, he received an award from the Queens Borough President.

#### Section 102. Andre (Dre. Most) Saunders Road

Introduced by Council Member Williams

June 2, 1976 – January 11, 2009

Andre Saunders worked as a bus operator for the MTA. He was a member of Allen AME Church and helped those in need in his community. He was instrumental in the music and entertainment scene, helping up and coming artists film music videos. He started Hood Affairs, which gave local artists a platform to be seen and heard on a larger scale. Hood Affairs helped local acts, such as Nicki Minaj, Stack Bundles and Ali Vegas become successful. He was killed by gun violence while filming a rap video outside of the Jamaica Houses.

## Section 103. Charles J. Adams Jr. Way

Introduced by Council Member Williams February 13, 1932 – March 12, 2020

Charles J. Adams served in the United States Coast Guard from 1950 until 1953. In 1961, he joined the NYPD and was quickly promoted to detective investigating high profile cases. He became one of the first African-American bodyguards for New York City's Mayors' Robert Wagner and John Lindsay. He retired as a Lieutenant after 27 years. He served as Deputy Commissioner of the Civilian Complaint Review Board and served as the Executive Director for the New York State Education Department, Office of Professional Discipline. He served as president of the Holy Name Society at St. Pascal Baylon R.C. Church, was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers and was a lifetime member of Guardians. He mentored many students of PS 116 in Manhattan, was a member of the Virginia Sheriff's Institute Association and a member of St. Olaf's R.C. Church.

# Section 104. Det. Mary 'Mae' Foley Way

Introduced by Council Member Won

July 14, 1886 – December 8, 1967

Mary 'Mae' Foley joined the NYPD in the early 1920s and broke barriers and fought against gender biases, becoming one of the first women to work as a plainclothes detective. Her work encouraged over 2,000 women to join the NYPD.

## Section 105. Dr. Jose P. Rizal Way

Introduced by Council Member Won 1861–1896

Dr. José Rizal is regarded as the national hero of the Philippines. Born on June 19, 1861, in Calamba, Laguna, he was a highly educated and multi-talented individual. Trained as an ophthalmologist, Rizal also distinguished himself as a prolific writer, novelist, and polyglot, fluent in several languages. His works, including "Noli Me Tangere" and "El Filibusterismo", inspired the Filipino people's fight against Spanish colonial rule. Rizal was deeply committed to the welfare and independence of his country, becoming an ardent patriot and nationalist. Rizal learned twenty-two languages and traveled extensively, winning new friends of different races, creeds, social classes, and vocations. He fraternized with public officials, scholars, writers, and scientists. He was made a member of both the Anthropological Society and Geographical Society of Berlin. Riza's visit to New York serves as a significant historical marker, highlighting the interconnectedness of the Filipino struggle for independence with global movements for freedom and self-determination. His unwavering advocacy for reform ultimately led to his martyrdom on December 30, 1896, when he was executed by firing squad in Manila. His legacy continues to resonate not only in the Philippines but also in the Filipino diaspora and among advocates for social justice worldwide.

#### Section 106. New York Irish Center Place

Introduced by Council Member Won

The New York Irish Center was founded in Long Island City in 2004, under the stewardship of Father Colm Campbell from Belfast, Ireland, and businessperson Paddy Reilly of County Cavan, Ireland, with a purpose to serve as a cultural and social hub for the Irish residents of Queens, while welcoming the greater community as well. The mission was to share Ireland's culture and foster collaboration between people of all heritages through social services, cultural and educational programs. As a non-profit, the Center is dedicated to providing an intersection of community and culture; enrichment and empowerment through education and entertainment; a safe space for historically marginalized peoples for self-expression and self-improvement; and a harbor of safe passage for at-risk older adults in the community. As Long Island City has experienced seismic changes in its population, both in size and diversity, over the past 20 years, the New York Irish Center has evolved to continue meet the needs of this vibrant community. This past year, the Center served more than 25,000 people.

## Section 107. Frank Carrado LIC Mayor Way

Introduced by Council Member Won

February 15, 1930 – April 12, 2019

Frank Carrado, well known as the Unofficial Mayor of Long Island City (LIC), was a colorful character who always had a story to tell. Having lived through a gritty, industrial center LIC since he was a kid, he embodied the rich history and the everlasting changes that our neighborhoods have gone through. His passionate storytelling would not only captivate everyone, but also spoke to how far LIC's come. In 2005, he began documenting the area's transformation through his camera lens, wanting to preserve the neighborhood for future generations. Two years later, an exhibition of his photos were put on display at the Greater Astoria Historical Society. He was a champion of his community and never stopped uplifting the people around him. Everyone around him will continue to remember him, his kind and gentle personality, and his service with great fondness.

## Section 108. April Simpson-Taylor Way

Introduced by Council Member Won January 24, 1962 – March 2, 2024

April Simpson-Taylor was a passionate and dedicated leader in her community and served as President of the Resident Association of the NYCHA Queensbridge Houses, the largest public housing complex in the nation, for almost a decade. As Resident Association President, she worked tirelessly to advocate for improvements and safer conditions throughout Queensbridge Houses. She actively pushed local elected officials and organization leaders to bring attention to the many capital and infrastructure needs and helped foster closer ties between Queensbridge residents and the surrounding neighborhood. In addition to her work with the Resident Association, she volunteered her time advocating for better services and resources for the unhoused and undocumented migrants and immigrants that increasingly called Long Island City their new home. She worked closely with Center of Hope and Urban Upbound to provide much-needed programming in financial literacy, free tax preparation, and business entrepreneurship training. She received a number of city and state citations, awards, tributes and honorary recognitions by such organizations as the NAACP, Healthfirst & Public Housing Associations nationwide.

# Section 109. Lai Wan "Mary" Chin Way

Introduced by Council Member Zhuang August 26, 1939 – October 28, 2020

Lai Wan "Mary" Chin moved to Bensonhurst, Brooklyn in 1969, with her husband Quen Pok "Norman" Chin and their daughters to start a better life. They were one of the first Asian families to move into the neighborhood after purchasing a laundromat, which became Chin's Laundromat. She knew in order to work in the store and connect with the community, she had to assimilate into the predominantly Italian neighborhood and learn English. She was determined and practiced her English with neighbors and customers since there were not any English as a Second Language (ESL) classes available for immigrants at the time. Over the years, as other Asian families moved into the area, Lai Wan assisted many families who came to wash their clothes in the laundromat by providing translation at the local school or by speaking to the utility companies to help resolve issues for them. She even received an award at her daughter's elementary school graduation from the local Lion's Club for volunteering and assisting immigrant families. She always believed if you could help somebody, you should, and she instilled that in her children. She was a big proponent of ESL classes and urged many immigrant families to take the free classes offered at the elementary school. She would even attend some classes herself to join some people she urged to take the classes so they would be comfortable. Even after her husband passed in 1995, she continued to operate the business on her own while still offering help to countless numbers of neighbors and customers who became friends. She became a neighborhood resource with many people asking if she knew where there were apartments for rent, referrals for doctors and assistance with many other services. She never hesitated to call upon her family to assist as well if she didn't know the answer. Her perseverance is what made her a staple in the neighborhood. In the later years, people would continue to stop by to ask her for assistance or advice. There have been instances where people who have moved away, would still come back to the store to share their memories with her daughters of how Lai Wan helped them. Many customers knew she was tough and worked hard, yet was compassionate and willing to lend a hand when needed.

Section 110. The REPEAL of Sections 107 and 165 of Local Law number 54 for the year 2022. This section repeals Sections 107 and 165 of Local Law number 54 for the year 2022.

Section 111. The REPEAL of Sections 4, 33, 71 and 83 of Local Law number 41 for the year 2024. This section repeals Sections 4, 33, 71 and 83 of Local Law number 41 for the year 2024.

Section 112. The REPEAL of Sections 28, 32, 47, 62 and 88 of Local Law number 81 for the year 2024. This section repeals Sections 28, 32, 47, 62 and 88 of Local Law number 81 for the year 2024.

Section 113. The REPEAL of Section 84 of Local Law number 158 for the year 2019. This section repeals Section 84 of Local Law number 158 for the year 2019.

(The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 1153:)



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

INTRO. No. 1153

**COMMITTEE: Parks and Recreation** 

**TITLE:** A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the naming of 109 thoroughfares and public spaces.

SPONSOR (S): By Council Members Krishnan, Abreu, Ariola, Avilés, Ayala, Banks, Borelli, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Farías, Feliz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Hanks, Holden, Hudson, Joseph, Lee, Louis, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Rivera, Salaam, Salamanca, Jr., Schulman, Ung, Williams, Won and Zhuang.

In relation to the naming of 109 thoroughfares and public places, Thích Nhất Hanh Way, Borough of Manhattan, David N. Dinkins Drive, Borough of Manhattan, School Crossing Guard Krystyna Naprawa Lane, Borough of Queens, St. Philip's Square, Borough of Brooklyn, Don Lee Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Donna Maxil's Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Laquai Dash Way, Borough of the Bronx, Vanessa "Vany" Pinero Way, Borough of the Bronx, Antonio Fields Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Florence M. Hall Loop, Borough of Brooklyn, Gail Fedrick Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Frank J. Provenzano "Pro Sho" Way, Borough of Staten Island, Dan Tomai Way, Borough of Staten Island, Lt. James V. Buebendorf Way, Borough of Staten Island, Freddie Castellano Way, Borough of Staten Island, Michael Ferrara's Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Frank Tripodi Way, Borough of Brooklyn, FDNY Paramedic Peter L. Bushey Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Monnie Callan Way, Borough of Manhattan, Lawrence Harlow Kahn Way, Borough of Manhattan, Linda Carter Cooper Way, Borough of Manhattan, Pat Simon Way, Borough of Queens, Bartunek Way, Borough of Queens, Giuseppa Vendome Way, Borough of Queens, Elizabeth White Marcum Way, Borough of Queens, Senad Demiri Way, Borough of Staten Island, USAAF James F. Healy Way KIA WW2 100BG, Borough of Staten Island, Coach Bill Welsh Way, Borough of Staten Island, FDNY FF Anthony R. Iraci Way, Borough of Staten Island, Michael "Coach Mike" Colini Way, Borough of Staten Island, FDNY FF James P. McManus Way, Borough of Staten Island, Coach Bill Rogers Way 1964 LLWS Champions, Borough of Staten Island, Black Angels Way, Borough of Staten Island, FDNY Rev. Deacon Fred Fausak Way, Borough of Staten Island, Reverend Carlos R. Reyes Way, Borough of Manhattan, James Baldwin Way, Borough of the Bronx, Borough of the Bronx, Carmen Alicia Rivera Way, Borough of the Bronx, Dr. Leandro Lozada Way, Borough of the Bronx, Dr. Leandro Lozada Way, Borough of the Bronx, Jack "Giacomo" Virdone Way, Borough of Queens, Brinckerhoff Memorial Way, Borough of Queens, David Lopez Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Augie Ayala Jr. Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Dianne Jackson Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Samiya Spain Place, Borough of Brooklyn, Thomas "Citos" Rigney Way, Borough of Staten Island, Geraldine Parker Way, Borough of Staten Island, Icema "June" Williams Way, Borough of Staten Island, George Doyle Way, Borough of Staten Island, Sajda Musawwir Ladner Way, Borough of Staten Island, Naimullah Sheikh Khan Way, Staten Island, Ralph Lucci Way, Borough of Staten Island, Raymond J. Pezzoli Esq. Way, Borough of Staten Island, John C. Woodman Way, Borough of Staten Island, Vincent Gattullo Way, Borough of Staten Island, Miss Billee Duncan Way, Borough of Queens, John

Killcommons Corner, Borough of Queens, Lubavitcher Rebbe Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Leroy Johnson Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Justin T. Hackley Way, Borough of Brooklyn, John H. Bunyan Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Fernande Valme Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Cathedral Prep Way, Borough of Queens, Gerard J. Neufeld Way, Borough of Queens, Rose Marie César Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Veta I. Brome Way, Borough of Queens, Perry Kokotas Place, Borough of Brooklyn, The Dorothy Turano Plaza, Borough of Brooklyn, Monsignor John Powis Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Oshaman Long Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Mrs. Clara Hayes Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Joseph "Scooter Joe" Willins Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Miriam Carter Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Miss Irene's Way, Borough of Queens, NYPD Captain Richard McHale Way, Borough of Queens, Detective Vito Navarra Way, Borough of Queens, Antonella Mattina Way, Borough of Queens, Dick Ravitch Way, Borough of Manhattan, Ernst Jaakson Way, Borough of Manhattan, Matthew Jensen Way, Borough of Brooklyn, James Payne Way, Borough of the Bronx, Kashmir's Way, Borough of the Bronx, Marvin E. Mayfield, Jr. Way, Borough of the Bronx, Jimi Hendrix Way, Borough of Manhattan, Jean-Michel Basquiat Way, Borough of Manhattan, Dr. Joseph I. Kramer Way, Borough of Manhattan, Isaac Freeman III aka Fatman Scoop Way, Borough of Manhattan, Edouard E. Plummer Place, Borough of Manhattan, Ernestine Eleanor Bland Williams Way, Borough of Manhattan, Dr. Maya Angelou Place, Borough of Manhattan, Franklin H. Williams Street, Borough of Manhattan, Robertus Coleman Place, Borough of Manhattan, Edwin Eddie Ellis Way, Borough of Manhattan, Bronx Halloween Parade Way, Borough of the Bronx, Hector Lavoe Way, Borough of the Bronx, Jehova Shalom Church Way, Borough of the Bronx, Eternal Rock Church, Borough of the Bronx, Alfie's Way, Borough of Queens, Guru Tegh Bahadur Marg Ji Way, Borough of Queens, Arthur O'Meally Place, Borough of Queens, Andre (Dre. Most) Saunders Road, Borough of Queens, Charles J. Adams Jr. Way, Borough of Queens, Det. Mary 'Mae' Foley Way, Borough of Queens, Dr. Jose P. Rizal Way, Borough of Queens, New York Irish Center Place, Borough of Queens, Frank Carrado LIC Mayor Way, Borough of Queens, April Simpson-Taylor Way, Borough of Queens, Lai Wan "Mary" Chin Way, Borough of Brooklyn and the repeal of sections 107 and 165 of local law number 54 for the year 2022, sections 4, 33, 71 and 83 of local law number 41 for the year 2024, sections 28, 32, 47, 62 and 88 of local law 81 for the year 2024 and section 84 of local law 158 for the year 2019.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** The proposed law would add, through the posting of additional signs, the following new street names:

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Thích Nhất Hạnh Way	None	At the intersection of West 109th Street and Broadway
David N. Dinkins Drive	None	At the intersection of 155th Street and Riverside Drive
School Crossing Guard Krystyna Naprawa Lane	None	At the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard
St. Philip's Square	None	At the intersection of 80th Street and 11th Avenue
Don Lee Way	None	At the intersection of 70th Street and 15th Avenue
Donna Maxil's Way	17th Street	Between 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue

Laquai Dash Way	None	At the intersection of 145th Street and St. Anns Avenue
Vanessa "Vany" Pinero Way	None	At the intersection of 142nd Street and St. Ann's Avenue
Antonio Fields Way	None	At the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Hegeman Avenue
Florence M. Hall Loop	None	At the intersection of Ardsley Loop and Vandalia Avenue
Gail Fedrick Way	None	At the intersection of Schenck Avenue and Stanley Avenue
Frank J. Provenzano "Pro Sho" Way	None	At the intersection of Arthur Kill Road and Manley Street
Dan Tomai Way	None	At the intersection of Oceanic Avenue and Tennyson Drive
Lt. James V. Buebendorf Way	None	At the intersection of Arthur Kill Road and Johnson Avenue
Freddie Castellano Way	None	At the intersection of Sylvia Street and Richmond Avenue
Michael Ferrara's Way	None	At the intersection of Flatbush Avenue and Avenue K
Frank Tripodi Way	None	At the intersection of Neptune Avenue and West 29th Street
FDNY Paramedic Peter L. Bushey Way	None	At the intersection of 97th Street and Shore Road
Monnie Callan Way	None	At the intersection of West 96th Street and Columbus Avenue
Lawrence Harlow Kahn Way	None	At the intersection of West 86th Street and Columbus Avenue
Linda Carter Cooper Way	None	At the intersection of West 84th Street and Amsterdam Avenue
Pat Simon Way	None	At the intersection of Beach 54th Street and Beach Channel Drive
Bartunek Way	None	At the intersection of 28th Street and 23rd Avenue
Giuseppa Vendome Way	None	At the intersection of 24th Avenue and Crescent Street

Elizabeth White Marcum Way	None	At the intersection of 44th Street and 28th Avenue		
Senad Demiri Way	None	At the intersection of Hylan Boulevard and Cromwell Avenue		
USAAF James F. Healy Way KIA WW2 100BG	None	At the intersection of Clove Road and Hillcrest Terrace		
Coach Bill Welsh Way	None	At the intersection of Fieldstone Road and Commerce Street		
FDNY FF Anthony R. Iraci Way	None	At the intersection of Home Place and Willowbrook Road		
Michael "Coach Mike" Colini Way	None	At the intersection of Joyce Street and Seaver Avenue		
FDNY FF James P. McManus Way	None	At the intersection of Fieldstone Road and Commerce Street		
Coach Bill Rogers Way 1964 LLWS Champions	None	At the intersection of Victory Boulevard and Travis Avenue		
Black Angels Way	None	At the intersection of Brielle Avenue and Seaview Hospital Historic District		
FDNY Rev. Deacon Fred Fausak Way	None	At the intersection of Alter Avenue and Plattsburg Street		
Reverend Carlos R. Reyes Way	None	At the intersection of West 179th Street and Audubon Avenue		
James Baldwin Way	Goulden Plaza			
Carmen Alicia Rivera Way	None	At the intersection of Rosedale Avenue and Bruckner Boulevard		
Dr. Leandro Lozada Way	None	At the intersection of Valentine Avenue and East Kingsbridge Road		
Dr. Leandro Lozada Way	None	At the intersection of Valentine Avenue and 194th Street		
Jack "Giacomo" Virdone Way	None	At the intersection of Queens Boulevard and 84th Drive		
Brinckerhoff Memorial Way	None	At the intersection of 182nd Street and 73rd Avenue		
David Lopez Way	None	At the intersection of South 4th Street and Bedford Avenue		
Augie Ayala Jr. Way	None	At the intersection of South 4th Street and Hooper Street		

Dianne Jackson Way	None	At the intersection of Jackson Street and Debevoise Avenue
Samiya Spain Place	None	At the intersection of Nevins Street and Warren Street
Thomas "Citos" Rigney Way	None	At the intersection of Pelton Avenue and Pelton Place
Geraldine Parker Way	None	At the intersection of Gordon Street and Warren Street
Icema "June" Williams Way	None	At the intersection of Bowen Street and Sobel Court
George Doyle Way	None	At the intersection of Vanderbilt Avenue and Tompkins Avenue
Sajda Musawwir Ladner Way	None	At the intersection of Jersey Street and Scribner Avenue
Naimullah Sheikh Khan Way	None	At the intersection of Van Riper Street and Port Richmond Avenue
Ralph Lucci Way	None	At the intersection of Bay Street and Cross Street
Raymond J. Pezzoli Esq. Way	None	At the intersection of Lois Place and Prospect Avenue
John C. Woodman Way	None	At the intersection of East Raleigh Avenue and Bement Avenue
Vincent Gattullo Way	None	At the intersection of Clove Road and Martling Avenue
Miss Billee Duncan Way	84th Street	Between Grand Avenue and 54th Avenue
John Killcommons Corner	None	At the intersection of 60th Road and 77th Street
Lubavitcher Rebbe Way	President Street	Between Brooklyn Avenue and New York Avenue
Leroy Johnson Way	St. Paul's Place	Between Church Avenue and Caton Avenue
Justin T. Hackley Way	None	At the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Church Avenue
John H. Bunyan Way	None	At the intersection of Erasmus Street and Bedford Avenue
Fernande Valme Way	None	At the intersection of Flatbush Avenue and Clarendon Road

Cathedral Prep Way	None	At the intersection of 92nd Street and 57th Avenue
Gerard J. Neufeld Way	None	At the intersection of 43rd Avenue and Whitney Avenue
Rose Marie César Way	None	At the intersection of East 51st Street and Tilden Avenue
Veta I. Brome Way	None	At the intersection of 98th Street and Astoria Boulevard
Perry Kokotas Place	None	At the intersection of Nostrand Avenue and Gravesend Neck Road
The Dorothy Turano Plaza	None	At the intersection of Bergen Avenue and Avenue K
Monsignor John Powis Way	Central Avenue	Between Bleecker Street and Menahan Street
Oshaman Long Way	Eldert Street	Between Wilson Avenue and Knickerbocker Avenue
Mrs. Clara Hayes Way	None	At the intersection of Marcus Garvey Boulevard and Macon Street
Joseph "Scooter Joe" Willins Way	None	At the intersection of Greene Avenue and Tompkins Avenue
Miriam Carter Way	None	At the intersection of Kingston Avenue and Pacific Street
Miss Irene's Way	None	At the intersection of Utopia Parkway and 17th Avenue
NYPD Captain Richard McHale Way	23rd Avenue	Between 150th Street and 149th Street
Detective Vito Navarra Way	None	At the intersection of 28th Avenue and Ulmer Street
Antonella Mattina Way	None	At the intersection of 25th Drive and Parsons Boulevard
Dick Ravitch Way	None	At the intersection of FDR Drive and East 23rd Street
Ernst Jaakson Way	East 34th Street	Between 2nd Avenue and the Tunnel Exit Street
Matthew Jensen Way	McGuinness Boulevard	Between Bayard Street and Meeker Avenue
James Payne Way	None	At the intersection of Alcott Place and Asch Loop

Kashmir's Way	None	At the intersection of Barnes Avenue and East 227th Street
Marvin E. Mayfield, Jr. Way	Edson Avenue	Between Hammersley Avenue and Burke Avenue
Jimi Hendrix Way	East 8th Street	Between MacDougal Street and 6th Avenue
Jean-Michel Basquiat Way	Great Jones Street	Between Bowery and Lafayette Street
Dr. Joseph I. Kramer Way	None	At the intersection of Avenue D and East 7th Street
Isaac Freeman III aka Fatman Scoop Way	None	At the intersection of 109th Street and 5th Avenue
Edouard E. Plummer Place	None	At the intersection of West 114th Street and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard
Ernestine Eleanor Bland Williams Way	East 111th Street	Between 5th Avenue and Madison Avenue
Dr. Maya Angelou Place	120th Street	Between Malcolm X Boulevard and 5th Avenue
Franklin H. Williams Street	None	At the intersection of West 136th Street and 5th Avenue
Robertus Coleman Place	None	At the intersection of West 114th Street and Frederick Douglass Boulevard
Edwin Eddie Ellis Way	None	At the intersection of 151st Street and Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Boulevard
Bronx Halloween Parade Way	None	At the intersection of East 163rd Street and Simpson Street
Hector Lavoe Way	None	At the intersection of Bryant Avenue and Westchester Avenue
Jehova Shalom Church Way	None	At the intersection of Boston Road and Southern Boulevard
Eternal Rock Church	None	At the intersection of Intervale Avenue and Southern Boulevard
Alfie's Way	None	At the intersection of 117th Street and Myrtle Avenue
Guru Tegh Bahadur Marg Ji Way	None	At the intersection of 114th Street and 101st Avenue
Christine Haider Way	None	At the intersection of 58th Avenue and 189th Street

Arthur O'Meally Place	32nd Avenue	Between Union Street and 143rd Street
Andre (Dre. Most) Saunders Road	109th Road	Between 167th Street and 169th Place
Charles J. Adams Jr. Way	104th Avenue	Between 203rd Street and 204th Street
Det. Mary 'Mae' Foley Way	None	At the intersection of 5th Street and 50th Avenue
Dr. Jose P. Rizal Way	None	At the intersection of Woodside Avenue and 58th Street
New York Irish Center Place	None	At the intersection of Jackson Avenue and 50th Avenue
Frank Carrado LIC Mayor Way	None	At the intersection of 50th Avenue and Vernon Boulevard
April Simpson-Taylor Way	12th Street	Between 40th Avenue and 41st Avenue
Lai Wan "Mary" Chin Way	20th Avenue	Between 83rd Street and 84th Street

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2025

#### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY25	FY Succeeding Effective FY26	Full Fiscal Impact FY26	
Revenues	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
Expenditures	\$31,338	\$0	\$31,338	
Net	\$31,338	<b>\$0</b>	\$31,338	

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

**IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES:** This legislation would require the installation of 109 new street signs. It is estimated that each sign would cost \$37.50 and the labor to install each sign would be \$250, for a total cost of \$287.50 per sign. As such, the estimated total cost of enacting this legislation would be approximately \$31,338.

# SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: General Fund

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** New York City Council, Finance Division

**ESTIMATE PREPARED BY:** Michael Sherman, Principal Financial Analyst

**ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY:** Jack Storey, Unit Head

Chima Obichere, Deputy Director

Nicholas Connell, Counsel

Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Director

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ESTIMATE: OMB did not provide a cost estimate for this bill.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** This legislation will be considered by the Committee on Parks and Recreation ("Committee") as a Preconsidered Introduction. Following a majority affirmative vote of the Committee, the bill would be introduced and reported to the Council for a vote on December 19, 2024.

**DATE PREPARED**: December 16, 2024

# FISCAL IMPACT SCHEDULE:

New Name	Number of Signs	Cost	Installation (street signs only)	Total Cost
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Ernestine Eleanor Bland Williams Way	1	37.5	250	287.5
Dr. Maya Angelou Place	1	37.5	250	287.5
Franklin H. Williams Street	1	37.5	250	287.5
Robertus Coleman Place	1	37.5	250	287.5
Edwin Eddie Ellis Way	1	37.5	250	287.5
Bronx Halloween Parade Way	1	37.5	250	287.5
Hector Lavoe Way	1	37.5	250	287.5
Jehova Shalom Church Way	1	37.5	250	287.5
Eternal Rock Church	1	37.5	250	287.5
Alfie's Way	1	37.5	250	287.5
Guru Tegh Bahadur Marg Ji Way	1	37.5	250	287.5
Christine Haider Way	1	37.5	250	287.5
Arthur O'Meally Place	1	37.5	250	287.5
Andre (Dre. Most) Saunders Road	1	37.5	250	287.5
Charles J. Adams Jr. Way	1	37.5	250	287.5
Det. Mary 'Mae' Foley Way	1	37.5	250	287.5
Dr. Jose P. Rizal Way	1	37.5	250	287.5
New York Irish Center Place	1	37.5	250	287.5
Frank Carrado LIC Mayor Way	1	37.5	250	287.5

April Simpson-Taylor Way	1	37.5	250	287.5
Lai Wan "Mary" Chin Way	1	37.5	250	287.5
Total	109	\$ 4,088	\$ 27,250	\$ 31,338

(For text of the preconsidered bill, please see the Introduction and Reading of Bills section printed in these Minutes)

SHEKAR KRISHNAN, *Chairperson*; ROBERT F. HOLDEN, LINDA LEE, JULIE MENIN, MERCEDES NARCISSE, SANDRA UNG, DAVID M. CARR; VICKIE PALADINO; 8-0-0; Committee on Parks and Recreation, December 19, 2024. *Other Council Members Attending: Council Member Brewer*.

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).

## Reports of the Committee on Public Safety

Report for Int. No. 532-A

Report of the Committee on Public Safety 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 reimbursing small nonpublic schools for the cost of security guard services.

The Committee on Public Safety, to which the annexed proposed amended local law was referred on March 7, 2024 (Minutes, page 1136), respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

### I. INTRODUCTION

On December 19, 2024, the Committee Public Safety, chaired by Council Member Yusef Salaam, voted on Proposed Introduction Number 532-A (Prop. Int. No. 532-A), sponsored by Council Member Justin Brannan, in relation to reimbursing small nonpublic schools for the cost of security guard services. The Committee passed the bill by a vote of eight in the affirmative, three in opposition, and no abstentions. The Committee heard an earlier version of this legislation on September 23, 2024, and received testimony from the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), school administrators, and other interested stakeholders.

#### II. BACKGROUND

#### NYC Administrative Code §10-172

Section 10-172 of the New York City Administrative Code (NYC Ad. Code), authorizes the reimbursement to some nonpublic schools for expenses relating to hiring unarmed security guards.<sup>1</sup> Enacted as Local Law 2

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NYC Administrative Code §10-172.

("the law") of 2016, these provisions apply to qualifying nonprofit elementary or secondary schools that are not New York City Public Schools, and provide instruction in accordance to New York State Education Law. Pursuant to the law, the City provides qualifying schools reimbursement for the costs of security guards who provide services during school hours, school-related after school programs and athletic events. The law further specifies that allowable costs are based on the number of students at each school; such that, schools that enroll 300-499 students are reimbursed the cost of one security guard, schools with at least 500 students for two security guards, and additional security guards to be reimbursed per 500 students at a school. Finally, the total amount of reimbursement authorized by the law is set at \$19,800,000 dollars per school year; however, the maximum amount can increase annually to account for growth in the number of eligible schools and changes in prevailing wages.

# Gaps in Existing Law

At a Council hearing on this legislation, the Committee on Public Safety heard testimony from educational providers on the security needs for smaller schools, and schools with different operational structures, that currently do not qualify for participation in the program established pursuant to NYC Ad. Code §10-172. Specifically, school administrators representing non-public schools, describe the operational challenges for providing security coverage at smaller schools that do not have endowments or financial resources to independently fund security coverage, and do not qualify under the existing program due to enrolling less than 300 students. These administrators also highlighted the expanded need for security protection at certain schools where parents and administrator have raised concerns about student safety due to growing incidents of religious hate crimes. Finally, operators of certain charter schools that are not co-located with an existing NYC Public School—and therefore do not receive the benefit of city provided security—expressed a need for additional funding to cover security services on grounds that students attending charter schools should be afforded comparable access to security services as public schools operated by the City's Department of Education.<sup>2</sup>

# III. PROP. INT. NO. 532-A

This legislation would amend Administrative Code Section 10-172 by expanding school eligibility for the above-mentioned program by allowing for the reimbursement of cost for security guards in nonpublic schools with fewer than 300 students. Further, the bill would increase the total annual amount of reimbursements authorized under the local law.

Since introduction, the bill has been amended as follows. First, to limit financial cost of implementation, provisions were added to the bill requiring that a school must have an enrollment of at least 150 students in order to qualify for the program—whereas prior versions of the bill included no student body limit for participation, thereby making all nonpublic schools eligible for reimbursements regardless of size. Additionally, language was added to expand program coverage to charter schools that are not co-located with a NYC Public School.

(The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 532-A:)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> NYC Council's Committee on Public Safety, hearing on September 23, 2024; testimony available at: https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6565837&GUID=AA554B38-EBEE-4CFA-B1F5-37374006FBD0&Options=&Search.



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 INT. NO: 532-A

**COMMITTEE:** Public Safety

**TITLE:** 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.

SPONSOR(S): Council Members Brannan, Yeger, Gennaro, Abreu, Holden, Menin, Schulman, Salamanca, Narcisse, Hanks, Louis, Powers, Feliz, Dinowitz, Restler, Zhuang, Brooks-Powers, Hudson, Rivera, Brewer, Lee, Krishnan, Bottcher, Ariola, Paladino, Vernikov, Carr, Borrelli, and Marmorato.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** Proposed Int. No. 532-A would amend Local Law 2 of 2016 to expand eligibility for reimbursement for school security guards in qualifying nonpublic schools from schools with 300 or more students to schools with 150 or more students, and would include charter schools that are not co-located in an existing public school building. The proposed bill would also increase the annual reimbursements authorized from \$19,800,000 to \$35,000,000. Under Local Law 2, the maximum reimbursement amount shall be adjusted annually by the administering agency, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), if DCAS anticipates the maximum would be reached in the subsequent one-year period, to reflect changes in the prevailing wage and supplements, the number of students attending qualifying nonpublic schools, or the number of qualifying nonpublic schools, provided that such reimbursements shall in no event exceed the amounts appropriated for implementation. To the extent DCAS anticipates that the amount requested for reimbursement will exceed the funds available, DCAS shall reimburse for allowable costs on an equitable basis until such funds are exhausted.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2025

#### **CITY COUNCIL ESTIMATE:**

	Effective FY26	FY Succeeding Effective FY27	Full Fiscal Impact FY28
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures (-)</b>	\$5,440,768	\$10,881,535	\$16,322,303
Net	\$5,440,768	\$10,881,535	\$16,322,303

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH PROPOSED LOCAL LAW WOULD FIRST BECOME EFFECTIVE: Fiscal Year 2026

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal Year 2028

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

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: It is estimated that enactment of this legislation would require expenditures of \$5,440,768 in Fiscal 2026, \$10,881,535 in Fiscal 2027, and \$16,322,303 in Fiscal 2028. This is in addition to the existing annual expenditures of the program pursuant to Local Law 2 of 2016, which as of Fiscal 2024, were \$18,521,931. This estimate includes a cost-per-guard of \$49,915, which was determined using the average reimbursement per security guard under the current program in Fiscal 2023, plus a cost-of-living adjustment. For the expansion that would be required under this legislation, it was assumed that the program's take-up rate for newly eligible schools would be 25 percent of all eligible schools in Fiscal 2026, 50 percent in Fiscal 2027, and 75 percent in Fiscal 2028. Based on the current take-up rate of the existing program, it is assumed that 75 percent of newly eligible schools would also enroll in the amended program and that full expansion would be reached in Fiscal 2028. The expanded program would increase the number of security guards by 109 in each of Fiscals 2026, 2027, and 2028 for a total of 327 additional guards by Fiscal 2028. The actual reimbursements under the expansion may be less than the Council's estimate due to charter schools using the lease payment option covered under Section 2853(3)(e)(5) of the education law, which may permit security cost reimbursements, but no information was available on the number of schools receiving this reimbursement so it is not factored into the estimated costs.

The difference between the Council and OMB's cost assessment is because the Council estimates that the required program expansion would occur over a period of three years while OMB assumes full ramp-up in the first year following this legislation's effective date. Additionally, the Council believes that DCAS can use existing staffing and resources to implement this legislation.

# SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: General Fund

**SOURCE(S) OF INFORMATION:** New York City Council Finance Division

Department of Citywide Administrative Services New York City Office of Management and Budget

**ESTIMATE PREPARED BY:** Owen Kotowski, Senior Financial Analyst

**ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY:** Julia K. Haramis, Unit Head

Chima Obichere, Deputy Director

Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Deputy Director

Nicholas Connell, Counsel

**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ESTIMATE:** OMB provided a cost estimate, which is attached in full

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** This legislation was introduced to the Council on March 7, 2024, as Intro. No. 532 and was referred to the Committee on Public Safety (Committee). This legislation was considered by the Committee at a joint hearing with the Committees on Fire and Emergency Management, Hospitals, and Mental Health, Disabilities and Addiction on September 23, 2024, and was laid over. The legislation has been amended, and the amended version, Proposed Intro. No. 532-A, will be considered by the Committee on December 19, 2024. Upon a majority affirmative vote by the Committee, Int. No. 532-A will be reported to the Council for a vote on December 19, 2024.

**DATE PREPARED:** December 13, 2024.

# (The following is the text of OMB'S Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 532-A:)

# Fiscal Impact Statement Prepared By New York City Mayor's Office of Management and Budget



**Disclaimer:** This fiscal impact statement is a preliminary estimate and subject to change based upon further data analysis or changes in bill text. This legislation is summarized as understood by the administration as of the date this statement was prepared and does not include or consider subsequent text changes. This fiscal impact statement is not legally binding on the administration. "Total" columns represent the respective sum over a four-year period; note that fiscal impacts continue through year five. Unless otherwise stated, information used in the preparation of this Fiscal Impact Statement is sourced from the agencies impacted and the NYC Mayor's Office of Management and Budget.

**Proposed Intro No. / Title:** 532-A / in relation to providing rental assistance to homeless veterans

Sponsors: Brannan, Yeger, Gennaro, Abreu, Holden, Menin, Schulman, Salamanca, Narcisse, Hanks, Ariola,

Paladino, and Vernikov

**Committee:** Public Safety

**Summary of Legislation:** This legislation expands eligibility for city reimbursement for security guard services to all nonprofit, nonpublic schools that are not co-located with school district of the city of New York, and have at least 150 students. Schools can be eligible for reimbursement at multiple locations if each location meets this criterion. The legislation also increases the authorized funding amount for the program from \$19,800,000 to \$35,000,000.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

First Fiscal Year Legislation Takes Effect: Fiscal Year 2026

First Fiscal Year with Full Impact: Fiscal Year 2026

**Agencies Impacted:** Department of Citywide Administrative Services, New York City Public Schools

#### **Fiscal Impact Analysis**

#### A. Total Impact (Expense and Revenue)

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expense	(\$16,014,000)	(\$16,014,000)	(\$16,014,000)	(\$16,014,000)	(\$16,014,000
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
Total	(\$16,014,000)	(\$16,014,000)	(\$16,014,000)	(\$16,014,000)	(\$16,014,000

# B. Expense

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	(\$16,014,000)	(\$16,014,000)	(\$16,014,000)	(\$16,014,000)	(\$16,014,000

**Impact on Expenditures (Expense):** DCAS would require both Personnel Services (PS) and Other Than Personnel Services (OTPS) funding to implement this legislation.

The anticipated PS cost is \$814,000 annually for 10 new staff to process applications, invoices, and payments associated the increased number of schools now eligible for reimbursement. The average staff salary is \$81,400, excluding fringe:

- Eligibility Analysts (3)
- Billing Analysts (3)
- Communication Liaison (1)
- Auditors (2)
- Attorney (1)

The anticipated OTPS cost is \$15,200,000 annually. This estimate is based on the number of new schools that will be eligible for reimbursement.

# C. Revenue

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

**Impact on Revenues:** There is no anticipated impact on revenues.

# D. Capital

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

**Impact on Expenditures (Capital):** There is no anticipated impact on capital expenditures.

**Date Prepared:** December 16, 2024.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption, as amended.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 532-A:)

Int. No. 532-A

By Council Members Brannan, Yeger, Gennaro, Abreu, Holden, Menin, Schulman, Salamanca, Narcisse, Hanks, Louis, Powers, Feliz, Dinowitz, Restler, Zhuang, Brooks-Powers, Rivera, Brewer, Lee, Krishnan, Bottcher, Joseph, Salaam, Hanif, Ariola, Paladino, Vernikov, Carr, Borelli, Marmorato, Farías and Mealy.

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

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The definition of "qualifying nonpublic school" set forth in subdivision a of section 10-172 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 2 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

"Qualifying nonpublic school" means any nonprofit elementary or secondary school in the city [,] that (a) is other than (i) a [public school] school of the city school district of the city of New York, or (ii) a school that shares space with a school of the city school district of the city of New York, [which] (b) is providing instruction in accordance with the education law, (c) has been assigned a Basic Educational Data System (BEDS) code by the New York state department of education, or a similar successor identifier, [and] (d) is serving students in any combination of grades pre-kindergarten through twelve.

- § 2. Paragraph 1 of subdivision f of section 10-172 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 2 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:
  - 1. one security guard at a qualifying nonpublic school that enrolls from [300] 150 to 499 students;
- § 3. Subdivision j of section 10-172 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 2 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:
- j. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this [local law] *section*, the total annual amount of reimbursements authorized by this section shall be a maximum of [\$19,800,000] \$35,000,000 dollars per school year, which shall be adjusted annually by the administering agency, if such agency anticipates that such maximum will be reached in the subsequent one-year period, to reflect changes in the prevailing wage and supplements, the number of students attending qualifying nonpublic schools, or the number of qualifying nonpublic schools, provided that such reimbursements shall in no event exceed the amounts appropriated for implementation of this section. To the extent the administering agency anticipates that the amount requested for reimbursement will exceed the funds available, the administering agency shall reimburse for allowable costs on an equitable basis until such funds are exhausted.
- § 4. Subdivision m of section 10-172 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 2 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:
- m. The administering agency may promulgate any rules as may be necessary for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to, rules (i) relating to the training of security guards, (ii) ensuring that security guards and security guard companies are appropriately qualified to provide security services to qualifying nonpublic schools, [and] (iii) providing for prompt reporting of criminal and other significant public safety-related incidents to the police department or other appropriate government agency as well as annual summary reports of such incidents, (iv) ensuring the efficient operation of the program; and (v) requiring that a school requesting reimbursement pursuant to this section certify that such school does not use funding from the city pursuant to subparagraph (5) of paragraph (e) of subdivision (3) of section 2853 of the education law for the provision of security services during the same school year as receiving reimbursements pursuant to this section.
- § 5. Section 10-172 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision n to read as follows:
- n. Any qualifying non-public school that operates in more than one address shall be eligible for reimbursement for the allowable costs of a security guard to provide security services at each such address, provided that the eligibility requirements set forth in subdivision f are satisfied at each such address.
  - § 6. This local law takes effect July 1, 2025.

YUSEF SALAAM, *Chairperson*; DIANA I. AYALA, ROBERT F. HOLDEN, KALMAN YEGER; CARMEN N. De La ROSA, RITA C. JOSEPH, CHRISTOPHER MARTE, JOANN ARIOLA; 8-3-0; *Negative*: Tiffany L. Cabán, Chu A. Ossé, and Althea Stevens; *Absent*: Carlina Rivera; Committee on Public Safety, December 19, 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. 103-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 notification of the removal of parking spaces.

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to which the annexed proposed amended local law was referred on February 28, 2024 (Minutes, page 374), respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

## INTRODUCTION

On December 19, 2024, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, chaired by Majority Whip Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, conducted a hearing to vote on Int. No. 103-A, sponsored by Council Member Joann Ariola, in relation to notification of the removal of parking spaces, and Int. No. 104-A, also sponsored by Council Member Ariola, in relation to requiring the department of transportation to consult with the fire department prior to approving open street applications and certain bicycle lane projects and to require the fire department to confer with any affected firehouse prior to approving open street applications, bicycle lane projects, and major transportation projects. Previous versions of both bills were heard at a hearing titled: "Intersections, Sidewalks and Pedestrian Safety." Those who testified on the bills included representatives from the New York City (NYC or City) Department of Transportation (DOT), transportation advocates, and media companies.

On December 19, 2024, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure passed Int. No. 103-A by a vote of seven in the affirmative, one in the negative, with zero abstentions; and Int. No. 104-A by a vote of seven in the affirmative, one in the negative, with zero abstentions.

## **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 sidewalk, 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

## Open Streets and Major Transportation Projects Street Infrastructure

During the COVID-19 pandemic, NYC implemented the Open Streets program. Similar programs were implemented in other cities as innovative ways to address stay-at-home orders and social distancing measures. Some municipalities began to close their streets to vehicular traffic in order to create additional walking or

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

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Id

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id*.

cycling space for their residents. Initially, NYC started Open Streets as a pilot in 2020, to temporarily close certain streets in order to become pedestrian-only corridors. The pilot has since evolved into a permanent and year-round program. The Open Streets Program is meant to allow communities to utilize public space, support small businesses, and enjoy cultural and community programming, while prioritizing safety and access for pedestrians and cyclists. The program is currently administered by DOT, who works with community-based organizations, public, private, and charter schools, and groups of businesses to execute Open Streets citywide.

While the Open Streets pilot successfully connected New Yorkers to additional public spaces, there were criticisms surrounding a lack of funding in under-resourced neighborhoods. To help minimize inequity, the City Council passed Local Law 55 of 2021, which codified the Open Streets Program and required that DOT manage or provide resources to at least 20 Open Streets sites in areas that would be otherwise underserved by the Open Streets Program. To

In October of 2022, DOT conducted an analysis of the Open Streets Program in order to understand its effectiveness. <sup>11</sup> The study concluded the following:

- 1. Open Streets corridors significantly outperformed nearby control corridors on three key metrics (sales growth, growth in the number of restaurants and bars, and keeping businesses open);
- 2. Sales growth at restaurants and bars on Open Streets corridors significantly outpaced sales growth in the boroughs that the corridors are in;
- 3. On Open Streets corridors, a higher percentage of restaurants and bars were able to stay in business during the pandemic than across the rest of the same borough; and
- 4. All Open Streets corridors saw faster growth in the number of new restaurants and bars that opened during the pandemic when compared to the rest of the same borough."<sup>12</sup>

Due to the popularity and results of the program, Open Streets has become a permanent part of the City's landscape. <sup>13</sup> In 2023, there were more than 200 Open Streets locations, representing a 40 percent increase when compared to the previous year. <sup>14</sup> This is more than 25 miles of Open Streets, spanning over 400 City blocks. <sup>15</sup>

The Open Streets program has also been expanded to include: Open Restaurants, which allows restaurants to use the sidewalk adjacent and curbside roadway space in front of their businesses for outdoor dining, and has since been made permanent through Local Law 121 of 2023 and renamed as Dining Out NYC;<sup>16</sup> Open Storefronts, which allows eligible businesses to conduct activity on sidewalks to sell pre-packaged food on sidewalks and restaurants to use sidewalks for take-out or delivery operations;<sup>17</sup> and the Open Culture program, which has since been made permanent through Local Law 80 of 2023<sup>18</sup>, and allows ticketed, socially distanced outdoor performances, rehearsals, and classes at nearly 200 street locations throughout the five boroughs.<sup>19</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Julia Marsh and Vincent Barone, *NYC outlines street closures to promote 'social distancing' during coronavirus shutdown*, New York Post, available at <a href="https://nypost.com/2020/03/26/nyc-outlines-street-closures-to-promote-social-distancing-during-coronavirus-shutdown/">https://nypost.com/2020/03/26/nyc-outlines-street-closures-to-promote-social-distancing-during-coronavirus-shutdown/</a>
<sup>6</sup> NYC Council, *DOT FY22 Preliminary Budget Hearing*, March 9, 2021

<sup>7</sup> NYC DOT, *Pedestrians-Open Streets*, available at <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/openstreets.shtml">https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/openstreets.shtml</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Open Streets Coalition, *Open Streets Letter to City Hall*, April 1, 2021, available for download at <a href="https://www.scribd.com/document/501207754/Open-Streets-Letter-to-City-Hall">https://www.scribd.com/document/501207754/Open-Streets-Letter-to-City-Hall</a>
<sup>10</sup> Local Law 55 of 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> NYC DOT, Streets for Recovery: The Economic Benefits of the NYC Open Streets Program, October 2022, available for download at <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/streets-for-recovery.pdf">https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/streets-for-recovery.pdf</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> NYC, Press Release, *Streets Week!: Mayor de Blasio Makes Open Streets Permanent Part of New York City's Urban Landscape*, May 13, 2021, available at <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/361-21/streets-week-mayor-de-blasio-makes-open-streets-permanent-of-new-york-city-s-urban-landscape">https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/361-21/streets-week-mayor-de-blasio-makes-open-streets-permanent-of-new-york-city-s-urban-landscape</a>

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14 NYC DOT, NYC Open Streets: Reimagining Our Streets 2023 Recap Report, available for download at https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/2023-open-streets-recap-report.pdf

15 Id.

 $<sup>{}^{16}</sup> Local\ Law\ 121\ of\ 2023\ available\ at\ \underline{https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5400747\&GUID=9E913589-73E9-4618-B773-B0A6B45BAD92\&Options=ID|Text|\&Search=121.$ 

<sup>17</sup> NYC DOT, Pedestrians-Open Storefronts, available at https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/openstorefronts.shtml

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See Local Law 80 of 2023, available at <a href="https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5725309&GUID=C7E571F7-3B9B-43D7-AF7B-AE20D9B41307&Options=ID/Text|&Search=80.">https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5725309&GUID=C7E571F7-3B9B-43D7-AF7B-AE20D9B41307&Options=ID/Text|&Search=80.</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> NYC Media and Entertainment, Industries, *NYC Open Culture Program Resources*, available at <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mome/industries/open-">https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mome/industries/open-</a>

DOT also is responsible for thousands of miles of streets and roadways, and conducts regular inspections to assess pavement conditions.<sup>20</sup> 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:21
- Capital Street Projects, which often include full reconstruction of the sewer pipes, the roadbed and sidewalks; <sup>22</sup>
- Resiliency projects, which includes addressing threats from storm surge and extreme heat;<sup>23</sup>
- Sidewalk repair and maintenance, which is used to ensure sidewalks are safe for pedestrians and helps prevent injuries caused by defective sidewalks;<sup>24</sup>
- Traffic Signals and Street Signs, which are used to ensure less congestion and more safety for all road users;25 and
- Street Lights, which provide lighting for road users, with DOT being a leader in using sustainable street lighting, having retrofitted almost all of NYC's street lights with energy-efficient LEDs.<sup>26</sup>

In order to increase safety on City streets, DOT implements various measures to reduce opportunities for illegal speeding and aggressive driving.<sup>27</sup> 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;<sup>28</sup>
- 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;<sup>29</sup>
- Pedestrian Ramps, which provide access on and off streets and sidewalks for pedestrians;<sup>30</sup>
- 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;<sup>31</sup>
- 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;<sup>32</sup>
- Safe Routes to Transit, which is a part of PlaNYC, in which DOT is working to improve pedestrian access and calm motor vehicle movement around subway entrances and bus stops;<sup>33</sup>
- 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;<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> NYC DOT, Infrastructure-Street and Roadway Construction, available at  $\underline{https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/infrastructure/construction.shtml}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> NYC DOT, Infrastructure, available at https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/infrastructure/infrastructure.shtml

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> *Id*. <sup>24</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> NYC DOT, *Pedestrians*, available at https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/pedestrians.shtml

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> NYC DOT, NYC Street Design, Sidewalks and Raised Medians, available at https://www.nycstreetdesign.info/geometry/sidewalks-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> NYC DOT, *Pedestrians*, available at: <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/pedestrians.shtml">https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/pedestrians.shtml</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> *Id*.

- School Safety, which is an initiative where DOT's School Safety Unit implements Vision Zero by developing street safety improvement projects near city schools;<sup>35</sup> and
- The Turn Calming Program, which is a citywide effort to reduce left and right turn speeds and enforce safe turning behavior.<sup>36</sup>

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;<sup>37</sup> to 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;<sup>38</sup> and to implement new daylighting measures throughout the City.<sup>39</sup>

# Citi Bike, CarShare Programs, and Bicycle Corrals

The Department also oversees a number of programs which use street parking spaces for uses other that private parking including carshare programs, Citi Bike, and the placement of bike corrals on City streets.

DOT oversees a Carshare program that currently has 353 Carshare locations across all five boroughs. <sup>40</sup> DOT allows the use of on-street parking spaces that allow parking only for carshare company use. Any non-careshare vehicles parking in a Carshare space is able to be ticketed and towed. Carshare companies are also authorized to relocate illegally parked vehicles to the nearest legal curbside parking space at no charge to the owner. Carshare companies are responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the parking spaces at the same frequency as alternate side parking regulations.

Citi Bike, a bike share program began in 2013, has grown in popularity from 92,598 annual members in Fiscal Year 2014<sup>41</sup> to nearly 219,837 annual members in Fiscal Year 2024.<sup>42</sup> Citi Bikes are retrieved by riders from one of its stations—similar to bike racks—across Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, and Jersey City.<sup>43</sup> The bicycles are held in docks at these stations until unlocked by a rider, who must then return the bike to another dock in the system after a trip is complete. According to DOT's latest *Cycling in the City* report, "[Citi Bike] makes it more convenient for New Yorkers—even those who don't own a bicycle—to make short, point-to-point trips by bicycle and has become an integral part of New York's transportation network."<sup>44</sup> As of the end of September 2024, there were 2,112 active Citi Bike stations and 37,369 bikes in the fleet.<sup>45</sup>

DOT allow community partners to suggest bike parking locations, including corrals in placed in the roadways. <sup>46</sup> These partners support the bike parking by maintaining planters, sweeping up debris and reporting any issues or damages. <sup>47</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Local Law 63 of 2023

<sup>38</sup> Local Law 65 of 2022

<sup>39</sup> Local Law 66 of 2023

<sup>40</sup> https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/carshare.shtml

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> NYC, Fiscal 2017 Mayor's Management Report, available at

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{https://www.nyc.gov/assets/operations/downloads/pdf/mmr2017/2017\_mmr.pdf}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> NYC, *DOT Fiscal 2024 Preliminary Mayor's Management Report*, available at https://www.nyc.gov/assets/operations/downloads/pdf/pmmr2024/dot.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Citi Bike, What is a station? A dock? A kiosk?, available at <a href="https://help.citibikenyc.com/hc/en-us/articles/360032104712-What-is-a-station-A-dock-A-kiosk-">https://help.citibikenyc.com/hc/en-us/articles/360032104712-What-is-a-station-A-dock-A-kiosk-</a>

<sup>44</sup> NYC DOT, Cycling in the City, page 15, September 2021, available at https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/cycling-in-the-city-2021.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Citi Bike, *Citi Bike September 2024 Monthly Report*, available at https://mot-marketing-whitelabel-

prod.s3.amazonaws.com/nyc/September-2024-Citi-Bike-Monthly-Report.pdf <sup>46</sup> https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/bicyclists/bicycleparking.shtml

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/bicyclists/bicycleparking.shtml

# **LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS**

Below is a brief summary of the legislation voted on today by this Committee. These summaries are intended for informational purposes only and do not substitute for legal counsel. For more detailed information, review the full text of the bills, which are included below.

Int. No. 103-A, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to notification of the removal of parking spaces

This bill would require DOT to notify council members 10 days before the permanent removal of a parking space when that space would be used for a bike share program, a car share program, or a bicycle corral when the corral was requested by a business within 2 years of the date of the anticipated removal. The notice would be required to include the anticipated date of the removal, the location of the parking space, and the intended new use of the parting space.

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

Int. No. 104-A, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of transportation to consult with the fire department prior to approving open street applications and certain bicycle lane projects and to require the fire department to confer with any affected firehouse prior to approving open street applications, bicycle lane projects, and major transportation projects

This bill would require DOT to consult with the Fire Department (FDNY) prior to approving open street applications, bicycle lane projects, and major transportation projects. It would also require FDNY to confer with any affected firehouses before DOT approves such applications or projects, and submit the affected firehouse's feedback to DOT. DOT would also be required to provide certification of such consultation, including whether FDNY provided feedback from any affected firehouse, and if so, the affected firehouse that was conferred with, the method by which the firehouse provided feedback, and the date such feedback was provided.

This bill would take effect 60 days after it becomes law.

#### **UPDATE**

On December 19, 2024, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure passed Int. No. 103-A by a vote of seven in the affirmative, one in the negative, with zero abstentions; and Int. No. 104-A by a vote of seven in the affirmative, one in the negative, with zero abstentions.

(The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 103-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 INT. No.: 103-A

**COMMITTEE:** Transportation & Infrastructure

**TITLE:** A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to notification of the removal of parking spaces.

**SPONSORS:** Council Members Ariola, Yeger, Holden, Riley, Menin, Hanks, Farías, Brooks-Powers, Dinowitz, Narcisse, Zhuang, Louis, Banks, Moya, Paladino, Marmorato, Borelli, Vernikov, and Carr.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** Int. No. 103-A would require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to notify affected council members ten days before the removal of any street parking space when that space would be used for: a street level bicycle corral requested by a local business, a car share program, or a bike share program. The notice would include, at a minimum, the expected date of the removal, the location of the space, and the intended new use of the space.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 120 days after becoming law

#### **CITY COUNCIL ESTIMATE:**

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

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH PROPOSED LOCAL LAW WOULD FIRST BECOME EFFECTIVE: Fiscal 2025

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2026

**IMPACT ON REVENUES:** It is anticipated 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, as DOT would use existing resources to fulfill its requirement. There is no difference between the estimate provided by the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Council's in relation to impact on expenditures.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** New York City Council Finance Division

New York City Department of Transportation Mayor's Office of Management and Budget

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

**ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY:** Julia K. Haramis, Unit Head

Chima Obichere, Deputy Director

Nicholas Connell, Counsel

Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Director

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ESTIMATE: OMB provided a cost estimate that is attached in full.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** The legislation was introduced to the Council on February 28, 2024, as Int. No. 103 and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (the Committee). This legislation was considered by the Committee at a hearing on June 25, 2024, and was laid over. The legislation has been amended, and the amended version, Proposed Int. No. 103-A, will be considered by the Committee at a hearing on December 19, 2024. Upon majority affirmative vote by the Committee, Int. No. 103-A will be submitted to the full Council for a vote on December 19, 2024

**DATE PREPARED:** December 16, 2024.

(The following is the text of OMB's Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 103-A:)

# Fiscal Impact Statement Prepared By New York City Mayor's Office of Management and Budget



Jacques Jiha, PhD, Budget Director

**Disclaimer:** This fiscal impact statement is a preliminary estimate and subject to change based upon further data analysis or changes in bill text. This legislation is summarized as understood by the administration as of the date this statement was prepared and does not include or consider subsequent text changes. This fiscal impact statement is not legally binding on the administration. "Total" columns represent the respective sum over a four-year period; note that fiscal impacts continue after year four. Unless otherwise stated, information used in the preparation of this Fiscal Impact Statement is sourced from the agencies impacted and the NYC Mayor's Office of Management and Budget.

**Proposed Intro No. / Title:** Intro 103-A in relation to notification of the removal of parking spaces

**Sponsors:** Ariola, Yeger, Holden, Riley, Menin, Hanks, Farías, Brooks-Powers, Dinowitz, Narcisse, Zhuang, Paladino, Marmorato, Borelli, Vernikov, and Carr

**Committee:** Transportation and Infrastructure

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Department of Transportation to notify councilmembers, at least 10 days, before the Department of Transportation permanently removes street parking space for a designated parking space, for the bike share program, or for a bike corral. Notice must be sent to the councilmember who

represents that geographic area. Notice must include the anticipated date of the removal, the location of the parking space, and the intended new use of the parking space.

**Effective Date:** 120 days after enactment.

First Fiscal Year Legislation Takes Effect: Fiscal Year 2025

Date Prepared: December 16, 2024.

# **Fiscal Impact Analysis**

# A. Total Impact (Expense and Revenue)

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Voor 4	Total
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Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

# B. Expense

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

# **Impact on Expenditures (Expense):**

There is no anticipated impact on expense expenditures.

# <u>C.</u> <u>Revenue</u>

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Impact on Revenue:**

There is no anticipated impact on revenue.

#### D. Capital

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

# **Impact on Expenditures (Capital):**

There is no anticipated impact on capital expenditures.

Date Prepared: December 16, 2024.

(For text of Int. No. 104-A and its Fiscal Impact Statement, please see the Report of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for Int. No. 104-A printed in these Minutes; for text of Int. No. 103-A, please see below)

Accordingly, this Committee recommends the adoption of Int. Nos. 103-A and 104-A.

## (The following is the text of Int. No. 103-A:)

Int. No. 103-A

By Council Members Ariola, Yeger, Holden, Riley, Menin, Hanks, Farías, Brooks-Powers, Dinowitz, Narcisse, Zhuang, Louis, Banks, Moya, Paladino, Marmorato, Borelli, Vernikov, Carr and Mealy.

# A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to notification of the removal of parking spaces

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 19-175.2 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 78 for the year 2009, is amended to read as follows:

- § 19-175.2 Notification of changes in parking restrictions *or removal of parking spaces*. a. Following any permanent change in parking restrictions posted by the department, the department shall post notice, in the affected areas, indicating the effective date of such change. An owner of a motor vehicle parked in the affected areas who receives a notice of a parking violation that occurred within [five] 5 days of posting of the notice of the parking restriction change shall have an affirmative defense that the vehicle of the owner was parked in compliance with the applicable parking restriction that was in effect prior to such change. Within [one] *I* business day of making a permanent change in parking restrictions, such change will be reflected on the website containing parking restrictions as required by section 19-175.1 of the code.
- b. At least 10 days before the permanent full-time removal of any street parking space that will be used (i) as a designated parking space, as defined in subdivision a of section 19-175.5; (ii) for a bike share program, as defined in subdivision a of section 19-194; or (iii) for a bicycle corral for which a request was made by a business within 2 years of the date of the anticipated removal of such space, the department shall notify by electronic mail the council member representing the geographic area in which such parking space is located. Such notice shall, at a\_minimum, state the anticipated date of such removal, the location of such parking space, and the intended new use of such parking space. Such notice shall not be required where the department is otherwise required to provide notice about the project, including, but not limited to, as required pursuant to section 19-101.2, section 19-107.1, or section 19-157.
- c. Before the department makes temporary parking restriction changes to conduct road repairs, it shall post notice of the effective date of such restrictions as soon as practicable. Such notice shall state that no notice of violations shall be issued for violations of such temporary parking restrictions and that if an owner's motor vehicle is missing from the affected streets, the motor vehicle may have been towed and the motor vehicle owner should contact the local police precinct for information about the location of such motor vehicle.
- [c.] d. Following the issuance by the office of the mayor of a permit that authorizes filming [and/or] or related activity and that provides special parking privileges or the temporary suspension of parking restrictions, the party to whom the permit is issued shall post notice of such parking restriction changes immediately in the affected areas. Such notice shall, at a minimum, state the temporary change in the parking restrictions, the date on which such change will take effect, that no notice of violations shall be issued for violations of the temporary parking restrictions, and that if an owner's motor vehicle is missing from the affected streets, the motor vehicle may have been towed and the motor vehicle owner should contact the local police precinct for information about the location of such motor vehicle.
- [d.] e. Following the issuance by the office of the mayor of a permit that authorizes a sponsor to conduct a street fair or parade and that provides special parking privileges or the temporary suspension of parking restrictions, the sponsor shall post notice of such parking restriction changes on a form provided by the office of the mayor, in the affected areas, at least [seven] 7 days prior to the date on which such change will take effect. Such notice shall, at a minimum, state the temporary change in the parking restrictions and the date the change will take effect.

- [e.] f. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the department or any applicable city agency to provide notice of temporary parking restriction changes or notice of the permanent full-time removal of parking spaces when such change or removal is required to preserve public safety.
- § 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after becoming law, provided that the notice required by subdivision b of section 19-175.2 of the administrative code of the city of New York as amended by section one of this local law shall not be required where the request for a bicycle corral was made prior to December 1, 2024.

SELVENA N. BROOKS-POWERS, *Chairperson*; FARAH N. LOUIS, CARMEN N. De La ROSA, AMANDA C. FARIAS, MERCEDES NARCISSE, CHRIS BANKS, JOANN ARIOLA; 7-1-0; *Negative*: Julie Won; *Absent:* Carlina Rivera; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, December 19, 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. 104-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 requiring the department of transportation to consult with the fire department prior to approving open street applications and certain bicycle lane projects and to require the fire department to confer with any affected firehouse prior to approving open street applications, bicycle lane projects, and major transportation projects.

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to which the annexed proposed amended local law was referred on February 28, 2024 (Minutes, page 375), respectfully

## **REPORTS:**

(For text of report, please see the Report of the Committee on Finance for Int. No. 103-A printed above in these Minutes)

The following is the text of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 104-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 INT. No.: 104-A

**COMMITTEE:** Transportation & Infrastructure

**TITLE:** A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of transportation to consult with the fire department prior to approving open street applications and certain bicycle lane projects and to notify affected firehouses prior to approving open street applications, bicycle lane projects, and major transportation projects.

**SPONSORS:** Council Members Ariola, Yeger, Holden, Schulman, Riley, Menin, Hanks, Gennaro, Brooks-Powers, Banks, Narcisse, Zhuang, Louis, Moya, Paladino, Marmorato, Borelli, Vernikov, and Carr.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** Int. No. 104-A would require the Fire Department (FDNY) to confer with local affected firehouses and submit to the Department of Transportation (DOT) certain information, before DOT approves Open Street applications or implements major transportation projects, including bicycle lane projects. The required information would include: the local firehouses that provided feedback, the feedback provided, the method by which they provided feedback, and the date such feedback was provided. This bill would also require DOT to consult with FDNY prior to approving Open Street applications, which is already required for major transportation projects. DOT would also be required to provide, in their notice to community boards and local elected officials, the information provided by FDNY pursuant to this local law.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 60 days after becoming law

#### **CITY COUNCIL ESTIMATE:**

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

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH PROPOSED LOCAL LAW WOULD FIRST BECOME EFFECTIVE: Fiscal 2025

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2026

**IMPACT ON REVENUES:** It is anticipated 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, as DOT would use existing resources to fulfill its requirements. There is no difference between the estimate provided by the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Council's in relation to impact on expenditures.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** New York City Council Finance Division

New York City Department of Transportation Mayor's Office of Management and Budget

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

**ESTIMATE REVIEWED BY:** Julia K. Haramis, Unit Head

Chima Obichere, Deputy Director

Nicholas Connell, Counsel

Jonathan Rosenberg, Managing Director

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ESTIMATE: OMB provided a cost estimate that is attached in full.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** The legislation was introduced to the Council on February 28, 2024, as Int. No. 104 and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (the Committee). This legislation was considered by the Committee at a hearing on June 25, 2024, and was laid over. The legislation has been amended, and the amended version, Proposed Int. No. 104-A, will be considered by the Committee on December 19, 2024. Upon majority affirmative vote by the Committee, Int. No. 104-A will be submitted to the Council for a vote on December 19, 2024.

**DATE PREPARED:** December 16, 2024.

(The following is the text of OMB's Fiscal Impact Statement for Int. No. 104-A:)

#### **Fiscal Impact Statement Prepared By**

New York City Mayor's Office of Management and Budget



Jacques Jiha, PhD, Budget Director

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**Proposed Intro No. / Title:** Intro 104-A in relation to requiring the department of transportation to consult with the fire department prior to approving open street applications and certain bicycle lane projects and to require the fire department to confer with any affected firehouse prior to approving open street applications, bicycle lane projects, and major transportation projects

**Sponsors:** Ariola, Yeger, Holden, Schulman, Riley, Menin, Hanks, Gennaro, Brooks-Powers, Banks, Narcisse, Paladino, Marmorato, Borelli, Vernikov and Carr

**Committee:** Transportation and Infrastructure

**Summary of Legislation:** Before the Department of Transportation (DOT) implements a major transportation project or designates an open street, they must consult with the Fire Department of New York (FDNY). Under this bill, FDNY must confer with the affected firehouse and submit to DOT the specific firehouse FDNY conferred with, the feedback from the firehouse, the method by which the firehouse communicated that feedback, and the date they provided the feedback.

**Effective Date:** 60 days after enactment.

First Fiscal Year Legislation Takes Effect: Fiscal Year 2025

First Fiscal Year with Full Impact: Fiscal Year 2025

**Agencies Impacted:** Department of Transportation, Fire Department of New York

### **Fiscal Impact Analysis**

### **A.** Total Impact (Expense and Revenue)

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

### B. Expense

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

### **Impact on Expenditures (Expense):**

There is no anticipated impact on expense expenditures.

### C. Revenue

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0

### **Impact on Revenue:**

There is no anticipated impact on revenue.

### D. Capital

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

**Impact on Expenditures (Capital):** 

There is no anticipated impact on capital expenditures.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption, as amended.

(The following is the text of Int. No. 104-A:)

#### Int. No. 104-A

By Council Members Ariola, Yeger, Holden, Schulman, Riley, Menin, Hanks, Gennaro, Brooks-Powers, Banks, Narcisse, Zhuang, Louis, Moya, Dinowitz, Rivera, Paladino, Marmorato, Borelli, Vernikov, Carr and Mealy.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of transportation to consult with the fire department prior to approving open street applications and certain bicycle lane projects and to require the fire department to confer with any affected firehouse prior to approving open street applications, bicycle lane projects, and major transportation projects

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 19-101.2 of the administrative code 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 council [member(s), senator(s), member(s)] *member, senator, member* of assembly, and community [board(s)] *board*. The term "affected council [member(s), senator(s), member(s)] *member, senator, member* of assembly, and community [board(s)] *board*" means [the council member(s), senator(s), member(s)] any council *member, senator, member* of assembly, and community [board(s)] *board* in whose districts a proposed major transportation project is to be located, in whole or in part.

Affected firehouse. The term "affected firehouse" means any firehouse in whose response area 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] 4 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)] *lane* or full time removal of a parking [lane(s)] *lane* or addition of vehicular travel [lane(s)] *lanes*, 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. Prior to the implementation of a major transportation project, the department shall forward notice of such project, including a description of such project, to *the* affected council [member(s), senator(s), member(s)] *member*, *senator*, *member* of assembly, and community [board(s)] *board* by electronic mail.
- d. Within [ten] 10 business days after receipt of such notice, or within [twenty] 20 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)] member, senator, and member of assembly may submit recommendations [and/or] or comments, or both, on such notice to the department; and (ii) the affected community [board(s)] board may either submit recommendations [and/or] or comments, or both, on such notice to the department [and/or], or request a presentation of the major transportation project plan by the department, or both, which shall be made to the community board within [thirty] 30 days of such community board's request, or within [forty-five] 45 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.
- e. Each presentation 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] 3 days of such presentation, shall be forwarded to the affected council [member(s), senator(s) and member(s)] *member, senator, and member* of assembly.
- f. The department shall consider recommendations [and/or] or comments, or both, if any, made under the provisions of subdivision d of this section [and/or] or within [seven] 7 days of the presentation to the community board, from the affected council [member(s), senator(s), member(s)] member, senator, member of assembly, and [affected] community [board(s)] board, 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)] *member*, *senator*, *member* of assembly, and community [board(s)] *board*.
- 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 *the* affected council [member(s), senator(s), member(s)] *member*, *senator*, *member* of assembly, and community [board(s)] *board*, 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 fire department shall confer with any affected firehouse and submit to the department the specific affected firehouse that was conferred with, any feedback provided by such firehouse, the method by which such firehouse provided feedback, and the date such feedback was provided. The department shall include a certification of [such] the consultations conducted pursuant to this subdivision in the notice required by subdivision c of this section, provided that for the consultation with the fire department, the department shall indicate whether the fire department received feedback from any affected firehouse\_and, if so, such specific affected firehouse that was conferred with, the method by which such firehouse provided feedback, and the date such feedback was provided.
- § 2. Subdivision j of section 19-107.1 of the administrative code of New York, as added by local law number 55 for the year 2021, is amended to read as follows:
  - j. Prior to the designation of an open street, the department shall [provide]:
- 1. Consult with the fire department. The fire department shall confer with any firehouse whose response area includes the proposed open street, and submit to the department the specific firehouse that was conferred with, the feedback provided from any affected firehouse, the method by which such firehouse provided feedback, and the date such feedback was provided. The department shall include a certification of such consultation in the notice required by paragraph 2 of this subdivision. Such certification shall indicate whether the fire department received feedback from any affected firehouse and, if so, such specific affected firehouse that was conferred with, the method by which such firehouse provided feedback, and the date such information was provided; and
- 2. Provide notice to any affected [council members, community boards, and community organizations] council member, community board, and community organization.
  - § 3. This local law takes effect 60 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, JOANN ARIOLA; 7-1-0; *Negative*: Julie Won; *Absent*: Carlina Rivera; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, December 19, 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).

### 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

Name	Address	District #
MALISA LUCINDA SAINTIL	92-27 160th St, #701 Jamaica, New York 11433	27
THELMA ARETHA LYNCH	109-49 167th St Jamaica, New York 11433	27
CYNTHIA N. TORRES	1502 Mott Ave, Apt A5E Queens, New York 11691	31
GINA M MARTIN	162-04 89th St Howard Beach, New York 11414	32
AMANDA REYNA RODRIGUEZ	411 Kosciuszko St, #1 Brooklyn, New York 11221	36
LETICIA GONZALEZ	690 Gates Ave, Apt 5D Brooklyn, New York 11221	36
GISELLE JAGGERNAUTH	383 Berriman St Brooklyn, New York 11208	42
KRISTEN R SHALBINSKI	1164 Bergen Ave Brooklyn, New York 11234	46
SHELLY-ANN C. BROWN	10516 Avenue K Brooklyn, New York 11236	46
KLAUDIA MARIA BOLKUN	8853 Bay 16th St, #2B Brooklyn, New York 11214	47
SERRINA DATRICE WINT	3332 Bayview Ave Brooklyn, New York 11224	47

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ALIAKSANDR LITVINKOVICH	1890 Ocean Ave, Apt C1 Brooklyn, New York 11230	48
MARIANA DILAI	3110 Brighton 7th St, #3E Brooklyn, New York 11235	48
DANIEL JOHN LINDLEY JR	56 Coale Ave, # PH Staten Island, New York 10314	50

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)

(1)	M-83 & Res. No. 700 -	Appropriation of new City revenues in Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of \$255.6 million (MN-2).
(2)	Int. No. 103-A -	Notification of the removal of parking spaces.
(3)	Int. No. 104-A -	DOT to consult with the Fire Department prior to approving open street applications and certain bicycle lane.
(4)	Int. No. 265-A -	Improving benefits enrollment processes for city employees.
(5)	Int. No. 532-A -	Reimbursing small nonpublic schools for the cost of security guard services.
(6)	Int. No. 1090-A -	Authorizing an increase in the amount to be expended annually in 9 business improvement districts.
(7)	Int. No. 1098 -	Increasing the amount to be expended annually in the Madison Avenue Business Improvement District.
(8)	Int. No. 1111-A -	Contribution and expenditure limits to account for two-year council terms.
(9)	Preconsidered Int. No. 1153 -	A Local Law in relation to the naming of 109 thoroughfares and public places.
(10)	Preconsidered L.U. No. 200 & Res. No. 701 -	45th Street Partners, Manhattan, Community District No. 4, Council District No. 3.
(11)	Preconsidered L.U. No. 201 & Res. No. 702 -	The Perennial, Queens, Community District No. 6, Council District No. 29.
(12)	Preconsidered L.U. No. 202 & Res. No. 703 -	3044 Albany Crescent, Bronx, Community District No. 8, Council District No. 14.

(13) Preconsidered Crotona VII, Bronx, Community L.U. No. 203 & District No. 3, Council District No. Res. No. 704 -

(14) Preconsidered 73 Loisaida HDFC, Manhattan, L.U. No. 204 & Community District No. 3, Council Postrict No. 2.

(15) Preconsidered
L.U. No. 205 & Armory ESDC Grant
Res. No. 706 - Application), Borough of the Bronx,
Community District 7, Council
District 14.

(16) 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, Hanif, Hanks, Holden, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marmorato, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Rivera, 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) - 50.

The General Orders vote recorded for this Stated Meeting was 50-0-0 as shown above with the exception of the votes for the following legislative items:

The following was the vote recorded for **Int. No. 103-A**:

Affirmative – Abreu, Ariola, Ayala, Banks, Brannan, Brooks-Powers, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Feliz, Gennaro, Hanks, Holden, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marmorato, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Paladino, Powers, Riley, Salaam, Salamanca, Schulman, Ung, Vernikov, Williams, Yeger, Zhuang, the Minority Leader (Council Member Borelli), the Majority Leader (Council Member Farías) and the Speaker (Council Member Adams) - 35.

**Negative** – Avilés, Bottcher, Brewer, Cabán, Hanif, Hudson, Joseph, Marte, Nurse, Ossé, Restler, Rivera, Sanchez, Stevens, and Won - **15**.

The following was the vote recorded for Int. No. 104-A:

Affirmative – Abreu, Ariola, Avilés, Ayala, Banks, Brannan, Brooks-Powers, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Feliz, Gennaro, Hanks, Holden, Lee, Louis, Marmorato, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Paladino, Powers, Riley, Rivera, Salaam, Salamanca, Sanchez, Schulman, Ung, Vernikov, Williams, Yeger, Zhuang, the Minority Leader (Council Member Borelli), the Majority Leader (Council Member Farías) and the Speaker (Council Member Adams) - 38.

**Negative** – Bottcher, Brewer, Hanif, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Nurse, Ossé, Restler, Stevens, and Won. - 11.

**Abstention** – Cabán – 1.

The following was the vote recorded for **Int. No. 532-A**:

Affirmative – Abreu, Ariola, Ayala, Banks, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Feliz, Gennaro, Hanif, Hanks, Holden, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marmorato, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Rivera, Salaam, Salamanca, Sanchez, Schulman, Ung, Vernikov, Williams, Yeger, Zhuang, the Minority Leader (Council Member Borelli), the Majority Leader (Council Member Farías) and the Speaker (Council Member Adams) - 44.

Negative – Aviles, Cabán, Nurse, Ossé, Stevens, and Won - 6.

The following was the vote recorded for Int. Nos. 1090-A and 1098:

Affirmative – Abreu, Ariola, Avilés, Ayala, Banks, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Feliz, Gennaro, Hanif, Hanks, Holden, Hudson, Joseph, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marmorato, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Rivera, 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) - 49.

Negative - Yeger - 1.

The following was the vote recorded for Int. No. 1111-A:

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

**Negative** – Ariola, Carr, Hanks, Holden, Marmorato, Paladino, Vernikov, Zhuang, and the Minority Leader (Council Member Borelli) - **9**.

The following Introductions were sent to the Mayor for his consideration and approval: Int. Nos. 103-A, 104-A, 265-A, 532-A, 1090-A, 1098, 1111-A, and Preconsidered Int. No. 1153.

#### 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 of the Council:

Report for voice-vote item Res. No. 11

Report of the Committee on Finance in favor of approving a Resolution calling upon the United States Congress to pass and the President to sign H.R. 4052, the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2023.

The Committee on Finance, to which the annexed resolution was referred on February 8, 2024 (Minutes, page 245), respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

(For text of report, please see the Report of the Committee on Finance for Int. No. 1090-A printed in the Reports of the Standing Committee section of these Minutes)

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.

(The following is the text of Res. No. 11:)

Res. No. 11

Resolution calling upon the United States Congress to pass and the President to sign H.R. 4052, the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2023.

By Council Members Hudson, Stevens, Farías, Sanchez, Avilés, Abreu, Narcisse, Rivera, Brannan, Ossé, Louis and Mealy.

Whereas, According to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), an estimated \$6.1 trillion in investments will be needed between 2020 and 2029 to meet the country's infrastructure needs, an amount that will increase to \$13 trillion by 2039; and

Whereas, The analysis by ACSE indicates that funding will only be available to cover 57 percent, or approximately \$3.5 trillion, of those infrastructure needs, resulting in an investment gap of approximately \$2.6 trillion by 2029, with the gap increasing to \$5.6 trillion by 2039; and

**Whereas**, In 2021, ASCE gave America's infrastructure a "C-" grade in their 2021 *Report Card for America's Infrastructure*, the first time in twenty years that it has been out of the "D" range, and indicating that while incremental immediate gains in some of the infrastructure categories have been made, the long-term investment gap continues to grow; and

Whereas, New York State earned a cumulative grade of "C" in ASCE's 2022 Report Card for New York's Infrastructure which was released on July 19, 2022, meaning that the State's infrastructure is in mediocre condition, but with roads, transit and wastewater categories receiving a "D+" grade, a ranking that means they were in poor to fair conditions and at-risk; and

Whereas, Throughout the history of the United States (U.S.), Congress has established national banks to fund important national priorities such as financing the development of most of our national infrastructure and to help pay down national war debt; and

Whereas, In 1932, Congress established the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC) to provide emergency financing facilities for financial institutions, to aid in financing agriculture, commerce and industry, with a subsequent amendment that authorized the RFC to loan funds to state and municipal governments to finance infrastructure projects; and

Whereas, The RFC was abolished by Congress in 1953; and

**Whereas**, In 1993, the bipartisan Commission to Promote Investment in America's Infrastructure released a report endorsing the creation of a national infrastructure corporation; and

Whereas, H.R. 4052, the "National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2023," introduced by U.S. Representative Danny K. Davis, would create a National Infrastructure Bank to facilitate efficient, long-term financing of infrastructure projects, business and economic growth, and new job creation; and

Whereas, If enacted, the establishment of a U.S. public deposit money bank would provide direct loans and other financing of up to \$5 trillion for qualifying infrastructure projects without requiring additional Federal taxes or deficits; and

**Whereas**, The National Infrastructure Bank that would be created under H.R. 4052 would be capitalized through the exchange of existing U.S. Treasury securities for preferred stock in the bank, and

Whereas, Under the provisions found in H.R. 4052, the National Infrastructure Bank would be treated as a government corporation exempt from tax, and any contributions that are made to the bank would be treated as charitable contributions; and

Whereas, H.R. 4052 also includes a temporary rule to allow a tax deduction for cash contributions made to the National Infrastructure Bank by certain taxpayers who elect not to itemize their deductions; and

**Whereas**, A provision in H.R. 4052 would exclude any dividend amounts received on the preferred stock from a taxpayers gross income; and

Whereas, H.R. 4052 includes provisions to ensure that any infrastructure projects funded by the National Infrastructure Bank comply with the prevailing wage requirements determined by the U.S. Department of Labor as directed by the Federal government's Davis-Bacon Act, and also comply with any applicable State Project Labor Agreements; and

Whereas, The creation of a new National Infrastructure Bank, similar to the national banks that were successfully implemented four previous times in our nation's history, would help finance our country's currently unfunded infrastructure needs; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the United States Congress to pass and the President to sign H.R. 4052, the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2023.

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, KAMILLAH M. HANKS, CRYSTAL HUDSON, CHI A. OSSÉ, YUSEF SALAAM, ALTHEA V. STEVENS, NANTASHA M. WILLIAMS; 14-1-0; *Negative*: David M. Carr; *Absent*: Julie Won; *Parental*: Pierina A. Sanchez; Committee on Finance, December 19, 2024.

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 those in favor, the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Farías) declared the Resolution to be adopted.

The following 7 Council Members formally noted their intention to vote negative against this item: Council Members Ariola, Carr, Holden, Marmorato, Paladino, Vernikov and the Minority Leader (Council Member Borelli).

The following Council Member formally noted her intention to abstain from voting on this item: Council Members Zhuang.

Adopted by the Council by voice-vote.

Report for voice-vote item Res. No. 227-A

Report of the Committee on General Welfare in favor of approving, as amended, a Resolution calling on Congress to pass, and the President to sign, a renewed Farm Bill that increases funding for life-saving food aid.

The Committee on General Welfare, to which the annexed amended resolution was referred on March 7, 2024 (Minutes, page 1212), respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

#### I. INTRODUCTION

On Thursday, December 19, 2024, the Committee on General Welfare, chaired by Council Member Diana Ayala, held a vote on Resolution (Res.) 227-A, a Resolution calling on Congress to pass, and the President to sign, a renewed Farm Bill that increases funding for life-saving food aid. Res. 227 was previously heard by the Committee in a hearing on May 29, 2024, where witnesses invited to testify included the New York City (NYC) Department of Social Services (DSS), Human Resources Administration (HRA), service providers, advocates, and other interested stakeholders. On December 19, 2024, the Committee passed Res-227-A by a vote of 9 in the affirmative, and 0 in the negative, with 0 abstentions.

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption, as amended.

(The following is the text of Res. No. 227-A:)

Res. No. 227-A

Resolution calling on Congress to pass, and the President to sign, a renewed Farm Bill that increases funding for life-saving food aid.

By Council Members Brewer, Louis, Schulman, Ayala, Narcisse, Rivera, Banks, Bottcher and Mealy.

Whereas, According to research from Columbia University's Center on Poverty and Social Policy, in 2023 one in three adults (31%) and nearly half of all families with children (44%) in New York City experienced food hardship; and

Whereas, According to the New York City Human Resources Administration, 1,806,444 New York City residents received benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as of October 2024; and

Whereas, The Farm Bill is a multiyear federal law that governs an array of agricultural and food programs and funds vital food and nutrition assistance programs that support New York City residents, including SNAP; and

Whereas, Congress must renew the Farm Bill on a regular basis, which historically it has done approximately every 5 years; and

Whereas, The 2018 Farm Bill initially expired on September 30, 2023, but Congress enacted a one-year extension until September 30, 2024, in the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024; and

**Whereas**, Congress allowed the 2018 Farm Bill to expire without a further extension on September 30, 2024, although some programs will continue through the end of the calendar year; and

Whereas, SNAP provides essential food benefits to low-income families to supplement their grocery budget so they can afford the nutritious food essential to health and well-being; and

Whereas, Funding for SNAP and other Farm Bill programs is vital and should be continued and increased; and

**Whereas**, Any cuts to the life-saving food aid provided in the Farm Bill will increase food insecurity in New York City and threaten the health and lives of the City's most vulnerable residents; and

Whereas, Congress and the President have the opportunity not only to reauthorize the Farm Bill, but also to increase funding for SNAP and other food and nutrition assistance programs; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the Council of the City of New York calls on Congress to pass, and the President to sign, a renewed Farm Bill that increases funding for life-saving food aid.

DIANA I. AYALA, *Chairperson*; KEVIN C. RILEY, TIFFANY L. CABÁN, ALEXA AVILÉS, CHI A. OSSÉ, LINCOLN RESTLER, ALTHEA V. STEVENS, SANDRA UNG, CHRIS BANKS; 9-0-0; Committee on General Welfare, December 19, 2024. *Other Council Member 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.

Report for voice-vote item Res. No. 468

Report of the Committee on Immigration in favor of approving a Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.5964/A.8263, also known as the Empire State Licensing Act, which provides all New Yorkers with access to professional, occupational, commercial, or business licenses, permits, certificates, or related registrations regardless of an applicant's citizenship or immigration status, or lack thereof.

The Committee on Immigration, to which the annexed resolution was referred on June 20, 2024 (Minutes, page 2537), respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

On December 19, 2024, the Committee on Immigration, chaired by Council Member Alexa Avilés, held a vote on: Resolution Number 468 (Res. 468), sponsored by Council Member Hudson, calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.5964/A.8263, also known as the Empire State Licensing Act, which provides all New Yorkers with access to professional, occupational, commercial, or business licenses, permits, certificates, or related registrations regardless of an applicant's citizenship or immigration status, or lack thereof. Res. 468 was heard on June 11, 2024. Resolution 468 was approved by the Committee by a vote of 6 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative. The Committee on Immigration also held a vote on Resolution Number 576, sponsored by Majority Leader Farías, calling on the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation amending the tax law to authorize the City of New York to offer a tax credit for businesses to incentivize the creation of workforce development and training programs for newly arrived immigrants. Res. 576 was heard on October 15, 2024. Resolution 576 was approved by the Committee by a vote of 6 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

#### I. BACKGROUND

#### a. Recent Immigration Trends in New York City

New York City has long benefitted from being a premier destination for immigrants from around the globe. The routes of immigration to the City, and the types of immigration status to which migrants have access,

however, change over time in response to shifting geopolitical and social contexts, as well as federal immigration laws and policies.<sup>1</sup> In recent years, New York City has seen a significant shift in how immigrant newcomers arrive, in large part because of the ad hoc transportation of migrants to New York City from states and cities near the southern U.S. border beginning in early 2022.<sup>2</sup>

Compared to prior years, newly arriving immigrant community members are more likely to be applying for asylum,<sup>3</sup> Temporary Protected Status (TPS), or other immigration pathways not based on employment status.<sup>4</sup> This means that a high proportion have not had the opportunity to apply for or secure work authorization prior to arrival, and may also be less likely to have established family or friend networks in the City. Accordingly, many have relied on the City's "right to shelter" upon arrival,<sup>5</sup> which requires the City to provide a bed and shelter for all people without access to housing.<sup>6</sup>

#### b. Common and Newer Pathways to Work Authorization

An individual's specific immigration status will determine which pathway they take to receive legal work authorization in the United States. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) maintains a website where prospective applicants may explore their options regarding immigration pathways and the associated work authorization eligibility. Different forms of work authorization may afford different levels of access to work opportunities. For example, some employment opportunities require applicants to be lawful permanent residents (LPRs) or U.S. citizens, while other jobs simply require applicants to have an employment authorization document (EAD), colloquially known as a work permit. Several categories of noncitizens may qualify for an EAD, including asylum-seekers and those who qualify for TPS.

### c. Application Support for Immigration and Work Authorization

At the beginning of the influx of new arrivals, Mayor Adams announced the opening of the City's first Asylum Seeker Resource Navigation System to serve as "a central location and referral network for asylum seekers to receive free and confidential assistance in navigating necessary services, including health care, Medicaid enrollment, vaccinations, school enrollment, immigration legal orientation, and IDNYC enrollment.."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See generally U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services [hereinafter USCIS], "Immigration and Naturalization Service Refugee Law and Policy Timeline, 1891-2003," <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/our-history/stories-from-the-archives/refugee-timeline">https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/our-history/stories-from-the-archives/refugee-timeline</a> (accessed May 31, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For example, from April to October 2022, the Mayor's office estimated that approximately 17,000 migrants had arrived to the City via transfers from cities located near the southern U.S. border, rising to 31,000 by November. This represented an estimated 2% increase of the total noncitizen population of New York City in the space of less than eight months. See City of New York, As City Anticipates Surpassing Highest Recorded Shelter Census, Mayor Adams Declares Asylum Seeker State of Emergency, Calls for Urgent Aid From Federal, State Governments, Oct. 7, 2022, <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/728-22/as-city-anticipates-surpassing-highest-recorded-shelter-census-mayor-adams-declares-asylum-seeker#/0; Gloria Pazmino, CNN, Two migrant buses arrived in New York City on Sunday and up to 15 more are expected in the next few days, Dec. 19, 2022, <a href="https://www.cnn.com/2022/12/18/us/more-migrant-buses-arrive-nyc/index.html">https://www.nigration.policy.org/data/state-profiles/state/demographics/NY</a> (last visited Dec. 29, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Individuals fleeing persecution have the right to seek asylum pursuant to the federal Refugee Act of 1980. *See generally Pro Bono Asylum Representation Manual: An Overview of Asylum Law & Procedure*, THE ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (2009), <a href="https://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/uploads/pro">https://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/uploads/pro</a> bono asylum representation manual 2009.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Muzaffar Chishti & Julia Gelatt, MIGRANT POLICY INSTITUTE, "Busing and Flights of Migrants by GOP Governors Mark a New Twist in State Intervention on Immigration," Sept. 28, 2022, <a href="https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/migrant-asylum-seeker-busing">https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/migrant-asylum-seeker-busing</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Andy Newman, New York Times, New York Faces Record Homelessness as Mayor Declares Migrant Emergency, Oct. 7, 2022, "As City Anticipates Surpassing Highest Recorded Shelter Census, Mayor Adams Declares Asylum Seeker State of Emergency, Calls for Urgent Aid From Federal, State Governments," Oct. 7, 2022, <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/728-22/as-city-anticipates-surpassing-highest-recorded-shelter-census-mayor-adams-declares-asylum-seeker#/0.">https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/728-22/as-city-anticipates-surpassing-highest-recorded-shelter-census-mayor-adams-declares-asylum-seeker#/0.</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Callahan v. Carey, No. 79-42582 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. County, Cot. 18, 1979) (establishing the right to shelter for single men); Consent Decree, Callahan v. Carey, No. 42582/79 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Co. Aug. 26, 1981); Eldredge v. Koch, 98 AD2d 675 (1st Dept. 1983) (establishing the right to shelter for women); McCain v. Koch, 117 AD2d 198 (1st Dept. 1987), rev'd in part, 70 NY2d 109 (extending the right to shelter to families with children). See also Callahan v. Carey, 307 A.D.2d 150, 762 N.Y.S.2d 349 (N.Y. App. Div. 2003).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, "Explore My Options," available at <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/forms/explore-my-options">https://www.uscis.gov/forms/explore-my-options</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, "Form I-765 Category," Employment Authorization, available at <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/employment-authorization">https://www.uscis.gov/employment-authorization</a>.

<sup>9</sup> Subsequently, in March 2023, the Adams administration announced plans to introduce a new Office of Asylum Seeker Operations (OASO) that would oversee and coordinate city agencies' response to newly arriving immigrant New Yorkers.<sup>10</sup> In June 2023, the services previously offered through the Asylum Seeker Resource Navigation System were transferred to the main Arrival Center based in the Roosevelt Hotel in Midtown Manhattan; a newly announced Asylum Application Help Center, also in Midtown, now provides assistance with certain immigration and work authorization applications.<sup>11</sup> However, MOIA continues to fund several Asylum Resource Navigation Centers, including two that provide workforce training.<sup>12</sup>

The Asylum Application Help Center, run by OASO, has provided application assistance Monday to Friday from 9AM to 5PM at the American Red Cross Greater New York headquarters since June 2023.<sup>13</sup> The center is staffed by pro bono attorneys and volunteers and provides support with filling out asylum, TPS, work authorization, and fee waiver applications through one-on-one appointments.<sup>14</sup> As of October 15, 2024, since its inception in June 2023, OASO's Asylum Application Help Center has helped immigrant newcomers file 29,000 asylum applications, 34,000 work authorization applications, 13,000 applications for Temporary Protected Status, and 39 petitions for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.<sup>15</sup> Notably, only City shelter residents can secure an appointment with the City's Asylum Application Help Center, or through referrals from legal service providers if the migrant has just exited the shelter system.<sup>16</sup> However, appointments for referrals are only prioritized if an individuals is within four weeks of their deadline to apply for asylum.<sup>17</sup>

#### d. Barriers to Work Authorization

#### i. Federal and state framework

Before applying for work permits, asylum seekers must wait at least 150 days after receiving confirmation that their I-589 asylum application was received. 18 After 180 days, and if the applicant has received work

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> New York City Office of the Mayor, *Mayor Adams, NYCEM, MOIA Open Resource Navigation Center to Support Newly Arrived Individuals and Families Seeking Asylum*, Sept. 15, 2022, <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/667-22/mayor-adams-nycemmoia-open-resource-navigation-center-support-newly-arrived-individuals-and#/0; see also National Immigration Law Center, "Building Worker Power Through Deferred Action: A Report on the First Year," Jan. 13, 2024, available at <a href="https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/NILC\_WorkersRightsReport-1.12.2024\_pdf">https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/NILC\_WorkersRightsReport-1.12.2024\_pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Mayor Adams Releases 'The Road Forward,' New Blueprint to Handle Asylum Seeker Crisis Moving Forward. NYC.Gov. (Mar., 7, 2023). Available at <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/assets/home/downloads/pdf/press-releases/2023/asylum-seeker-blueprint.pdf">https://www.nyc.gov/assets/home/downloads/pdf/press-releases/2023/asylum-seeker-blueprint.pdf</a>.

<sup>10</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Office of the Mayor. *Mayor Adams Announces Asylum Application Help Center*. NYC.GOV. (June 20, 2023). *Available at:* <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/433-23/mayor-adams-asylum-application-help-center">https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/433-23/mayor-adams-asylum-application-help-center</a>; NYC311, *Asylum Seekers*, "Asylum Seeker Resource Navigation Center," <a href="https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-03502">https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-03502</a> (accessed June 5, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> New York City Council Committee on Immigration and Committee on Small Business, *Oversight-Preparing Asylum Seekers and Migrants for the Workforce*. June 11, 2024. Transcript page 66-67. *Available at:*<a href="https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Options=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Options=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Options=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Options=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Options=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Options=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Options=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Options=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Options=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Options=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Options=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Options=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Options=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Options=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Optiondetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Optiondetail.aspx.ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Optiondetail.aspx.ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Optiondetail.aspx.ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1F848E637&Optiondetail.aspx.ID=6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> This center was put together with support from immigration legal service providers and pro-bono support of law firms including, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP; Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP; Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP; and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. Office of the Mayor. *Mayor Adams Announces Asylum Application Help Center*. NYC.GOV. (June 20, 2023). *Available at: https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/433-23/mayor-adams-asylum-application-help-center*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>center</u>

14 Parasnis, Phiroze. Mayor Eric Adams announces new NYC Asylum Application Help Center. (June 20, 2023). Available at: <a href="https://www.nbcnewyork.com/investigations/migrant-crisis/mayor-eric-adams-announces-new-nyc-asylum-application-help-center/4437783/">https://www.nbcnewyork.com/investigations/migrant-crisis/mayor-eric-adams-announces-new-nyc-asylum-application-help-center/4437783/</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Parra, Daniel. "Who Can Get Appointments at NYC's Asylum Application Help Center, And Who Can't?" City Limits (Sep. 11, 2024). *Available at:* <a href="https://citylimits.org/2024/09/11/who-can-get-appointments-at-nycs-asylum-application-help-center-and-who-cant/">https://citylimits.org/2024/09/11/who-can-get-appointments-at-nycs-asylum-application-help-center-and-who-cant/</a> <sup>17</sup> *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services. *Asylum. Available at <u>https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/refugees-and-asylum/asylum.</u> (Accessed June 6, 2024).* 

authorization documents, the individual is able to access employment. 19 For individuals applying for TPS, their work authorization application can be sent alongside their TPS application.<sup>20</sup> However, delays in accessing ICE appointments, the notices and court dates being sent to the wrong address, the limited legal services available, and the backlog of court cases contributes to the delay in these processes. Additionally, work authorization must be renewed and according to a recent change under the Biden Administration, for some renewal applicants their work authorization document validity will increase from 180 days to 540 days. <sup>21</sup> This authorization, along with an IDNYC, allows new immigrants an opportunity to obtain gainful employment and build lives in the City.<sup>22</sup>

#### ii. City policies

The introduction of the City's 30-day and 60-day shelter limitations has led to many concerns regarding new arrival's ability to access their mail and the important documents sent by the federal government related to their immigration cases and work authorization.<sup>23</sup> An assessment of these shelter limit policies by the Independent Budget Office (IBO) has also estimated up to \$1 billion in financial consequences associated with missed work authorizations.24

Unstable housing can contribute to a lack of stability in many other areas, like employment. Some of the migrants camped around Randall's Island have shared that since they found employment close to Randall's Island, they opted to camp near there instead of relocating to another borough's shelter.<sup>25</sup>

#### **Workforce Needs and Placement**

Immigrant New Yorkers participate in the labor force at high rates and make outsize contributions to the economic health of the City, <sup>26</sup> playing a critical role not only in the City's diverse and vibrant cultural life, but across a number of major economic sectors from construction, transportation, and manufacturing to health care, human services, and the City's world-famous hospitality industry.<sup>27</sup> In addition, Department of Small Business Services (SBS) has previously found that immigrant New Yorkers are "more than twice as likely as native-born residents to start their own business, and they comprise almost half of the City's more than 220,0000 small businesses."28 In the last decade, however, the size of New York City's immigrant workforce has largely stagnated, in part due to inefficient federal immigration laws and policies that have not been meaningfully updated in decades, as well as restrictive implementation policies under the Biden and Trump administrations.<sup>29</sup>

As the City continues to push for work authorization for asylum seekers and migrants, it is also necessary 19 Poblete, Gabriel. Asylum-Seekers Who Came Months Ago Still Say they Lack Housing, Legal Help Due to Immigration Status. THE

CITY. (Sept. 30, 2022) Available at https://www.thecity.nyc/2022/9/30/23381145/asylum-migrants-nyc-housing-jobs-lawyers. <sup>20</sup> U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services. Temporary Protected Status, Available at: https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporaryprotected-status#:~:text=When%20filing%20an%20initial%20TPS,separately%20at%20a%20later%20date. (Accessed on June 6, 2024). <sup>21</sup> Maurer, Roy. *USCIS Extends Renewal Period for Work Permits to 540 Days*. SHRM. (April 8, 2024). *Available at:* 

https://www.shrm.org/topics-tools/news/talent-acquisition/uscis-extends-540-day-renewal-work-authorization

22 Poblete, Gabriel. Next Stop for Asylum Seekers Newly Arrived in New York: Get IDNYC Card. THE CITY. (Aug. 8, 2022) Available at https://www.thecity.nyc/2022/8/8/23297454/asylum-seekers-nyc-id-card-library.

23 Parra, Daniel." Missed Mail is Complicating Migrants' Immigration Cases, Exacerbated by Shelter Deadlines." City Limits (July 22,

<sup>2024).</sup> Available at: https://citylimits.org/2024/07/22/missed-mail-is-complicating-migrants-immigration-cases-exacerbated-by-shelter-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> NYC Independent Budget Office. NYC Independent Budget Office Asylum Seeker Cost Projections For Fiscal Years 2025 & 2026. (May 2024). Available at: https://ibo.nyc.ny.us/iboreports/Ibo-asylum-seeker-projections-as-of-theexecutive-budget-may2024.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> The State Comptroller estimates that foreign-born workers contributed nearly \$383 billion to the City's economy in 2022; they comprise a high proportion of the labor force and 61 percent of the formal economy. New York City's total labor force includes nearly double the number of foreign-born workers relative to the national average. Office of the N.Y. State Comptroller, DiNapoli: NYC Immigrant Workforce Below 2015 Peak, March 21, 2024, https://www.osc.ny.gov/press/releases/2024/03/dinapoli-nyc-immigrantworkforce-below-2015-peak. <sup>27</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> NYC Department of Small Business Services. Unlocking Potential: Empowering New York City's Immigrant Entrepreneurs. 2017. Available at: https://www.nyc.gov/assets/sbs/downloads/pdf/about/reports/ibi report.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Id. For example, federal law for asylum seekers applying for refugee status is still rooted in the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 and the Refugee Act of 1980. See generally U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services [hereinafter USCIS], "Immigration and Naturalization Service Refugee Law and Policy Timeline, 1891-2003," https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/our-history/stories-from-thearchives/refugee-timeline (accessed May 31, 2024); Pro Bono Asylum Representation Manual: An Overview of Asylum Law &

to consider the training and information that can support immigrant newcomers in finding job opportunities and preparing to enter the workforce. Such preparation may include, for example, identifying and obtaining needed certifications, understanding relevant workplace norms in New York City, or finding and applying for job opportunities in the City. The labor pipeline for the construction sector is an instructive example: the Associated Builders and Contractors reports that the construction industry is currently suffering from a shortage and needs to attract half a million workers, in addition to the normal pace of hiring.<sup>30</sup> At the same time, the construction sector has historically employed and currently employs a high proportion of immigrant workers.<sup>31</sup> However, construction jobs require workers to obtain specific certifications, such as Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) that newly arrived immigrants may need support in accessing.<sup>32</sup>

The OSHA certification process serves as an example of the multitude of bureaucratic and logistical barriers that require planning and preparation to overcome. In the City, workers interested in construction must have 40 hours of OSHA safety training before they can start working.<sup>33</sup> Accessing an OSHA course, however, can be difficult: the price to pay for training out of pocket ranges from \$400 to \$650, and courses offered free of charge are frequently overwhelmed.<sup>34</sup> The nonprofit New Immigrant Community Empowerment reported an OSHA training waiting list of 300 to 400 people.<sup>35</sup> Additionally, OSHA training sites list no OSHA-authorized trainers who speak French, Yoruba, Arabic, or many other languages relevant to many Black immigrants in New York City, which notably makes OSHA training inaccessible for Black immigrants who do not speak Spanish or English.<sup>36</sup> Such a limited menu of languages is badly mismatched to existing needs in a City where nearly half of residents speak a language other than English at home,<sup>37</sup> including more than 35,400 French Creole speakers, 24,100 French speakers, 27,800 Arabic speakers, and 2,400 Yoruba speakers with limited English proficiency.<sup>38</sup> City agencies have a critical role to play in identifying and minimizing these and other bureaucratic and informational barriers.

Additionally, workforce development providers highlight the importance of English language skills in navigating the workplace. English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) are a critical component of workforce development for new arrival, but access to these programs is complicated by overwhelming demand.<sup>39</sup>

Procedure, THE ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (2009), available at

https://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/uploads/pro bono asylum representation manual 2009.pdf; American Immigration Council, "An Overview of U.S. Refugee Law and Policy" (2022), https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/overview-us-refugee-law-and-policy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Associated Builders and Contractors Empire State. 2024 Construction Workforce Shortage Tops Half a Million. (Jan 31, 2024). Available at: https://www.abcnys.org/2024-construction-workforce-shortage-tops-half-a-million/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Pavilon, Jacquelyn and Vicky Virgin. *Climbing the Ladder: Roadblocks Faced by Immigrants in the New York City Construction Industry*. Center for Migration Studies. (May 23, 2022). *Available at:* https://cmsny.org/publications/climbing-the-ladder-052322/ NYC. GOV. *Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) Construction Safety Certification Training*. (Jan 2019). *Available at:* 

https://www.nyc.gov/assets/brooklyncb4/downloads/pdf/news/OSHA-Training-Jan-2019.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Irizarry Aponte, Claudia, Tanaz Meghjani, and Gabriel Poblete. *Migrant Job-Seekers Face Long Waits for Required Construction Safety Course*. THE CITY. (Mar. 14, 2024). *Available at:* <a href="https://www.thecity.nyc/2022/11/14/osha-30-construction-safety-training-immigrants/">https://www.thecity.nyc/2022/11/14/osha-30-construction-safety-training-immigrants/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> De La Hoz, Felipe. Preparing Today's Asylum Seekers to be Tomorrow's Workforce. CENTER FOR AN URBAN FUTURE.

(September 2023) Available at: https://pycfuture.org/research/preparing todays asylum-seekers-for tomorrows jobs

<sup>(</sup>September 2023). Available at: <a href="https://nycfuture.org/research/preparing-todays-asylum-seekers-for-tomorrows-jobs.">https://nycfuture.org/research/preparing-todays-asylum-seekers-for-tomorrows-jobs.</a>

36 Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Outreach Trainers Search (State: New York State, Search by Language French), available at <a href="https://www.osha.gov/dte/outreach/outreach/trainers/page=0&state=NY&language=French">https://www.osha.gov/dte/outreach/outreach/outreach/trainers/page=0&state=NY&language=Yoruba</a>. Accessed on April 10, 2024; Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Outreach Trainers Search (State: New York State, Search by Language Arabic), available at <a href="https://www.osha.gov/dte/outreach/outreach\_trainers/page=0&state=NY&language=Arabic">https://www.osha.gov/dte/outreach/outreach\_trainers/page=0&state=NY&language=Arabic</a>. Accessed on April 10, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> NYC Planning, Language Access, https://www.nyc.gov/site/planning/about/language-access.page (accessed June 5, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> As of 2022. NYC Planning, *Population: American Community Survey (ACS) Data Tables*, https://www.nyc.gov/site/planning/about/language-access.page (accessed June 5, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> De La Hoz, Felipe. *Preparing Today's Asylum Seekers to be Tomorrow's Workforce*. CENTER FOR AN URBAN FUTURE. (September 2023). *Available at:* https://nycfuture.org/research/preparing-todays-asylum-seekers-for-tomorrows-jobs.

The City's three public library systems each reported ESOL program waitlists ranging between 1,500 to 2,000 students. $^{40}$ 

#### f. Existing Workforce Programs

i. New York City - American Dream Works and Workforce1 Career Centers

In December 2023, SBS introduced a new program, "American Dream Works," designed to connect businesses with work-authorized asylum seekers through SBS's Workforce1 Career Centers. SBS's 18 Workforce1 Career Centers are located throughout the five boroughs and provide all New Yorkers with free career-related services and support, including information about job fairs, financial counseling, interview prep, and resources to pay for job training. In the Mayor's Management Report (MMR) for 2024, SBS noted an increase of walk-in traffic, jobseekers registered through the system for the first time, and customers served and attributed some of those increases to outreach targeting recent immigrant jobseekers. SBS also noted that although the numbers of hires and promotions has slightly decreased from the previous fiscal year, this was due to SBS' focus on career development, financial advisement and connection to employment for immigrant newcomers.

The American Dream Works program is intended to tailor some of these services more specifically to immigrants who have received work authorization, <sup>47</sup> but it is not clear whether or to what extent this represents an expansion of pre-existing services. SBS's website does not describe where to find support for applying for work authorization, nor does it specify American Dream Works eligibility requirements, such as whether job seekers can access training or other resources before a work authorization application is submitted or approved. <sup>48</sup> According to SBS testimony from June's joint hearing, 19 languages are available across the entire Workforce1 System. <sup>49</sup>

#### ii. New York State

In August of 2023, New York State's Department of Labor (DOL) performed outreach to employers across the state to identify the number of private sector positions available to asylum seekers and migrants.<sup>50</sup> The outreach determined that more than 18,000 jobs were available through roughly 400 employers as of October 2023;<sup>51</sup> within months, the New York State Department of Labor had identified nearly 40,000 potential job placements open to migrants and asylum seekers, and had received over 1,000 business inquiry forms from the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> NYC Dept of Small Business Services, SBS Commissioner Kevin D. Kim Celebrates Historic Milestones for NYC Entrepreneurs, Workers, And Neighborhoods, Dec. 21, 2023, https://www.nyc.gov/site/sbs/about/pr20231221-sbsmilestones-2023.page.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> *Id.*; NYC Dept. of Small Business, *American Dream Works*, <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/site/sbs/careers/american-dream-works.page">https://www.nyc.gov/site/sbs/careers/american-dream-works.page</a> (accessed June 5, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> NYC Department of Small Business Services, Careers Page, https://www.nyc.gov/site/sbs/careers/careers.page.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> NYC311, Workforce1 Career Centers, https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-01796.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Department of Small Business Services, Mayor's Management Report Fiscal Year 2024. Available at: <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/assets/operations/downloads/pdf/mmr2024/37\_sbs.pdf">https://www.nyc.gov/assets/operations/downloads/pdf/mmr2024/37\_sbs.pdf</a> [Accessed on November 27, 2024]. <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/assets/operations/downloads/pdf/mmr2024/37\_sbs.pdf">https://www.nyc.gov/assets/operations/downloads/pdf/mmr2024/37\_sbs.pdf</a> [Accessed on November 27, 2024].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> See generally NYC Dept. of Small Business, American Dream Works, <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/site/sbs/careers/american-dream-works.page">https://www.nyc.gov/site/sbs/careers/american-dream-works.page</a> (accessed June 5, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> For example, the SBS website directs asylum seekers to the federal website on Employment Authorization Documents, but SBS's intake survey allows an applicant to mark whether they have applied for work authorization, and if so when the application was submitted. SBS Job Seeker Inquiry Form,

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=x2\_1MoFfIk6pWxXaZIE774OcAY8YX-dNticShN0CtchUNDFLM1M4NlhHR0M5TUITV0JNRVU1NTcwSi4u (accessed June 5, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> New York City Council Committee on Immigration and Committee on Small Business, *Oversight-Preparing Asylum Seekers and Migrants for the Workforce*. June 11, 2024. Transcript page 27. *Available at:*<a href="https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationDetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationDetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationDetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationDetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationDetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationDetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationDetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationDetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationDetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationDetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationDetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationdetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848F637&Ontions=&Search="https://legislationDetail.aspx?ID=6701007&GUID=39B5B94B-2F71-49A1-A7FB-1CB1E848B94B94B94B

ICB1F848E637&Options=&Search=

50 New York State Governor's Office. Governor Hochul Announces 18,000 Jobs Available to Asylum Seekers and Migrants as Part of Statewide Initiative to Move Individuals Out of Shelter and Into Independent Living. (Oct. 2, 2023). Available at:

https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-18000-jobs-available-asylum-seekers-and-migrants-part-statewide.

51 Id.

private sector who were willing to hire undocumented New Yorkers with legal work status.<sup>52</sup> Some industries interested in hiring asylum seekers include accommodation and food services, healthcare, and social assistance.<sup>53</sup> Employers interested in hiring migrants and asylum seekers can register their business through a portal, and at the same time asylum seekers and migrants with work authorization can register for assistance.<sup>54</sup>

In addition, to this private sector outreach, in January Governor Hochul announced that the State had identified 10,000 unfilled positions within state agencies, including 4,000 entry-level openings in clerical or administrative roles, technical support, equipment service and repair and food services.<sup>55</sup> The state also worked to identify several key barriers to hiring migrants and asylum seekers, such as when applicants had international educational qualifications or work experience that were difficult for agencies to verify despite applicants' demonstrable skills and qualifications.<sup>56</sup> Subsequently, the State Civil Service Commission voted to work with agencies to implement changes in application requirements, such as dropping requirements for a high school diploma or proficiency in English where those were deemed unnecessary.<sup>57</sup>

#### iii. New York City Private Sector

Some private sector businesses have coordinated their own hiring efforts to bring migrants and asylum seekers into their workforces. Careers through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP) recently introduced a pilot program to train new arrivals with "instruction in food service fundamentals," with the ultimate goal to place trainees in the workforce. Many other private sector businesses have expressed interest in hiring asylum seekers and migrants, especially in the wake of job shortages across the state, however, barriers to accessing work permits have complicated these potential placements. 9

#### II. LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

**a.** Resolution 468- Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.5964/A.8263, also known as the Empire State Licensing Act, which provides all New Yorkers with access to professional, occupational, commercial, or business licenses, permits, certificates, or related registrations regardless of an applicant's citizenship or immigration status, or lack thereof

This resolution calls on the New York State Legislature to pass the Empire State Licensing Act, to amend numerous New York State laws and repeal certain provisions to remove barriers for licensing that New Yorkers face because of their immigration status.

**b.** Resolution 576- Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation amending the tax law to authorize the City of New York to offer a tax credit for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Spectrum News NY1, *Gov. Hochul approves temporary government jobs for migrants*, Jan. 30, 2024, <a href="https://ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/politics/2024/01/31/gov--hochul-approves-temporary-government-jobs-for-migrants">https://ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/politics/2024/01/31/gov--hochul-approves-temporary-government-jobs-for-migrants</a>; Spectrum News, *DOL: Nearly 40K jobs identified for NY migrants*, Dec. 18, 2023, <a href="https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/politics/2023/12/19/dol--nearly-40k-jobs-identified-for-ny-migrants">https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/politics/2023/12/19/dol--nearly-40k-jobs-identified-for-ny-migrants</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Spectrum News, *DOL: Nearly 40K jobs identified for NY migrants*, Dec. 18, 2023, <a href="https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/politics/2023/12/19/dol--nearly-40k-jobs-identified-for-ny-migrants">https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/politics/2023/12/19/dol--nearly-40k-jobs-identified-for-ny-migrants</a>.

<sup>54</sup> *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Spectrum News NY1, *Gov. Hochul approves temporary government jobs for migrants*, Jan. 30, 2024, <a href="https://ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/politics/2024/01/31/gov--hochul-approves-temporary-government-jobs-for-migrants">https://ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/politics/2024/01/31/gov--hochul-approves-temporary-government-jobs-for-migrants</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Spectrum News NY1, *Gov. Hochul approves temporary government jobs for migrants*, Jan. 30, 2024, <a href="https://ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/politics/2024/01/31/gov--hochul-approves-temporary-government-jobs-for-migrants">https://ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/politics/2024/01/31/gov--hochul-approves-temporary-government-jobs-for-migrants</a>.

<sup>57</sup> *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Romeo, Peter. *New York tries a program for turning asylum seekers into restaurant cooks*. RESTAURANT BUSINESS. (Jan. 31, 2024). *Available at:* <a href="https://www.restaurantbusinessonline.com/workforce/new-york-tries-program-turning-asylum-seekers-restaurant-cooks">https://www.restaurantbusinessonline.com/workforce/new-york-tries-program-turning-asylum-seekers-restaurant-cooks</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Mckinley, Jesse and Luis Ferré-Sadurní. *New York Employers Are Eager to Hire Migrants. They Can't.* NYTIMES. (September 9, 2023). *Available at:* https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/09/nyregion/migrants-work-permits.html

businesses to incentivize the creation of workforce development and training programs for newly arrived immigrants

This resolution calls on the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation amending the tax law to enable New York City to offer tax credits that incentivize businesses to create workforce development and training programs for newly arrived immigrants. This resolution acknowledges a growing demand and limited supply for workforce development and training programs and the significant role of immigrants in the workforce.

(For text of Res. No. 576, please see the Report of the Committee on Immigration for Res. No. 576 printed in this voice-vote Resolutions calendar section of these Minutes; for text of Res. No. 468, please see below)

Accordingly, this Committee recommends the adoption of Res. Nos. 468 and 576.

(The following is the text of Res. No. 468:)

Res. No. 468

Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.5964/A.8263, also known as the Empire State Licensing Act, which provides all New Yorkers with access to professional, occupational, commercial, or business licenses, permits, certificates, or related registrations regardless of an applicant's citizenship or immigration status, or lack thereof.

By Council Members Hudson, Rivera, Hanif, Cabán, Gutiérrez, Avilés, De La Rosa and Bottcher.

**Whereas**, According to the 2021 American Community Survey, in New York State there are roughly 4.4 million immigrant residents; and

Whereas, According to further analysis by the Migration Policy Institute, about 835,000 of the immigrants in New York State are undocumented; and

Whereas, Undocumented immigrants face many barriers to accessing the workforce; and

Whereas, Notwithstanding these barriers, according to the American Immigration Council, immigrants make up a significant proportion of New York State's workforce at 27.2%, despite only making up 22% of the state's population; and

Whereas, Immigrants contribute significantly to some of the state's fastest growing industries, some of which have workforce shortages, including healthcare and education; and

**Whereas**, The growing workforce demand, in particular for healthcare, social work, and education, include a growing demand for workers with bilingual skills; and

Whereas, However, in New York State access to the workforce is complicated by legal restrictions that prohibit undocumented immigrants from obtaining many professional licenses, regardless of education; and

Whereas, Under New York State law, some immigrants are prohibited from accessing professional, occupational, commercial, or business licenses, permits, certificates, and registrations because of their immigration status; and

Whereas, S.5964, introduced by Senator Gustavo Rivera and pending in the New York State Senate, and companion bill A.8263, introduced by Assembly Member Catalina Cruz and pending in the New York State Assembly, seek to provide access to professional licensing for all New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status; and

Whereas, S.5964/A.8263, also known as the Empire State Licensing Act, would amend numerous New York State laws and repeal certain provisions to remove barriers for licensing that New Yorkers face because of their immigration status; and

Whereas, The Empire State Licensing Act would increase the workforce in New York State in important areas, including nursing and teaching; and

**Whereas**, According to a report from the Office of the New York City Comptroller, there are roughly 476,000 undocumented immigrants residing in New York City and many could benefit from a change to the licensing regulations; and

Whereas, Increasing the number of available employees by increasing access to licenses could help combat the significant labor shortages in New York; and

Whereas, Immigrants are huge contributors to the New York economy, and curtailing access to fields that would benefit from licensed and capable professionals only exacerbate New York's labor shortages; 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.5964/A.8263, also known as the Empire State Licensing Act, which provides all New Yorkers with access to professional, occupational, commercial, or business licenses, permits, certificates, or related registrations regardless of an applicant's citizenship or immigration status, or lack thereof.

ALEXA AVILÉS, *Chairperson*; ERIK D. BOTTCHER, GALE A. BREWER, CARMEN N. De La ROSA, RITA C. JOSEPH, SHEKAR KRISHNAN; 6-0-0; *Absent*: Shahana K. Hanif; Committee on Immigration, December 19, 2024. *Other Council Members Attending: Council Members Farías and Hudson*.

Pursuant to Rule 8.50 of the Council, Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Farías) called for a voice vote. Hearing those in favor, the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Farías) declared the Resolution to be adopted.

The following 8 Council Members formally noted their intention to vote in the **negative** against this item: Council Members Ariola, Carr, Hanks, Holden, Marmorato, Paladino, Vernikov, and the Minority Leader (Council Member Borelli).

The following Council Member formally noted his intention to **abstain** from voting on this item: Council Member Yeger.

Adopted by the Council by voice-vote.

#### Report for voice-vote item Res. No. 521

Report of the Committee on Civil Service and Labor in favor of approving a Resolution calling on the United States Department of Labor to expand the number of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) authorized outreach trainers in New York City's ten designated languages.

The Committee on Civil Service and Labor, to which the annexed resolution was referred on August 15, 2024 (Minutes, page 2973), respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

(For text of report, please see the Report of the Committee on Civil Service and Labor for Int. No. 265-A printed in the Reports of the Committee on Standing Committees section of these Minutes)

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.

### (The following is the text of Res. No. 521:)

Res. No. 521

Resolution calling on the United States Department of Labor to expand the number of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) authorized outreach trainers in New York City's ten designated languages.

By Council Members Farías, Hanif, Ossé, De La Rosa, Narcisse, Ung, Joseph, Won, Cabán, Gutiérrez, Brannan, Louis, Bottcher, Avilés, Rivera, Hanks and Mealy.

Whereas, The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is a federal agency under the United States Department of Labor (DOL), which is responsible for regulating federal and private sector workplaces to ensure safe and healthy conditions; and

Whereas, In New York State, an OSHA-approved State plan further regulates both state and local government working conditions; and

Whereas, In addition to performing inspections, OSHA certifies workers in particular sectors and provides outreach trainings for four primary industries, including construction, general industry, maritime, and disaster sites; and

Whereas, These trainings provide guidance on safety practices in an industry as well as information on basic rights in the workplace; and

**Whereas**, In New York City, most construction and demolition workers are also required to complete 40 hours of site safety training (SST) through 30 and 10-hour OSHA courses; and

Whereas, In New York City Local Law 196 of 2017 mandates 40 hours of SST for certain construction and demolition sites through Local Law (LL) 196 of 2017, which was passed in response to increased injuries and deaths on construction sites; and

**Whereas**, These SST's are facilitated by OSHA authorized trainers who are authorized through OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Centers; and

Whereas, According to OSHA's website, OTI Education Centers are selected through a national competitive process with the closest of the current 36 centers to New York City being Somerset, New Jersey, Baltimore, Maryland and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Pricing on several OTI Education Centers websites indicates that these courses cost \$895; and

Whereas, OSHA also lists the names, locations, industries taught, and languages spoken by their authorized trainers; and

**Whereas**, In New York State there are 1,044 OSHA-authorized outreach trainers in construction, 347 in general industry, 20 in disaster sites, and 4 in maritime; and

Whereas, New York City is one of the most linguistically diverse cities in the United States; and

**Whereas**, In 2017 the City designated 10 languages spoken most by New Yorkers with limited English proficiency and required that City agencies to provide resources and services in these languages; and

**Whereas**, Only 123 construction outreach trainers in New York can train in a language other than English, 35 in general industry, 5 in disaster sites, and none in maritime; and

Whereas, Additional breakdowns of OSHA's outreach trainers in New York City's 10 designated languages shows further limitations; and

**Whereas**, Spanish-language trainers are more prevalent according to OSHA, with 88 in construction, 29 in general industry, and 3 in disaster sites; and

Whereas, Of the OSHA authorized outreach trainers in constructions, only two speak Korean, four speak Russian, one is a Bengali-speaking trainer, three speak Urdu, and nine construction trainers can train in Chinese, although OSHA's website does not specify if the Chinese is Mandarin, Cantonese, or Taiwanese, which are the specific languages indicated in the City's Chinese language designation; and

Whereas, Of the OSHA authorized outreach trainers in general industry and disaster sites, only two Arabic-speaking trainers can perform general industry training, and only one Urdu-speaking can provide disaster site training; and

**Whereas**, There are no outreach trainers in any industry in New York who can train in Haitian-Creole, French, or Polish; and

Whereas, Additionally, the City continues to see rising numbers of individuals coming from Spanish, French, Arabic, Cantonese, Mandarin, and Haitian-Creole speaking countries and if they are interested in engaging with New York City professions that require OSHA safety trainings, these trainings must be available to them in their preferred languages; and

Whereas, In a city rich with languages, with ten specifically designated as the most spoken in the City, limited access to trainings that provide life-saving practices in the workplace can severely jeopardize a worker's safety or limit access to professions that desperately need workers; and

Whereas, Reporting from Associated Builders and Contractors has shown that the construction industry, which historically has been a sector with a significant number of immigrant workers, is dealing with a massive shortage of workers; and

Whereas, According to Associated Builders and Contractors, in 2025 the construction industry needs to hire over 450,000 workers, in addition to their normal hiring pace, to meet the growing demand for labor; and

**Whereas**, Additionally, more than 1 in 5 construction workers are 55 or older and likely to retire soon, threatening an even larger shortage; and

Whereas, Empowering immigrant workers through information on basic worker rights and safety practices that could save their lives is imperative to ensuring that immigrant workers are protected in the workplace; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the United States Department of Labor to expand the number of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) authorized outreach trainers in New York City's ten designated languages.

CARMEN N. DE LA ROSA, *Chairperson*, FRANCISCO P. MOYA, ERIC DINOWITZ, OSWALD J. FELIZ, TIFFANY CABÁN, ERIK D. BOTTCHER, KAMILLAH M. HANKS, JULIE MENIN, YUSEF SALAAM; 9-0-0; Committee on Civil Service and Labor, December 19, 2024. *Other Council Members Attending: Council Members Joseph and Farías*.

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.

#### Report for voice-vote item Res. No. 522

Report of the Committee on Civil Service and Labor in favor of approving a Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign A.10225/S.9376, also known as *The Good Jobs Guarantee Act*, which would establish certain workforce training programs and increase employment opportunities for New Yorkers.

The Committee on Civil Service and Labor, to which the annexed resolution was referred on August 15, 2024 (Minutes, page 2977), respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

(For text of report, please see the Report of the Committee on Civil Service and Labor for Int. No. 265-A printed in the Reports of the Committee on Standing Committees section of these Minutes)

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.

#### (The following is the text of Res. No. 522:)

Res. No. 522

Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign A.10225/S.9376, also known as *The Good Jobs Guarantee Act*, which would establish certain workforce training programs and increase employment opportunities for New Yorkers.

By Council Members Menin, Williams, Brannan, Brewer, Krishnan, Schulman, De La Rosa, Riley, Louis, Banks, Dinowitz, Bottcher, Cabán, Rivera, Farías, Hanks and Mealy.

Whereas, According to *The New York Times*, nearly two-thirds of American workers do not have a four-year college degree including 76 percent of Black adults and 83 percent of Latino adults; and

Whereas, New York City's economic and employment landscape present considerable obstacles for individuals without a four-year college degree to secure a high-quality job; and

**Whereas**, According to a 2023 *U.S. News* report, the median annual salary for New York City is \$74,108; and

Whereas, The majority of jobs in New York that pay at least \$60,000 require a four-year college degree; and

Whereas, Creating a program that seeks to remedy the disparities and promote access to high-quality job placement is greatly needed; and

Whereas, A.10025, introduced by New York State Assemblymember Nily Rozic, and S.9376, introduced by New York State Senator Michael Gianaris are pending in the New York State Legislature and seek to establish a job placement program for low-income individuals who do not have a four-year degree; and

Whereas, A.10025/S.9376 are also known as The Good Jobs Guarantee Act; and

Whereas, *The Good Jobs Guarantee Act* would amend the New York State Economic Development Law and the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act by establishing the Good Jobs Guarantee program within the Empire State Development Corporation; and

Whereas, The Good Jobs Guarantee program would provide both workforce training opportunities and post-training employment to individuals, specifically those who are low-income without four-year college degrees; and

**Whereas**, This pathway to employment would be structured through a public-private partnership providing participants the prospects with high-quality employment without incurring debt; and

Whereas, Enacting *The Good Jobs Guarantee Act* will help underserved individuals and communities that would otherwise not be afforded such high-quality employment opportunities without being saddled with large amount of debt; 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 A.10225/S.9376, also known as *The Good Jobs Guarantee Act*, which would establish certain workforce training programs and increase employment opportunities for New Yorkers.

CARMEN N. DE LA ROSA, *Chairperson*, FRANCISCO P. MOYA, ERIC DINOWITZ, OSWALD J. FELIZ, TIFFANY CABÁN, ERIK D. BOTTCHER, KAMILLAH M. HANKS, JULIE MENIN, YUSEF SALAAM; 9-0-0; Committee on Civil Service and Labor, December 19, 2024. *Other Council Members Attending: Council Members Joseph and Farías*.

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.

#### Report for voice-vote item Res. No. 576

Report of the Committee on Immigration in favor of approving a Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation amending the tax law to authorize the City of New York to offer a tax credit for businesses to incentivize the creation of workforce development and training programs for newly arrived immigrants.

The Committee on Immigration, to which the annexed resolution was referred on September 26, 2024 (Minutes, page 3253), respectfully

#### **REPORTS:**

(For text of report, please see the Report of the Committee on Immigration for Res. No. 468 printed above in this voice-vote Resolutions Calendar section of these Minutes)

Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.

(The following is the text of Res. No. 576:)

Res. No. 576

Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation amending the tax law to authorize the City of New York to offer a tax credit for businesses to incentivize the creation of workforce development and training programs for newly arrived immigrants.

By Council Members Farías, Avilés, Louis, Hanif, Gutiérrez, Restler, Won, Rivera, Bottcher and Mealy.

Whereas, New York City has welcomed a significant number of newly arrived immigrants over the past two years who want to join New York City's workforce; and

**Whereas**, However, according to reporting from the New York State Comptroller's office, the New York State immigrant workforce is below its 2015 peak; and

**Whereas**, The Comptroller's report also notes that in 2023, the City had 10,000 fewer immigrants than in 2015; and

Whereas, Several industries in the City rely heavily on foreign born workers including construction, which has been facing a significant shortage, transportation and utilities, and manufacturing, but contributions made by immigrants extend beyond these industries; and

**Whereas**, A 2024 report from the *Immigration Research Initiative* estimated that in the first year after an immigrant's arrival, for each 1,000 newly arrived immigrant workers, state and local tax revenue would increase by \$2.6 million; and

**Whereas**, However, integration into the workforce without the proper training can be complicated for new arrivals and workforce development is key to ensuring stability, safety, and growth in the workplace; and

Whereas, According to the *Center for an Urban Future*, with the influx of new arrivals, workforce development providers have been struggling to meet the increasing demand for their services, and waitlists are growing; and

Whereas, The demand for workforce development services continues to increase and without resources available to support this demand, new arrivals may struggle to find employment even after obtaining work permits; and

Whereas, New York City businesses have expressed interest in hiring new arrivals with work authorization, but if new arrivals require workforce development and training, businesses may be less likely to hire them, particularly if they do not have the resources to provide workforce development training themselves; and

Whereas, However, if certain businesses are incentivized to create workforce development and training programs, the growing demand for these services can begin to be met; and

Whereas, Tax credits are often utilized to incentivize businesses, with one recent example being the Biotechnology Tax Credit; and

**Whereas**, The Biotechnology Tax Credit was created by state law for qualified biotechnology companies in the City and can be applied to the business corporation tax, the general corporation tax, and the unincorporated business tax; and

**Whereas**, In 2023, the New York State Legislature passed S.4009C/A.3009C, that allowed New York City to renew this credit, which covers certain expenses of biotechnology companies; and

Whereas, The Biotechnology Tax Credit's goal is to encourage the growth of small life-science companies and support job creation; and

Whereas, This tax credit model could be applied to New York City businesses to develop and provide workforce development and training; and

Whereas, Successful integration into the workforce requires the proper resources, and once those resources are accessed they can provide stability for new arrivals and eventually growth for the City's economy; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation amending the tax law to authorize the City of New York to offer a tax credit for businesses to incentivize the creation of workforce development and training programs for newly arrived immigrants.

ALEXA AVILÉS, *Chairperson*; ERIK D. BOTTCHER, GALE A. BREWER, CARMEN N. De La ROSA, RITA C. JOSEPH, SHEKAR KRISHNAN; 6-0-0; *Absent*: Shahana K. Hanif; Committee on Immigration, December 19, 2024. *Other Council Members Attending: Council Members Farías and Hudson*.

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 those in favor, the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Farías) declared the Resolution to be adopted.

The following 7 Council Members formally noted their intention to vote in the **negative** against this item:

Council Members Ariola, Carr, Holden, Marmorato, Paladino, Vernikov, and the Minority Leader (Council Member Borelli).

Adopted by the Council by voice-vote.

#### INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS

Int. No. 1139

By Council Member Ariola.

### A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to hours of operation of adult-use cannabis retail dispensaries

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 4 of title 20 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subchapter 16 to read as follows:

#### SUBCHAPTER 16 LICENSED CANNABIS BUSINESSES

§ 20-699.31 Definitions. For purposes of this subchapter, the following terms have the following meanings: Adult-use cannabis retail dispensary. The term "adult-use cannabis retail dispensary" means a business authorized by an adult-use retail dispensary license as described in section 72 of the cannabis law or a successor provision, including a conditional adult-use cannabis retail dispensary license.

Cannabis product. The term "cannabis product" has the same meaning as set forth in subdivision 9 of section 3 of the cannabis law.

- § 20-699.32 Hours of operation. a. A person engaging in business as an adult-use cannabis retail dispensary shall sell or offer to sell cannabis products only between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
- b. Any person who violates subdivision a of this section or any rule promulgated pursuant thereto is liable for a civil penalty recoverable in a proceeding before the office of administrative trials and hearings pursuant to section 1048 of the charter as follows:
  - 1. For a first violation, a civil penalty of \$1,000; and
- 2. For each subsequent violation underlying a notice of violation issued on a different day within a period of 2 years after the date of a notice of violation issued for the first violation, a civil penalty of \$2,000.
  - § 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection.

Int. No. 1140

By Council Member Ariola.

# A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to annual reporting on firehouse vehicles, equipment and supplies

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 15-151 to read as follows:

§ 15-151 Report on firehouse inventory. a. Report. No later than 1 year 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 regarding firehouse vehicles, equipment and supplies. In addition to any reporting required pursuant to section 1110-a of the charter, the report shall include the following information for each firehouse:

- 1. An inventory of all vehicles, equipment and supplies, including an assessment of the condition of all vehicles and equipment;
  - 2. Projected future needs for new vehicles, equipment and supplies, including estimated costs;
  - 3. Projected future needs for maintenance of existing vehicles and equipment, including estimated costs;
  - 4. The date of the most recent maintenance undertaken, for all vehicles and equipment; and
- 5. Any future maintenance needed, and an estimated date of completion of such maintenance, for all vehicles and equipment.
  - § 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Fire and Emergency Management.

#### Int. No. 1141

By Council Member Ariola.

# A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the installation of security cameras in parks

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 18 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 18-165 to read as follows:

§ 18-165 Camera installation in parks. Every 2 years after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the commissioner shall install security cameras in at least 25 percent of all parks under the jurisdiction of the commissioner, until all parks under the jurisdiction of the commissioner have security cameras installed. In determining which parks to prioritize for installation of security cameras, the commissioner shall consider the number of major felony crime complaints reported under paragraph 2 of subdivision a of section 14-150 for each park. The security cameras shall be installed in the locations in each park where the commissioner, in consultation with the police commissioner, determines that crime is most likely to occur.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Parks and Recreation.

#### Int. No. 1142

By Council Members Ariola and Riley.

# A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to installing child with autism warning plaques on streets

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 19-188.3 to read as follows:

§ 19-188.3 Child with autism plaques. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Address of residence. The term "address of residence" means the address at which a child with autism resides at the time the parent or legal guardian of such child with autism makes a request for a child with autism plaque under subdivision b of this section.

Autism spectrum disorder. The term "autism spectrum disorder" means behavior that meets relevant diagnostic criteria contained within the American Psychiatric Association's diagnostic and statistical manual, fifth edition, as may be revised from time to time.

Child with autism. The term "child with autism" means any individual under the age of 18 who has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

Child with autism plaque. The term "child with autism plaque" means a plaque used with a warning sign to warn a motorist of the presence of a child with autism, consistent with the most recent version of the manual on uniform traffic control devices and chapter V of title 17 of the New York code, rules and regulations, regarding the New York state supplement to the manual on uniform traffic control devices, or a successor provision.

- b. Requests for installation. The commissioner shall install a child with autism plaque if requested by a parent or legal guardian of a child with autism. The commissioner shall require such parent or legal guardian to provide, at minimum, proof of such child's diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, age, and address of residence in a form and manner and at a frequency that the commissioner shall determine.
- c. Installation. 1. Within 2 weeks of receipt of a request for the installation of a child with autism plaque under subdivision b of this section, the commissioner shall install such plaque.
- 2. The commissioner shall determine the location for the installation of a child with autism plaque after considering the relevant child with autism's address of residence and any locational requirements in chapter V of title 17 of the New York code, rules and regulations, regarding the New York state supplement to the manual on uniform traffic control devices, or a successor provision.
- d. Prioritization of requests for installation. The commissioner shall prioritize requests for installation of child with autism plaques in the order in which the commissioner receives such requests. The commissioner may establish an area of square feet encompassing a child with autism plaque that the commissioner plans to install or that is already installed, within which the commissioner shall not install any other child with autism plaque.
  - e. Removal. The commissioner shall remove a child with autism plaque in the following instances:
- 1. After the relevant child with autism has moved from the address of residence, or, in the case of a child with autism plaque having been installed on the basis of children with autism with different addresses of residence, after all the relevant children with autism have moved from such addresses;
- 2. After the relevant child with autism turns 18 or some other age under 18 as determined by the commissioner, or, in the case of a child with autism plaque having been installed on the basis of multiple children with autism, after the youngest relevant child with autism reaches the age of 18 or some other age under 18 as determined by the commissioner;
- 3. At the request of the parent or legal guardian of the relevant child with autism, or, in the case of a child with autism plaque having been installed on the basis of multiple children with autism, at the request of all of the parents or legal guardians of the relevant children with autism;
- 4. If standards or guidance within the manual on uniform traffic control devices or chapter V of title 17 of the New York code, rules and regulations, regarding the New York state supplement to the manual on uniform traffic control devices, or a successor provision prohibit the placement of a child with autism plaque; and
  - 5. Otherwise upon the determination of the commissioner.
  - § 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Int. No. 1143

By Council Members Avilés, Hanif and Restler

#### A Local Law in relation to a feasibility study of zero-emission port operations

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:

City. The term "city" means the city of New York.

Commercial marine vessel. The term "commercial marine vessel" means a cruise ship or a cargo ship.

Criteria air pollutant. The term "criteria air pollutant" means a pollutant for which the United States environmental protection agency has set national ambient air quality standards pursuant to part 50 of title 40 of the code of federal regulations.

Office. The term "office" means the office of long-term planning and sustainability.

Port operations. The term "port operations" means all aspects of port transportation, maintenance, loading, and unloading, including commercial marine vessels, material handling equipment, trucks, and locomotives.

Zero-emission. The term "zero-emission" means no emission of any greenhouse gas or any criteria air pollutant.

- b. Study. The office, in consultation with the New York city economic development corporation, shall study the feasibility of transitioning all city ports to zero-emission port operations. The office shall invite the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies and authorities to participate and offer feedback. Such study shall also take into consideration the climate adaptation plan proposed pursuant to section 24-808 of the administrative code of the city of New York, the work of the New York city panel on climate change established pursuant to section 3-122 of the New York city charter, the comprehensive waterfront plan prepared pursuant to section 205 of the New York city charter, and the environmental justice plan and study required by sections 3-1003 and 3-1007 of the administrative code of the city of New York. Such feasibility study shall:
  - 1. Evaluate the readiness of city ports to transition to zero-emission port operations;
  - 2. Evaluate whether a transition to zero-emission port operations can be completed by 2040;
  - 3. Evaluate the technology available to assist in this transition;
  - 4. Evaluate the investments needed to achieve this transition;
- 5. Evaluate whether the port operations workforce is prepared to make this transition, and if not, whether training programs can be made available to the workforce;
- 6. Evaluate whether it is practicable to provide incentives, such as reduced docking fees or docking order benefits, to zero-emission commercial marine vessels or commercial marine vessels that have significantly reduced emissions of greenhouse gases and criteria air pollutants;
- 7. Evaluate whether it is possible for sufficient shore power to be provided to all commercial marine vessels by 2027; and
  - 8. Identify any barriers to achieving sufficient shore power to all commercial marine vessels by 2027.
- c. Report. Within 1 year of the effective date of this local law, the office shall report to the mayor and the speaker, and shall post conspicuously on the office's website, a report on the feasibility transitioning all city ports to zero-emission port operations, as described in subdivision b of this local law.
  - § 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

Res. No. 690

# Resolution calling on Congress to pass, and the President to sign, legislation that prevents companies from collecting biometric data that could then harm or suppress people.

By Council Members Avilés and Williams.

Whereas, Biometrics are measurable biological and physiological characteristics that are used to identify an individual, and such characteristics as facial structure, fingerprints, iris scans, voice pattern, and more, may be used in recognition technologies, according to the National Institute of Standards and Technology; and

**Whereas**, Biometric data is often collected to provide an extra layer of security and convenience for authentication and identification services, as biometrics are unique to an individual and do not rely on memory, a common failing for alternative authentication methods such as passwords; and

Whereas, However, biometric data is a risk precisely because it is individually unique, and cannot be simply changed like a password or reissued like an identifying number, thereby making biometric data a target for

malicious actors and a significant cybersecurity concern, with the Federal Trade Commission in May 2023 issuing a policy statement outlining the risks stemming from the increased collection of biometric information, particularly when collected without consumer knowledge or consent; and

Whereas, The collection of biometric data to identify individuals can lead to consequences for individuals ranging from identity theft to suppression of civil liberties, as well as consequences to society through national security risks; and

Whereas, In New York City, Gothamist reported in August 2020 that the New York City Police Department used facial recognition technology ("FRT") to identify and follow a Black Lives Matter protester back to his apartment, the New York Times reported in December 2022 that Madison Square Garden Entertainment used FRT to deny entry from their venues to lawyers involved in ongoing litigation, and VICE News reported in January 2023 that "proptech" companies were selling biometric-identifying surveillance systems to property owners in New York City with the explicit purpose of evicting tenants or raising rents; and

Whereas, A January 2024 report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine recommended consideration of federal legislation and an executive order to regulate the deployment and development of FRT, noting in particular that the rate of FRT's proliferation and sophistication was far outpacing existing regulations, while an April 2024 StateScoop article shared that at present, there were no comprehensive federal data privacy laws in the U.S. that protect a individuals' personal data, including biometric data, from being collected or sold; and

Whereas, Federal regulation that protects a user's data privacy, through protection of their biometric information, is needed to safeguard against the potential misuses and consequent harms of biometric data collection; now therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the Council of the City of New York calls on Congress to pass, and the President to sign, legislation that prevents companies from collecting biometric data that could then harm or suppress people.

Referred to the Committee on Technology.

Int. No. 1144

By Council Member Ayala.

## A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to bi-annual reporting of safe havens, shelters and drug treatment centers

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-335 to read as follows:

§ 21-335. Bi-annual reporting of safe havens, shelters and drug treatment centers. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section the following terms have the following meanings:

Drug treatment center. The term "drug treatment center" means a facility known to the department or to the department of health and mental hygiene that offers on-site access to buprenorphine or other widely accepted medications to combat opioid addiction pursuant to state and federal law and on-site access to at least one physician or physician assistant familiar with treating opioid misuse and certified to prescribe buprenorphine or other widely accepted medication to combat opioid addiction pursuant to state and federal law.

Safe haven. The term "safe haven" means a facility operated by the department or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department that provides low-threshold, harm-reduction housing to chronic street homeless individuals, who are referred to such facilities through a department outreach program, without the obligation of entering into other supportive and rehabilitative services in order to reduce barriers to temporary housing.

Shelter. The term "shelter" means temporary emergency housing provided to homeless adults, adult families, and families with children by the department or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department.

- b. Report. No later than 1 year after the effective date of the local law that added this section, and every 6 months thereafter, the department, in coordination with the department of health and mental hygiene and any other relevant city agency, shall submit to the speaker of the council and post on its website information on safe havens, shelters and drug treatment centers in the city. Such report shall include the following information for each council district:
  - 1. the total number of safe havens;
  - 2. the total number of shelters;
  - 3. the total number of drug treatment centers;
- 4. the population served by safe havens, shelters, and drug treatment centers in such council district, including, but not limited to, single adults, adult families, and families with children; and
- 5. a description of the demographics of the population served by safe havens, shelters, and drug treatment centers in such council district in the previous year, including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, gender, age, and primary language spoken.
  - § 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on General Welfare.

#### Int. No. 1145

By Council Members Brewer, Lee and Banks.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that electric bicycles and electric scooters that are part of share systems have speedometers and limit electric speed assistance to new riders

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 Electric micromobility share systems a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Beginner mode. The term "beginner mode" means a mode of operation which causes an electric micromobility device to cease providing electric speed assistance once the electric micromobility device reaches a certain maximum speed, which may be no more than 10 miles per hour.

Bicycle with electric assist. The term "bicycle with electric assist" has the same definition as contained in section 102-c of the vehicle and traffic law or successor provision.

Electric micromobility device. The term "electric micromobility device" means a bicycle with electric assist or an electric scooter.

Electric micromobility share system. The term "electric micromobility share system" means a network of self-service and publicly available electric micromobility devices, and any related infrastructure, in which a trip begins or ends on any highway, as defined in section 118 of the vehicle and traffic law.

Electric scooter. The term "electric scooter" has the same definition as contained in section 114-e of the vehicle and traffic law or successor provision.

New rider. The term "new rider" means an individual who has completed using the same type of electric micromobility device fewer than 3 times with the same micromobility share system.

- b. A person who owns or operates an electric micromobility share system shall install, and maintain in working order, a speedometer on each electric micromobility device used as part of the electric micromobility share system. Each speedometer installed shall display the speed of the electric micromobility device in miles per hour.
- c. A person who owns or manages an electric micromobility share system shall ensure that every electric micromobility device used by a new rider may only be operated in beginner mode.
  - d. Any person who violates subdivision b or c of this section is liable for a civil penalty as follows:

- 1. For the first violation, a civil penalty of zero dollars; and
- 2. For each subsequent violation issued for the same offense on a different day within 2 years of the date of a first violation, a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000.
  - § 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Int. No. 1146

By Council Members Brooks-Powers, Restler and Williams.

# A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to expanding the availability of the newborn home visiting program

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 17-168.2 to read as follows:

§ 17-168.2 Availability of newborn home visiting program. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section the following terms have the following meanings:

Newborn home visiting program. The term "newborn home visiting program" means a program administered by the department that aims to provide no-cost in person and virtual home visits from social workers, nurses, and lactation professionals for new parents within the first few weeks of the birth of a child.

Priority neighborhood. The term "priority neighborhood" means the neighborhoods determined by the office of racial equity pursuant to section 3401 of the charter.

- b. The commissioner shall establish a newborn home visiting program. Such program shall be available to 75 percent of priority neighborhoods within no later than 3 years after the effective date of the local law that added this section and to 100 percent of priority neighborhoods within no later than 5 years of the effective date of the local law that added this section.
- c. No later than 3 years after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and speaker of the council a progress report on the availability of the newborn home visiting program in 75 percent of priority neighborhoods, as required by subdivision b of this section. No later than 5 years after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and speaker of the council a final progress report on the availability of the newborn home visiting program in 100 percent of priority neighborhoods, as required by subdivision b of this section.
  - § 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Int. No. 1147

By Council Members Brooks-Powers, Williams, and Lee.

# A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the cleaning of medians at least once per quarter

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 4 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 4-219 to read as follows:

- § 4-219 Frequency of median cleaning. a. Any agency or agencies having jurisdiction over the cleaning of medians shall clean medians at least once per quarter.
- b. Subdivision a of this section does not interfere with the commissioner of parks and recreation's jurisdiction over maintaining trees and other forms of vegetation pursuant to section 18-104 or the commissioner of sanitation's duty to remove snow and ice on streets pursuant to section 16-124.
- § 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### Int. No. 1148

By Council Members Cabán and Williams.

# A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of social services to provide a receipt for applications for benefits or services

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 Application receipt. a. Upon submission of a written or oral application to the department for benefits or services, the department shall provide the applicant with a receipt which shall include, at a minimum:
  - 1. The date of the application;
  - 2. A description of the information received;
- 3. A copy of the completed application and all documents provided by the applicant as part of the application; and
- 4. A statement indicating whether the application is complete or incomplete, and if incomplete, identifying any information or documents needed in order for the application to be deemed complete.
- b. Any receipt provided in accordance with paragraph 1 of subdivision c of section 21-128 or subdivision c of section 21-132.1 shall satisfy the requirements of subdivision a of this section.
- § 2. Paragraph 1 of subdivision c of section 21-128 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 50 for the year 2005, is amended to read as follows:
- 1. Upon written or oral application to the division for benefits and services or submission of documents required to establish eligibility for benefits and services by a person with clinical/symptomatic HIV illness or with AIDS, such person shall immediately be provided with a receipt which shall include, but not be limited to, the date, a description of the information received, a copy of the completed application and all documents provided by the applicant as part of the application, and a statement as to whether any application for such benefits and services is complete or incomplete, and if incomplete, such receipt shall identify any information or documents needed in order for the application to be deemed complete.
- § 3. Section 21-132 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 82 for the year 2005, is renumbered 21.132.1.
- § 4. Subdivision c of section 21-132.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 82 for the year 2005 and renumbered by section 3 of this local law, is amended to read as follows:
- c. Receipt. Upon written or oral application to the department for food stamps an applicant shall immediately be provided with a receipt, which shall be in the form of a checklist and shall include, at a minimum, the date of the application, a description of the information received, a copy of the completed application and all documents provided by the applicant as part of the application, and an indication as to whether any application for such benefits and services is complete or incomplete, and if incomplete, such receipt shall identify any information or documents needed in order for the application to be deemed complete.
  - § 5. This local law takes effect 60 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on General Welfare.

#### Res. No. 691

## Resolution condemning President-elect Donald Trump for threatening the institutions and norms of democracy.

By Council Member Cabán.

Whereas, The formal authority of the President is set out in Article II of the United States Constitution; and Whereas, Practically speaking, however, Article II sets out only a small portion of the power and authority bestowed upon a President by the American people; and

Whereas, The United States presidency is largely governed by unwritten traditions and expectations that are often referred to as "norms": and

Whereas, Donald Trump spent his first terms as president threating the institutions and norms of democracy; and

Whereas, Donald Trump campaigned for President of the United States on threats to the institutions and norms of democracy; and

Whereas, In his first term as president, and in his three presidential campaigns, Donald Trump repeatedly undermined the norms of civility in American politics; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has mocked his political opponents, calling them demeaning names and insulting their looks; and

Whereas, According to the Washington Post fact checker, Donald Trump lied more than 20,000 times by the end of his first term in office; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has repeatedly and baselessly accused his political opponents of treason; and

**Whereas**, Formal conflict of interest statutes technically do not apply to the president, but all other modern presidents have chosen to follow them; and

Whereas, Donald Trump is the only modern president not to follow federal conflict of interest laws; and

Whereas, Donald Trump is the only modern president who failed to place his financial holdings in a blind trust: and

Whereas, Donald Trump is the only modern president to own and profit from a private business while president; and

Whereas, During his first term in office, Donald Trump's privately held businesses directly profited from his presidency; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has threatened to use the military against an "enemy from within"; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has said that he will be a dictator on his first day as president; and

**Whereas**, During his 2024 presidential campaign, Donald Trump threatened to punish his political opponents and other perceived enemies over 100 times; and

**Whereas**, Donald Trump has threatened to imprison members of the congressional committee that investigated the January 6, 2021 attack on the United States Capitol; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has targeted the transgender community, promising to end title IX protections for transgender students; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has threatened to eliminate legal recognition of transgender people; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has threatened to deport millions of non-citizens; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has promised to enact ideological screenings for visa applicants; and

Whereas, Donald Trump has undermined the legitimacy of United States elections; and

**Whereas**, Donald Trump has falsely claimed that the 2020 presidential election was rigged, thereby undermining voter confidence in election outcomes; and

Whereas, Although foreign interference in United States election is prohibited, Donald Trump explicitly welcomed the assistance of foreign nations in his first presidential campaign; and

Whereas, Donald Trump was impeached for inviting foreign interference into American policy; and

Whereas, Donald Trump was impeached for inciting an insurrection against the United States government; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the Council of the City of New York condemns President-elect Donald Trump for threatening the institutions and norms of democracy.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation.

Int. No. 1149

By Council Members Farías, Brooks-Powers and Avilés.

# A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to language accessibility at ferry terminals

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 19-305 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision c to read as follows:

- c. At each city owned and operated ferry terminal, the department shall provide all written information regarding, to the extent applicable, ferry schedules, fares, and tickets in the designated citywide languages, as defined in section 23-1101, and any other language deemed appropriate by the department.
- § 2. Section 19-308 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 47 for the year 2023, is amended to read as follows:
  - § 19-308 [Fares for contracted] Contracted ferry service.
  - a. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following definitions:

Administering agency. The term "administering agency" means an office or agency designated by the mayor to implement and administer the provisions of this section.

Airport route. The term "airport route" means a ferry route operated by a contracted ferry service that provides transport by ferry to an airport.

Contracted ferry terminal. The term "contracted ferry terminal" means a ferry terminal operated by a third-party operator pursuant to a contract with the city, or with an entity that contracts with the city to provide or administer economic development benefits on behalf of the city.

Contracted ferry service. The term "contracted ferry service" means the provision of mass transportation via ferry by a third-party operator pursuant to a contract with the city, or with an entity that contracts with the city to provide or administer economic development benefits on behalf of the city.

Person with a disability. The term "person with a disability" means a natural person with a physical or mental condition that on a permanent or temporary basis substantially limits one or more life activities, who is able to provide documentation relating to such condition, such as an award letter from the social security administration, the railroad retirement board or the United States postal service or a certificate from the state commission for the blind.

Seasonal route. The term "seasonal route" means a ferry route operated by a contracted ferry service that operates only on certain days or during certain months of the year.

Special route. The term "special route" means an airport route or a seasonal route.

Standard fare. The term "standard fare" means the cost of a single-ride ticket to access a contracted ferry service for a person who is not eligible for any discount, including any discount based on the time of day a ticket is purchased or used.

Student. The term "student" means any person who is enrolled in grade 9, 10, 11 or 12, or is enrolled without an assigned grade, in a school of the city school district of the city of New York or a charter school that is located within the city of New York.

- b. In accordance with this section, the cost to access a contracted ferry service, other than on a special route, shall be no greater than half of a standard fare for any:
  - (i) person who is age 65 or older;
  - (ii) person with a disability who is age 18 or over;
- (iii) participant, as defined in section 12-01 of title 68 of the rules of the city of New York, in the program established pursuant to chapter 12 of such title; and

- (iv) student, for the purpose of traveling to or from school.
- c. To access a contracted ferry service at a cost no greater than half of a standard fare pursuant to paragraph (i), (ii), or (iii) of subdivision b of this section, a person must file an application with the administering agency, or, where the contracted ferry service is provided by a third-party operator pursuant to a contract with an entity that contracts with the city to provide or administer economic development benefits on behalf of such city, with such entity or an agent designated by such entity. Such application shall be in such form and manner as determined by such administering agency or such entity. Such administering agency, or such entity or such entity's agent, may require that a person submit proof that such person is eligible to access a contracted ferry service at a cost no greater than half of a standard fare pursuant to paragraph (i), (ii) or (iii) of subdivision b of this section. Such proof may include, but need not be limited to a valid driver's license or other form of government-issued identification, an award letter from the social security administration, or a written determination of eligibility for the program established pursuant to chapter 12 of title 68 of the rule of the city of new work, issued pursuant to subdivision (c) of section 12-03 of such title.
- d. At each contracted ferry terminal, all written information regarding ferry schedules, fares, and tickets shall be provided in the designated citywide languages, as defined in section 23-1101, and any other language deemed appropriate by the third-party operator or the administering agency.
  - § 3. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

### Preconsidered Int. No. 1150

By Council Members Gennaro and Restler.

# A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a comprehensive stormwater plan and a stormwater dashboard

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

- Section 1. Chapter 5 of title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 24-503.3 to read as follows:
- § 24-503.3 Comprehensive stormwater plan and stormwater dashboard. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Department. The term "department" means the department of environmental protection.

Level of service. The term "level of service" means the expected performance of the stormwater system to capture and divert rainfall and minimize street flooding.

- b. Comprehensive stormwater plan. No later than July 1, 2028, the department shall, in consultation with the office of long-term planning and sustainability, develop a comprehensive stormwater plan covering the entire city. Such plan shall: identify the 10-year rainfall flood risk area, as defined in section 24-809, and recommend levels of service for such area and for outside such area; identify projects or policy changes needed to provide the recommended levels of service; recommend short- and long-term stormwater management projects with priority given to projects that address the areas most vulnerable to stormwater flooding; recommend measures owners of private property could adopt to mitigate stormwater flooding; and recommend any other measures that should be taken to mitigate stormwater flooding.
- c. Stormwater dashboard. 1. No later than July 1, 2026 the department shall create and maintain a stormwater dashboard on the department's website.
- 2. Before the department publishes the comprehensive stormwater plan required pursuant to subdivision b, such dashboard shall: indicate the status of such plan; indicate the status of capital stormwater management projects; indicate the flood risk area maps created pursuant to section 24-809 or provide a reference to such maps; and provide recommendations of measures that owners of private property could adopt to mitigate

stormwater flooding. As proposed components of the comprehensive stormwater plan are completed, they shall be posted on the dashboard in accordance with a schedule established by the department.

- 3. After the department publishes such comprehensive stormwater plan, such dashboard shall include a copy of the comprehensive stormwater plan, a description of the recommended levels of service that apply to different areas of the city, and the current status of all projects, policy changes or other measures recommended by the comprehensive stormwater plan. Should a project, policy change, or other measure be determined to no longer be recommended, or is otherwise not likely be completed, then such project, policy change, or other measure shall remain listed on such dashboard, with its status indicated as appropriate.
  - 4. Such dashboard shall be updated no less than once annually.
  - § 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts (preconsidered but laid over by the Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts).

## Preconsidered Int. No. 1151

By Council Members Gennaro and Restler.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a program that transfers liability for certain engine idling violations to lessees of vehicles

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 9 of chapter 1 of title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 24-184 to read as follows:

§ 24-184 Vehicle lessee liability. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Lessee. The term "lessee" means any person that rents, bails, leases or contracts for the use of one or more vehicles and has the exclusive use thereof for any period of time.

Lessor. The term "lessor" means any person engaged in the business of renting or leasing vehicles to any lessee under a rental agreement, lease or otherwise, pursuant to which the lessee has the exclusive use of the vehicle for any period of time.

- b. No later than 1 year after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the commissioner shall establish by rule a program that (i) permits a lessor to register vehicles used by lessees and (ii) for vehicles registered in the program, transfers liability for a violation of section 24-163 to the lessee if the lessor identifies the lessee who had use of the vehicle at the time of the violation. The commissioner may set a fee for participation in such program.
  - § 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts (preconsidered but laid over by the Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts).

# Res. No. 692

Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.9456, which would make the Council of the City of New York responsible for determining annual rental payments charged to the New York City Water Board.

By Council Members Gennaro, Borelli and Williams.

Whereas, The New York City Water Board ("Water Board"), a body established by state law and headed by seven members who are appointed by the Mayor of New York City ("NYC" or the "City"), is responsible for

setting water and sewer rates sufficient to cover the costs of operating and financing the City's water and sewer systems; and

**Whereas**, Shortly after the Water Board was created in 1984, it entered into an agreement to lease the City's water and sewer systems; and

Whereas, Pursuant to the lease agreement between the Water Board and the City, the Water Board must pay an annual rental payment to the City for leasing the water and sewer systems, but only to the extent requested by the City in each fiscal year; and

Whereas, This rental payment, when requested, is paid for with funds collected from ratepayers that would otherwise be used to maintain and improve the City's water and sewer infrastructure or offset rate increases in future years; and

**Whereas**, The rental payment does not go towards water service but rather towards the City's general fund, which is used to pay for the City's regular operations; and

Whereas, According to news reports, the original purpose of the rental payment scheme was to compensate the City for the cost of water- and sewer-related debt it had incurred prior to leasing the water and sewer systems to the Water Board; and

Whereas, This rationale for the rental payment is no longer justified, as nearly all of the original water and sewer general obligation bonds have reportedly matured; and

Whereas, In 2016, former Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that his administration would no longer request the rental payment from the Water Board, in part to reduce the cost of water and sewer service to ratepayers, and since then, the rental payment generally has not been requested, except for in fiscal years 2020 and 2021, when the payment was requested to help deal with the fiscal stress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, Despite this recent precedent and the anachronistic nature of the rental payment, Mayor Eric Adams plans to charge the Water Board with \$1.4 billion in rental payments for fiscal years 2024 through 2028; and

Whereas, In part so that the Water Board can afford this rental payment, the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") recommended to the Water Board that beginning on July 1, 2024, water and sewer rates increase by 8.5%, which is double the rate increase adopted by the Water Board in 2023 and would be the highest rate increase in the last 14 years; and

Whereas, This rate hike may not cover the entirety of the \$1.4 billion in rental payments, which has raised concerns that DEP may be forced to postpone necessary capital projects, thereby increasing the likelihood of disruptions in water service and critical breakdowns; and

Whereas, The City is in an affordability crisis and should be trying to lower, not raise, the cost of living for its residents, which includes water and sewer costs; and

Whereas, The Council for Community and Economic Research's Cost of Living Index, which considers factors such as housing, utilities, groceries, transportation, and health care, finds that Manhattan and Brooklyn, respectively, have the highest and fifth highest cost of living of 276 surveyed U.S. urban areas, with the cost of living in Manhattan being 2.3 times greater than the national average; and

Whereas, The Mayor's request for a rental payment functions as a regressive tax, as low-income New Yorkers pay a greater share of their income for water and sewer service than wealthier New Yorkers; and

Whereas, The average single family homeowner in NYC pays \$1,088 annually for water and sewer service and DEP's proposed rate hike would increase that amount by \$93; and

Whereas, S.9456, introduced by New York State Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton, would grant the NYC Council the exclusive authority to annually determine whether to charge the Water Board a rental payment and the amount thereof; and

Whereas, Entrusting the NYC Council with the decision of whether to charge a rental payment would increase public oversight of the Water Board's financial management, and in turn prevent unnecessary increases to water rates and deferrals of essential maintenance to the City's water and sewer infrastructure; and

Whereas, Although S.9456 would not prohibit the City from charging a rental payment, requiring the NYC Council to determine whether to charge a rental payment may increase the payment's visibility and potentially allow residents to provide their concerns with the payment and its effect on water and sewer rates through public testimony; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that the Council of the City of New York City calls on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.9456, which would make the Council of the City of New York responsible for determining annual rental payments charged to the New York City Water Board.

Referred to the Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts.

#### Res. No. 693

Resolution calling on the United States House of Representatives to pass, the United States Senate to introduce and pass a companion bill, and the President to sign H.R. 9857, or Mel's Law, to require higher education institutions to award posthumous degrees to eligible deceased students

By Council Members Hudson, Cabán and Hanif.

Whereas, Melquain Jatelle Anderson was born and raised in Brooklyn, living in Sheepshead Bay and spending time in Vinegar Hill with his grandmother; and

Whereas, Melquain's goal was to give back to his community, and he had already started to do that by helping young men study for the GED test in order to earn a high school equivalency diploma; and

Whereas, Melquain graduated with an associate's degree from Tompkins Cortland Community College and transferred to The City University of New York's (CUNY's) John Jay College of Criminal Justice ("John Jay") to earn a bachelor's degree in sociology before attending law school; and

**Whereas**, On October 25, 2017, Melquain was senselessly shot five times and killed while standing at a bus stop near the Farragut Houses in Brooklyn; and

Whereas, Melquain, the only child of Michelle Barnes-Anderson, was just 27 years old and was expecting his first child; and

Whereas, The advocacy of Barnes-Anderson, who wanted to acknowledge the academic accomplishments of her son, and others like her, led to the passage of New York State (NYS) A.4942B/S.5355A, known as Melquain Jatelle Anderson's (Mel's) Law, which was signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul on October 25, 2023, the sixth anniversary of Melquain's death; and

Whereas, NYS's Mel's Law requires that the State University of New York (SUNY) and CUNY establish policies for awarding posthumous degrees by waiving any remaining credits needed by enrolled matriculated students who die, but who would have been eligible for graduation had they been able to complete their academic coursework; and

**Whereas**, Pursuant to NYS's Mel's Law, Melquain's father and daughter accepted Melquain's bachelor's degree at John Jay's commencement in May, 2024; and

Whereas, Barnes-Anderson founded the Melquain Jatelle Anderson Foundation: Fighting Against Gun Violence Via Education, which provides emergency funds for struggling sociology students at John Jay and scholarships for students at John Jay and other institutions; and

Whereas, Barnes-Anderson and other advocates are now advocating for a federal version of NYS's Mel's Law: and

Whereas, H.R. 9857, also known as Mel's Law, was introduced in the United States House of Representatives on September 25, 2024, by Representative Nydia Velázquez, representing New York's 7th Congressional District covering parts of Brooklyn and Queens; and

Whereas, H.R. 9857 would require that higher education institutions establish a policy for awarding posthumous degrees to deceased students who had been enrolled in a degree program and who were "in academic standing consistent with the requirements for graduation" at the time of death; and

Whereas, H.R. 9857 would provide the same measure of comfort for families of deceased students outside of NYS that NYS's Mel's Law provides for families in NYS, both for families dealing with gun violence and for families dealing with accidents, illnesses, or other causes of death; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the United States House of Representatives to pass, the United States Senate to introduce and pass a companion bill, and the President to sign H.R. 9857, or Mel's Law, to require higher education institutions to award posthumous degrees to eligible deceased students.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

### Res. No. 694

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.1980/A.3690, S.2059/A.3115, and S.2782/A.3193, which would ensure the wealthiest New Yorkers pay their fair share and increase tax revenues for New York State.

By Council Members Hudson, Ossé and Nurse.

Whereas, according to the Economic Policy Institute (EPI), New York State ("State") has the largest wealth inequality among all 50 states, with the top 1% earning on average 44.4 times more than the bottom 99%, about \$2,202,480 a year to about \$49,617 a year; and

Whereas, according to the EPI, New York County (Manhattan Borough) has the second largest wealth inequality among all American counties, with the top 1% earning on average 113.0 times more than the bottom 99%, about \$8,983,154 a year to about \$79,528 a year; and

Whereas, according to the EPI, the other four boroughs also have large wealth disparities, with Kings County (Brooklyn Borough) seeing the top 1% earn on average 26.5 time more than the bottom 99%, Richmond County (Staten Island Borough) seeing the top 1% earn on average 13.5 times more than the bottom 99%, Queens County seeing the top 1% earn on average 13.3 times more than the bottom 99%, and Bronx County seeing the top 1% earn on average 11.3 times more than the bottom 99%; and

**Whereas**, according to New York State Community Action Association (NYSCAA), over 2.5 million State residents live in poverty; and

Whereas, according to Columbia University Center on Poverty and Social Policy and the non-profit Robin Hood, 1.5 million adults and 420,000 children live in poverty in New York City ("City"), and an additional 33% of all City residents have low incomes, defined as incomes between 100% and 200% of the poverty line; and

Whereas, the poverty threshold is continuing to climb, with the threshold being estimated at \$40,288 a year for a family of four in 2021, according to the New York City Poverty Measure 2021, and then being estimated at \$43,890 a year for a family of four in 2022, according to the Center on Poverty and Social Policy and Columbia University; and

Whereas, according to the Coalition for the Homeless, 250,000 people were homeless at some point in 2019 in the State, and 85% of all homeless people in the State lived in the City, which "remains the epicenter of the worst homelessness crisis since the Great Depression"; and

**Whereas**, in June 2023, according to the New York Times, more than 100,000 people were living in the City's homeless shelters, a new record; and

Whereas, according to the Office of the New York State Comptroller (OSC), housing costs, which include rent, property taxes, utilities, and furnishings, make up roughly 40% of total household expenditures for a typical family living in the City; and

Whereas, according to the OSC, 1 million households in the City, or 53%, are rent burdened, meaning they spend more than 30% of their income on rent, and of those 1 million households, approximately 600,000, or 60%, were severely rent burdened, meaning they spend over 50% of their income on rent; and

Whereas, according to a poll conducted by the Sienna College Research Institute on behalf of the Invest in Our New York (IONY) Campaign, 57% of State residents are unsatisfied with the State's ability to ensure everyone pays their fair share in taxes, and 67% of State residents are in favor of raising taxes on the wealthy; and

Whereas, S.1980/A.3690, sponsored by Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal and Assemblymember Dr. Anna R. Kelles respectively, was introduced to the New York State Senate ("Senate") on January 18, 2023 and to the New York State Assembly ("Assembly") on February 3, 2023; and

**Whereas**, S.2059/A.3115, sponsored by Senator Robert Jackson and Assemblymember Demond Meeks respectively, was introduced to the Senate on January 18, 2023 and to the Assembly on February 2, 2023, and was originally introduced as S.2622/A.4604 to the Senate on January 22, 2021 and to the Assembly on February 4, 2021; and

**Whereas**, S.2782/A.3193, sponsored by Senator Jabari Brisport and Assemblymember Michaelle C. Solages respectively, was introduced to the Senate on January 24, 2023 and to the Assembly on February 2, 2023, and was originally introduced as S.3462/A.4643A to the Senate on January 29, 2021 and to the Assembly on February 4, 2021; and

Whereas, S.1980/A.3690 would help alleviate these issues by increasing tax revenue for the State by increasing the corporate tax rate, lowering the "exempt controlled foreign corporations (CFCs) income" from 95% to 50%, raising the percentage of global intangible low-taxed income, reducing the pass-through entity tax rebate, and creating an additional State income tax; and

**Whereas**, S.2059/A.3115 would alleviate these issues by increasing tax revenue for the State by creating a fair and progressive personal income tax; and

Whereas, S.2782/A.3193 would alleviate these issues by increasing tax revenue for the State by creating an inheritance income tax and tax on received gift income within the personal income tax, providing new rates for the estate tax for decedents dying after April 1, 2021, and providing a tax on gifts sent; and

Whereas, according to the IONY Campaign, education is the great equalizer in the State, with more disadvantaged districts receiving almost \$10,000 less in funding per each student than more advantaged districts; and

Whereas, according to the IONY Campaign, because the childcare workforce is in the 98% percentile of the lowest paid workers, with workers being predominately Black women and women of color, and, according to a study conducted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), because attending pre-school leads to an increased likelihood of graduating high school and entering college on-time, creating a well-funded childcare system by using the increased tax funding generated by these three bills would serve to lift the workers and the children they care for out of poverty; and

Whereas, according to the IONY Campaign, making the ultra-wealthy and large corporations pay their fair share will generate new public dollars to invest into our communities and the programs and services that help residents in both the City and the State reach their full potential; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.1980/A.3690, S.2059/A.3115, and S.2782/A.3193, which will ensure the wealthiest New Yorkers pay their fair share and increase tax revenues for New York State.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

### Int. No. 1152

By Council Members Joseph, Narcisse, Krishnan, Brooks-Powers, Schulman, Restler, Feliz, Stevens, Rivera and Banks (in conjunction with the Bronx Borough President).

# A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the sale of flavored cigarettes

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 17-713 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

Characterizing flavor. The term "characterizing flavor" means a distinguishable taste or aroma, other than the taste or aroma of tobacco, imparted either prior to or during consumption of a tobacco product, *cigarette*, electronic cigarette or e-liquid, including, but not limited to, tastes or aromas relating to any menthol, mint, wintergreen, fruit, chocolate, vanilla, honey, candy, cocoa, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, spice, *or any* 

imparted cooling or numbing sensation, or any concept flavor that imparts a taste or aroma that is distinguishable from tobacco flavor but may not relate to any particular known flavor; provided, however, that no tobacco product shall be determined to have a characterizing flavor solely because of the use of additives or flavorings or the provision of ingredient information.

Cigarette. The term "cigarette" means any roll for smoking made wholly or in part of tobacco or any other substance, irrespective of size or shape and whether or not such tobacco or substance is flavored, adulterated or mixed with any other ingredient, the wrapper or cover of which is made of paper or any other substance or material but is not made in whole or in part of tobacco.

Electronic cigarette. The term "electronic cigarette" has the same meaning as such term is defined in section 20-560.

E-liquid. The term "e-liquid" has the same meaning as such term is defined in section 20-560.

Flavored cigarette. The term "flavored cigarette" means any cigarette that imparts a characterizing flavor. Any communication, public statement or claim made or disseminated by the manufacturer or retailer of a flavored cigarette, or by any person authorized or permitted by the manufacturer or retailer to make or disseminate public statements concerning such cigarette, that such cigarette has or produces a characterizing flavor, or that the cigarette imparts a taste or smell or a cooling or numbing sensation, other than the taste or smell of tobacco, shall constitute presumptive evidence that the cigarette is a flavored cigarette.

Flavored electronic cigarette. The term "flavored electronic cigarette" means any electronic cigarette that imparts a characterizing flavor. A public statement or claim made or disseminated by the manufacturer or retailer of an electronic cigarette, or by any person authorized or permitted by the manufacturer or retailer to make or disseminate public statements concerning such electronic cigarette, that such electronic cigarette has or produces a characterizing flavor shall constitute presumptive evidence that such electronic cigarette is a flavored electronic cigarette.

Flavored e-liquid. The term "flavored e-liquid" means any e-liquid that imparts a characterizing flavor. A public statement or claim made or disseminated by the manufacturer or retailer of an e-liquid, or by any person authorized or permitted by the manufacturer or retailer to make or disseminate public statements concerning such e-liquid, that such e-liquid has or produces a characterizing flavor shall constitute presumptive evidence that such e-liquid is a flavored e-liquid.

Flavored tobacco product. The term "flavored tobacco product" means any tobacco product that imparts a characterizing flavor [other than menthol, mint and wintergreen]. A public statement or claim made or disseminated by the manufacturer or retailer of a tobacco product, or by any person authorized or permitted by the manufacturer or retailer to make or disseminate public statements concerning such tobacco product, that such tobacco product has or produces a characterizing flavor, [other than menthol, mint and wintergreen,] shall constitute presumptive evidence that the tobacco product is a flavored tobacco product.

Person. The term "person" means any natural person, partnership, firm, joint stock company, corporation, or employee thereof, or other legal entity.

Tobacco bar. The term "tobacco bar" has the meaning as such term is defined in subdivision jj of section 17-502.

Tobacco product. The term "tobacco product" means any product which contains tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, including any component, part, or accessory of such product. Tobacco product shall include, but not be limited to, any cigar, little cigar, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, snus, bidi, snuff, tobacco-containing shisha, dissolvable tobacco product, or nicotine pouch. Tobacco product shall not include cigarettes or any product that has been approved by the United States food and drug administration for sale as a tobacco use cessation product or for other medical purposes and that is being marketed and sold solely for such purposes.

§ 2. The heading of subchapter 2 of chapter 7 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 228 for the year 2019 and by local law number 187 for the year 2017, is amended to read as follows:

REGULATION OF THE SALE OF FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS, *FLAVORED CIGARETTES*, FLAVORED ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND FLAVORED E-LIQUID, AND REGULATION OF AGE OF ENTRY TO NON-TOBACCO HOOKAH ESTABLISHMENTS

§ 3. Section 17-715 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision c and new subdivision d to read as follows:

- a. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale, or to possess with intent to sell or offer for sale, any flavored tobacco product except in a tobacco bar.
- 2. There shall be a presumption that a retail dealer, as defined in section 17-702, in possession of four or more flavored tobacco products, which shall include individual tobacco products, packages of tobacco products, or any combination thereof, possesses such tobacco products with intent to sell or offer for sale.
- b. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale, or to possess with intent to sell or offer for sale, any flavored electronic cigarette or flavored e-liquid.
- 2. There shall be a presumption that an electronic cigarette retail dealer, as defined in section 20-560, in possession of six or more flavored electronic cigarettes, or more than 12 fluid ounces (354.882 mL) of flavored e-liquid, possesses such flavored electronic cigarettes or flavored e-liquid with intent to sell or offer for sale.
  - c. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any flavored cigarette.
- 2. There shall be a presumption that a retail dealer, as defined in section 17-702, in possession of 400 or more flavored cigarettes, sells or offers for sale such flavored cigarettes.
- d. Nothing contained in this subchapter shall be construed to penalize the purchase, use, or possession of a flavored cigarette by any person that is not engaged in business as a retail dealer as defined in section 17-702.
- § 3. Subdivision a of section 17-716 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:
- § 17-716 Violations and penalties. a. Any person who violates subdivision a <u>or c</u> of section 17-715 shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for the first violation, and not more than one thousand dollars for each additional violation found on that day; and not more than two thousand dollars for the second violation at the same place of business within a three-year period, and not more than two thousand dollars for each additional violation found on that day; and not more than five thousand dollars for the third and all subsequent violations at the same place of business within a three-year period. In addition, for a third violation occurring on a different day and all subsequent violations occurring on different days at the same place of business within a three-year period, any person who engages in business as a retail dealer, as such term is defined in section 20-201, shall be subject to the mandatory suspension of his or her license, issued pursuant to section 20-202, for such place of business, for a period not to exceed one year. Such license shall be suspended at the same hearing at which a retail dealer is found liable for a third violation or subsequent violations at the same place of business within a three-year period.
  - § 4. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

# Preconsidered Int. No. 1153

- By Council Members Krishnan, Abreu, Ariola, Avilés, Ayala, Banks, Borelli, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Farías, Feliz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Hanks, Holden, Hudson, Joseph, Lee, Louis, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Rivera, Salaam, Salamanca, Jr., Schulman, Ung, Williams, Won and Zhuang.
- A Local Law in relation to the naming of 109 thoroughfares and public places, Thích Nhất Hạnh Way, Borough of Manhattan, David N. Dinkins Drive, Borough of Manhattan, School Crossing Guard Krystyna Naprawa Lane, Borough of Queens, St. Philip's Square, Borough of Brooklyn, Don Lee Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Donna Maxil's Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Laquai Dash Way, Borough of the Bronx, Vanessa "Vany" Pinero Way, Borough of the Bronx, Antonio Fields Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Florence M. Hall Loop, Borough of Brooklyn, Gail Fedrick Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Frank J. Provenzano "Pro Sho" Way, Borough of Staten Island, Dan Tomai Way, Borough of Staten Island, Lt. James V. Buebendorf Way, Borough of Staten Island, Freddie Castellano Way, Borough of Staten Island, Michael Ferrara's Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Frank Tripodi Way, Borough of Brooklyn, FDNY Paramedic Peter L. Bushey Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Monnie Callan Way,

Borough of Manhattan, Lawrence Harlow Kahn Way, Borough of Manhattan, Linda Carter Cooper Way, Borough of Manhattan, Pat Simon Way, Borough of Queens, Bartunek Way, Borough of Oueens, Giuseppa Vendome Way, Borough of Oueens, Elizabeth White Marcum Way, Borough of Queens, Senad Demiri Way, Borough of Staten Island, USAAF James F. Healy Way KIA WW2 100BG, Borough of Staten Island, Coach Bill Welsh Way, Borough of Staten Island, FDNY FF Anthony R. Iraci Way, Borough of Staten Island, Michael "Coach Mike" Colini Way, Borough of Staten Island, FDNY FF James P. McManus Way, Borough of Staten Island, Coach Bill Rogers Way 1964 LLWS Champions, Borough of Staten Island, Black Angels Way, Borough of Staten Island, FDNY Rev. Deacon Fred Fausak Way, Borough of Staten Island, Reverend Carlos R. Reyes Way, Borough of Manhattan, James Baldwin Way, Borough of the Bronx, Borough of the Bronx, Carmen Alicia Rivera Way, Borough of the Bronx, Dr. Leandro Lozada Way, Borough of the Bronx, Dr. Leandro Lozada Way, Borough of the Bronx, Jack "Giacomo" Virdone Way, Borough of Queens, Brinckerhoff Memorial Way, Borough of Queens, David Lopez Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Augie Avala Jr. Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Dianne Jackson Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Samiya Spain Place, Borough of Brooklyn, Thomas "Citos" Rigney Way, Borough of Staten Island, Geraldine Parker Way, Borough of Staten Island, Icema "June" Williams Way, Borough of Staten Island, George Doyle Way, Borough of Staten Island, Sajda Musawwir Ladner Way, Borough of Staten Island, Naimullah Sheikh Khan Way, Staten Island, Ralph Lucci Way, Borough of Staten Island, Raymond J. Pezzoli Esq. Way, Borough of Staten Island, John C. Woodman Way, Borough of Staten Island, Vincent Gattullo Way, Borough of Staten Island, Miss Billee Duncan Way, Borough of Queens, John Killcommons Corner, Borough of Queens, Lubavitcher Rebbe Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Leroy Johnson Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Justin T. Hackley Way, Borough of Brooklyn, John H. Bunyan Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Fernande Valme Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Cathedral Prep Way, Borough of Queens, Gerard J. Neufeld Way, Borough of Queens, Rose Marie César Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Veta I. Brome Way, Borough of Queens, Perry Kokotas Place, Borough of Brooklyn, The Dorothy Turano Plaza, Borough of Brooklyn, Monsignor John Powis Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Oshaman Long Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Mrs. Clara Hayes Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Joseph "Scooter Joe" Willins Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Miriam Carter Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Miss Irene's Way, Borough of Queens, NYPD Captain Richard McHale Way, Borough of Queens, Detective Vito Navarra Way, Borough of Queens, Antonella Mattina Way, Borough of Queens, Dick Ravitch Way, Borough of Manhattan, Ernst Jaakson Way, Borough of Manhattan, Matthew Jensen Way, Borough of Brooklyn, James Payne Way, Borough of the Bronx, Kashmir's Way, Borough of the Bronx, Marvin E. Mayfield, Jr. Way, Borough of the Bronx, Jimi Hendrix Way, Borough of Manhattan, Jean-Michel Basquiat Way, Borough of Manhattan, Dr. Joseph I. Kramer Way, Borough of Manhattan, Isaac Freeman III aka Fatman Scoop Way, Borough of Manhattan, Edouard E. Plummer Place, Borough of Manhattan, Ernestine Eleanor Bland Williams Way, Borough of Manhattan, Dr. Maya Angelou Place, Borough of Manhattan, Franklin H. Williams Street, Borough of Manhattan, Robertus Coleman Place, Borough of Manhattan, Edwin Eddie Ellis Way, Borough of Manhattan, Bronx Halloween Parade Way, Borough of the Bronx, Hector Lavoe Way, Borough of the Bronx, Jehova Shalom Church Way, Borough of the Bronx, Eternal Rock Church, Borough of the Bronx, Alfie's Way, Borough of Queens, Guru Tegh Bahadur Marg Ji Way, Borough of Queens, Arthur O'Meally Place, Borough of Queens, Andre (Dre. Most) Saunders Road, Borough of Queens, Charles J. Adams Jr. Way, Borough of Queens, Det. Mary 'Mae' Foley Way, Borough of Queens, Dr. Jose P. Rizal Way, Borough of Queens, New York Irish Center Place, Borough of Queens, Frank Carrado LIC Mayor Way, Borough of Queens, April Simpson-Taylor Way, Borough of Queens, Lai Wan "Mary" Chin Way, Borough of Brooklyn and the repeal of sections 107 and 165 of local law number 54 for the year 2022, sections 4, 33, 71 and 83 of local law number 41 for the year 2024, sections 28, 32, 47, 62 and 88 of local law 81 for the year 2024 and section 84 of local law 158 for the year 2019.

Section 1. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Thích Nhất Hạnh Way	None	At the intersection of West
		109th Street and Broadway

§2. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
David N. Dinkins Drive	None	At the intersection of 155th
		Street and Riverside Drive

§3. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
School Crossing Guard	None	At the intersection of Atlantic
Krystyna Naprawa Lane		Avenue and Woodhaven
		Boulevard

§4. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
St. Philip's Square	None	At the intersection of 80th
		Street and 11th Avenue

§5. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Don Lee Way	None	At the intersection of 70th
		Street and 15th Avenue

§6. The following street name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Donna Maxil's Way	17th Street	Between 3rd Avenue and 4th
		Avenue

§7. The following intersection name, in the Borough of the Bronx, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Laquai Dash Way	None	At the intersection of 145th
		Street and St. Anns Avenue

§8. The following intersection name, in the Borough of the Bronx, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Vanessa "Vany" Pinero Way	None	At the intersection of 142nd
		Street and St. Ann's Avenue

§9. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Antonio Fields Way	None	At the intersection of
		Pennsylvania Avenue and
		Hegeman Avenue

§10. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Florence M. Hall Loop	None	At the intersection of Ardsley
_		Loop and Vandalia Avenue

§11. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Gail Fedrick Way	None	At the intersection of Schenck
		Avenue and Stanley Avenue

§12. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Frank J. Provenzano "Pro Sho"	None	At the intersection of Arthur
Way		Kill Road and Manley Street

§13. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Dan Tomai Way	None	At the intersection of Oceanic
		Avenue and Tennyson Drive

§14. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Lt. James V. Buebendorf Way	None	At the intersection of Arthur
·		Kill Road and Johnson Avenue

§15. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Freddie Castellano Way	None	At the intersection of Sylvia
		Street and Richmond Avenue

§16. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Michael Ferrara's Way	None	At the intersection of Flatbush
		Avenue and Avenue K

§17. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Frank Tripodi Way	None	At the intersection of Neptune
		Avenue and West 29th Street

§18. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
FDNY Paramedic Peter L.	None	At the intersection of 97th
Bushey Way		Street and Shore Road

§19. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Monnie Callan Way	None	At the intersection of West 96th
		Street and Columbus Avenue

§20. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Lawrence Harlow Kahn Way	None	At the intersection of West 86th
		Street and Columbus Avenue

§21. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Linda Carter Cooper Way	None	At the intersection of West 84th
		Street and Amsterdam Avenue

§22. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Pat Simon Way	None	At the intersection of Beach
·		54th Street and Beach Channel
		Drive

§23. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Bartunek Way	None	At the intersection of 28th
		Street and 23rd Avenue

§24. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Giuseppa Vendome Way	None	At the intersection of 24th
		Avenue and Crescent Street

§25. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Elizabeth White Marcum Way	None	At the intersection of 44th
		Street and 28th Avenue

§26. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Senad Demiri Way	None	At the intersection of Hylan
		Boulevard and Cromwell
		Avenue

§27. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
USAAF James F. Healy Way	None	At the intersection of Clove
KIA WW2 100BG		Road and Hillcrest Terrace

§28. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Coach Bill Welsh Way	None	At the intersection of Fieldstone
		Road and Commerce Street

§29. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
FDNY FF Anthony R. Iraci	None	At the intersection of Home
Way		Place and Willowbrook Road

§30. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Michael "Coach Mike" Colini	None	At the intersection of Joyce
Way		Street and Seaver Avenue

§31. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
FDNY FF James P. McManus	None	At the intersection of Fieldstone
Way		Road and Commerce Street

§32. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Coach Bill Rogers Way 1964	None	At the intersection of Victory
LLWS Champions		Boulevard and Travis Avenue

§33. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Black Angels Way	None	At the intersection of Brielle
		Avenue and Seaview Hospital
		Historic District

§34. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
FDNY Rev. Deacon Fred	None	At the intersection of Alter
Fausak Way		Avenue and Plattsburg Street

§35. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Reverend Carlos R. Reyes Way	None	At the intersection of West
		179th Street and Audubon
		Avenue

§36. The following street name, in the Borough of the Bronx, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
James Baldwin Way	Goulden Plaza	

§37. The following intersection name, in the Borough of the Bronx, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Carmen Alicia Rivera Way	None	At the intersection of Rosedale
		Avenue and Bruckner
		Boulevard

§38. The following intersection name, in the Borough of the Bronx, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Dr. Leandro Lozada Way	None	At the intersection of Valentine
		Avenue and East Kingsbridge
		Road

 $\S 39$ . The following intersection name, in the Borough of the Bronx, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Dr. Leandro Lozada Way	None	At the intersection of Valentine
		Avenue and 194th Street

§40. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Jack "Giacomo" Virdone Way	None	At the intersection of Queens
		Boulevard and 84th Drive

§41. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Brinckerhoff Memorial Way	None	At the intersection of 182nd
		Street and 73rd Avenue

§42. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
David Lopez Way	None	At the intersection of South 4th
		Street and Bedford Avenue

§43. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Augie Ayala Jr. Way	None	At the intersection of South 4th
		Street and Hooper Street

§44. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Dianne Jackson Way	None	At the intersection of Jackson
		Street and Debevoise Avenue

§45. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Samiya Spain Place	None	At the intersection of Nevins
		Street and Warren Street

§46. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Thomas "Citos" Rigney Way	None	At the intersection of Pelton
		Avenue and Pelton Place

§47. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Geraldine Parker Way	None	At the intersection of Gordon
		Street and Warren Street

§48. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Icema "June" Williams Way	None	At the intersection of Bowen
		Street and Sobel Court

§49. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
George Doyle Way	None	At the intersection of Vanderbilt
		Avenue and Tompkins Avenue

§50. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Sajda Musawwir Ladner Way	None	At the intersection of Jersey
		Street and Scribner Avenue

§51. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Naimullah Sheikh Khan Way	None	At the intersection of Van Riper
		Street and Port Richmond
		Avenue

§52. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Ralph Lucci Way	None	At the intersection of Bay Street
		and Cross Street

§53. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Raymond J. Pezzoli Esq. Way	None	At the intersection of Lois Place
		and Prospect Avenue

§54. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
John C. Woodman Way	None	At the intersection of East
		Raleigh Avenue and Bement
		Avenue

§55. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Staten Island, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Vincent Gattullo Way	None	At the intersection of Clove
		Road and Martling Avenue

§56. The following street name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Miss Billee Duncan Way	84th Street	Between Grand Avenue and
		54th Avenue

§57. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
John Killcommons Corner	None	At the intersection of 60th Road
		and 77th Street

§58. The following street name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Lubavitcher Rebbe Way	President Street	Between Brooklyn Avenue and
		New York Avenue

§59. The following street name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Leroy Johnson Way	St. Paul's Place	Between Church Avenue and
		Caton Avenue

§60. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Justin T. Hackley Way	None	At the intersection of Ocean
		Avenue and Church Avenue

§61. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
John H. Bunyan Way	None	At the intersection of Erasmus
		Street and Bedford Avenue

§62. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Fernande Valme Way	None	At the intersection of Flatbush
		Avenue and Clarendon Road

§63. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Cathedral Prep Way	None	At the intersection of 92nd
		Street and 57th Avenue

§64. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Gerard J. Neufeld Way	None	At the intersection of 43rd
		Avenue and Whitney Avenue

§65. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Rose Marie César Way	None	At the intersection of East 51st
		Street and Tilden Avenue

§66. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Veta I. Brome Way	None	At the intersection of 98th
		Street and Astoria Boulevard

§67. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Perry Kokotas Place	None	At the intersection of Nostrand
		Avenue and Gravesend Neck
		Road

§68. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
The Dorothy Turano Plaza	None	At the intersection of Bergen
		Avenue and Avenue K

§69. The following street name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Monsignor John Powis Way	Central Avenue	Between Bleecker Street and
		Menahan Street

§70. The following street name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Oshaman Long Way	Eldert Street	Between Wilson Avenue and
		Knickerbocker Avenue

§71. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Mrs. Clara Hayes Way	None	At the intersection of Marcus
		Garvey Boulevard and Macon
		Street

§72. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Joseph "Scooter Joe" Willins	None	At the intersection of Greene
Way		Avenue and Tompkins Avenue

§73. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Miriam Carter Way	None	At the intersection of Kingston
		Avenue and Pacific Street

§74. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Miss Irene's Way	None	At the intersection of Utopia
		Parkway and 17th Avenue

§75. The following street name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
NYPD Captain Richard McHale	23rd Avenue	Between 150th Street and 149th
Way		Street

§76. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Detective Vito Navarra Way	None	At the intersection of 28th
		Avenue and Ulmer Street

§77. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Antonella Mattina Way	None	At the intersection of 25th Drive
		and Parsons Boulevard

§78. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Dick Ravitch Way	None	At the intersection of FDR
		Drive and East 23rd Street

§79. The following street name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Ernst Jaakson Way	East 34th Street	Between 2nd Avenue and the
		Tunnel Exit Street

§80. The following street name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Matthew Jensen Way	McGuinness Boulevard	Between Bayard Street and
·		Meeker Avenue

§81. The following intersection name, in the Borough of the Bronx, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
James Payne Way	None	At the intersection of Alcott
		Place and Asch Loop

§82. The following intersection name, in the Borough of the Bronx, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Kashmir's Way	None	At the intersection of Barnes
		Avenue and East 227th Street

§83. The following street name, in the Borough of the Bronx, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Marvin E. Mayfield, Jr. Way	Edson Avenue	Between Hammersley Avenue
		and Burke Avenue

§84. The following street name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Jimi Hendrix Way	East 8th Street	Between MacDougal Street and
		6th Avenue

§85. The following street name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Jean-Michel Basquiat Way	Great Jones Street	Between Bowery and Lafayette
		Street

§86. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Dr. Joseph I. Kramer Way	None	At the intersection of Avenue D
		and East 7th Street

§87. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Isaac Freeman III aka Fatman	None	At the intersection of 109th
Scoop Way		Street and 5th Avenue

§88. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Edouard E. Plummer Place	None	At the intersection of West
		114th Street and Adam Clayton
		Powell, Jr. Boulevard

§89. The following street name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Ernestine Eleanor Bland	East 111th Street	Between 5th Avenue and
Williams Way		Madison Avenue

§90. The following street name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Dr. Maya Angelou Place	120th Street	Between Malcolm X Boulevard
		and 5th Avenue

§91. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Franklin H. Williams Street	None	At the intersection of West
		136th Street and 5th Avenue

§92. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Robertus Coleman Place	None	At the intersection of West
		114th Street and Frederick
		Douglass Boulevard

§93. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Manhattan, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Edwin Eddie Ellis Way	None	At the intersection of 151st
		Street and Adam Clayton
		Powell Jr., Boulevard

§94. The following intersection name, in the Borough of the Bronx, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Bronx Halloween Parade Way	None	At the intersection of East 163rd
		Street and Simpson Street

§95. The following intersection name, in the Borough of the Bronx, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Hector Lavoe Way	None	At the intersection of Bryant
		Avenue and Westchester
		Avenue

§96. The following intersection name, in the Borough of the Bronx, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Jehova Shalom Church Way	None	At the intersection of Boston
		Road and Southern Boulevard

§97. The following intersection name, in the Borough of the Bronx, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Eternal Rock Church	None	At the intersection of Intervale
		Avenue and Southern
		Boulevard

§98. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Alfie's Way	None	At the intersection of 117th
		Street and Myrtle Avenue

§99. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Guru Tegh Bahadur Marg Ji	None	At the intersection of 114th
Way		Street and 101st Avenue

§100. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Christine Haider Way	None	At the intersection of 58th
		Avenue and 189th Street

§101. The following street name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Arthur O'Meally Place	32nd Avenue	Between Union Street and
-		143rd Street

§102. The following street name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Andre (Dre. Most) Saunders	109th Road	Between 167th Street and 169th
Road		Place

§103. The following street name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Charles J. Adams Jr. Way	104th Avenue	Between 203rd Street and 204th
		Street

§104. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Det. Mary 'Mae' Foley Way	None	At the intersection of 5th Street
		and 50th Avenue

§105. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Dr. Jose P. Rizal Way	None	At the intersection of Woodside
		Avenue and 58th Street

§106. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
New York Irish Center Place	None	At the intersection of Jackson
		Avenue and 50th Avenue

§107. The following intersection name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Frank Carrado LIC Mayor Way	None	At the intersection of 50th
		Avenue and Vernon Boulevard

§108. The following street name, in the Borough of Queens, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
April Simpson-Taylor Way	12th Street	Between 40th Avenue and 41st
		Avenue

§109. The following street name, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is hereby designated as hereafter indicated.

New Name	Present Name	Limits
Lai Wan "Mary" Chin Way	20th Avenue	Between 83rd Street and 84th
		Street

§110. Sections 107 and 165 of local law number 54 for the year 2022 are hereby REPEALED.

§111. Sections 4, 33, 71 and 83 of local law number 41 for the year 2024 are hereby REPEALED.

- §112. Sections 28, 32, 47, 62 and 88 of local law 81 for the year 2024 are hereby REPEALED.
- §113. Section 84 of local law 158 for the year 2019 is hereby REPEALED.
- §114. This local law shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the Council (preconsidered and approved by the Committee on Parks and Recreation).

### Int. No. 1154

By Council Members Menin, Salaam, De La Rosa and Brooks-Powers.

# A Local Law in relation to establishing a high visibility pavement marking pilot program and the repeal of this local law upon the expiration thereof

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. High visibility pavement marking pilot program. a. Definitions. For purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

Commissioner. The term "commissioner" means the commissioner of transportation.

High visibility pavement marking. The term "high visibility pavement marking" means a pavement marking that, due to the use of technology such as retroreflectivity or photoluminescence, is more visible to road users in poor driving conditions than the current pavement markings used on streets in the city of New York.

Pavement marking. The term "pavement marking" means any type of line or symbol on the roadway that is intended to direct vehicular, pedestrian or cyclist movement.

Poor driving conditions. The term "poor driving conditions" means any driving conditions where the visibility of pavement markings may be reduced, such as at night or during inclement weather.

- b. Pilot program. The commissioner shall establish a pilot program to install high visibility pavement markings. As part of such program, the commissioner shall install high visibility pavement markings in at least 5 locations per borough. The commissioner shall prioritize placing such high visibility pavement markings in locations where a high numbers of traffic related injuries or fatalities have occurred as a result of poor driving conditions. Such program shall commence no later than 90 days after the effective date of this local law and shall conclude 2 years after the commencement of such program.
- c. Report. No later than 1 year after the conclusion of this program, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and speaker of the council a report that contains recommendations on whether to expand or make such program permanent. Such report shall also identify any challenges and issues presented by the program.
- § 2. This local law takes effect immediately and expires and is deemed repealed upon final submission of the report required by subdivision c. Upon such submission, the mayor shall notify the corporation counsel for the purpose of effectuating section 7-111 of the administrative code of the city of New York. Any failure to provide the notification described in this section shall not affect the effective date of any provision of this local law

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

## Res. No. 695

## Resolution calling on the MTA to make permanent the Access-A-Ride On-Demand E-Hail Pilot Program.

By Council Members Menin and Williams.

Whereas, The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) created the Access-A-Ride (AAR) On-Demand E-Hail Pilot Program ("Program") in 2017 to provide people with disabilities and seniors living in New York City (NYC) who use AAR with an on-demand paratransit travel option; and

Whereas, Traditional AAR booking requires users to request a trip 1 to 2 days in advance of the day they plan to travel, based on the time of day, but the Program allows for on-demand booking with participating service providers such as Arro, CTG, Lyft, Uber, and the Drivers Cooperative, which allows for trips to be planned more efficiently and flexibly; and

Whereas, Phase 1 of the Program, which was implemented in November 2017 and ended in August 2023, provided 1,200 randomly selected AAR riders the opportunity to have an e-hail service similar to that provided by for-hire vehicles at the cost of a bus or subway trip; and

Whereas, In August 2023, the MTA rolled out Phase 2 of the Program, which looked to add 2,400 AAR customers to the existing 1,200 to access the on-demand service for a \$4 co-pay, with customers being responsible for any additional cost that exceeded the MTA subsidy; and

Whereas, Phase 2 of the Program, which ultimately had 1,600 registered customers as the MTA reported that many customers chose not to register for the Program due to satisfaction with existing AAR service, provided customers with two options, including the Distance Option, which allowed for a greater per trip subsidy (25 trips per month with an MTA subsidy of up to \$40 per trip), and the High-Volume Option, which allowed for a greater number of subsidized trips per month (40 trips per month with an MTA subsidy of up to \$25 per trip); and

Whereas, Phase 3 of the Program, which began in July 2024 and is scheduled to run through at least the end of 2024, provides the 1,600 customers who participated in Phase 2 with up to 25 or 40 subsidized on-demand trips per calendar month based on each customer's previous usage, with a co-pay of \$4 per trip and an increase in the MTA subsidy of up to \$60 per trip; and

Whereas, The Program's expansion has come in the context of historically high demand for, and strong performance by, traditional AAR service, according to the MTA; and

**Whereas**, In 2023, the MTA reported that AAR showed increased ridership, improved customer satisfaction, improved on-time performance, and fewer no-shows on both primary and broker trips; and

**Whereas**, The most recent complete ridership data published by the MTA showed that, from September 2023 to September 2024, total AAR e-hail trips increased from 7,386 to 22,372 per month; and

Whereas, This increase in usage shows that the Program is well-used, and suggests that the e-hail option is giving flexibility to New Yorkers who may not be able to access the City in other ways due to disabilities or age; and

Whereas, The MTA should make the Program permanent, continue to expand the number of participants it serves, and improve its performance times and services, as this will help vulnerable New Yorkers who have difficulty accessing the City by complementing existing public transit and paratransit options; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the MTA to make permanent the Access-A-Ride On-Demand E-Hail Pilot Program.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

## Int. No. 1155

By Council Members Narcisse and Williams.

# A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of housing preservation and development to provide a resource guide regarding shared driveways

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 26 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 36 to read as follows:

# CHAPTER 36 SHARED DRIVEWAYS

- § 26-3601 Definitions. As used in this chapter, the term "department" means the department of housing preservation and development.
- § 26-3602 Shared driveway resource guide. a. The department, in consultation with relevant agencies, shall develop and maintain a resource guide that provides information about shared driveways. The resource guide shall include information on:
  - 1. How to determine whether a property includes a shared driveway;
- 2. Resources for resolving disputes regarding shared driveways, including alternative dispute resolution; and
  - 3. Any other topic the department deems appropriate.
- b. The department shall post the resource guide on its website no later than 120 days after the effective date of the local law that added this section.
- § 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Buildings.

# Int. No. 1156

- By Council Members Riley, Brannan, Won, De La Rosa, Hanif, Hanks, Avilés, Menin, Lee, Zhuang, Brooks-Powers, Ossé, Abreu, Moya, Holden, Williams, Hudson, Gennaro, Krishnan, Schulman, Ung, Carr, Ariola, Vernikov and Paladino.
- A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a prevailing wage requirement for covered workers in financially assisted facilities

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

- Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 6 the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 6-149 to read as follows:
- § 6-149 Prevailing wage for certain covered workers in financially assisted facilities. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

City development project. The term "city development project" means a project undertaken by a city agency or a city economic development entity for the purpose of improvement or development of real property, economic development, job retention or growth, or other similar purposes where the project: (i) is expected to be larger than 50,000 square feet, or, in the case of a residential project, larger than 50 units; (ii) has received or is expected to receive financial assistance; and (iii) is not covered by a project labor agreement. A project will be considered a city development project for 1 year from the date of completion of the city development project.

City economic development entity. The term "city economic development entity" means a not-for-profit organization, public benefit corporation or other entity that provides or administers economic development benefits on behalf of the city pursuant to paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 1301 of the charter or pursuant to article 12 of the private housing finance law.

Comptroller. The term "comptroller" means the comptroller of the city of New York.

Construction work. The term "construction work" means work performed by a covered worker in connection with a city development project, and includes but is not limited to work performed by laborers, mechanics, or other workers in the same trade or occupation as those classified in section 220 of the labor law.

Covered developer. The term "covered developer" means any person or entity receiving financial assistance in relation to a city development project, or any person or entity that contracts or subcontracts with a person or entity receiving financial assistgggance in relation to a city development project to perform construction work for a period of more than 90 days on the premises of the person or entity receiving financial assistance, or any assignee or successor in interest of real property that qualifies as a city development project. Such term does not include a small business.

Covered worker. The term "covered worker" means any person, the majority of whose employment consists of performing work in the same trade or occupation as those classified in section 220 of the labor law, performing construction work on a city development project.

Financial assistance. The term "financial assistance" means assistance that is provided to a covered developer for the improvement or development of real property, economic development, job retention and growth, or other similar purposes, and that is provided either (i) directly by the city; or (ii) indirectly by a city economic development entity and that is paid in whole or in part by the city, and that at the time the covered developer enters into a written agreement with the city or city economic development entity is expected to have a total present financial value of \$1,000,000 or more. Financial assistance includes, but is not limited to, cash payments or grants, bond financing, tax abatements or exemptions (including, but not limited to, abatements or exemptions from real property, mortgage recording, sales and uses taxes, or the difference between any payments in lieu of taxes and the amount of real property or other taxes that would have been due if the property were not exempted from the payment of such taxes), tax increment financing, filing fee waivers, energy cost reductions, environmental remediation costs, write-downs in the market value of building, land or leases, or the cost of capital improvements related to real property that, under ordinary circumstances, the city would not pay for; provided, however, that any tax abatement, credit, reduction or exemption that is given to all persons who meet criteria set forth in the state or local legislation authorizing such tax abatement, credit, reduction or exemption, shall be deemed to be as of right (or non-discretionary); and provided further that the fact that any such tax abatement, credit, reduction or exemption is limited solely by the availability of funds to applicants on a first come, first serve or other non-discretionary basis set forth in such state or local law shall not render such abatement, credit, reduction or exemption discretionary. Financial assistance includes only discretionary assistance that is negotiated or awarded by the city or by a city economic development entity, and does not include as-of-right assistance, tax abatements or benefits. Where assistance takes the form of leasing city property at below-market lease rates, the value of the assistance shall be determined based on the total difference between the lease rate and a fair market lease rate over the duration of the lease. Where assistance takes the form of loans or bond financing, the value of the assistance shall be determined based on the difference between the financing cost to a borrower and the cost to a similar borrower that does not receive financial assistance from a city economic development entity.

Prevailing wage. The term "prevailing wage" means the rate of wage and supplemental benefits paid in the locality to workers in the same trade or occupation and annually determined by the comptroller in accordance with the provisions of section 220 of the labor law.

Project labor agreement. The term "project labor agreement" means a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement between a covered developer and a labor organization that establishes the terms and conditions of employment for a city development project.

Small business. The term "small business" means an entity that has annual reported gross revenues of less than \$3,000,000. For purposes of determining whether an employer qualifies as a small business, the revenues of any parent entity, of any subsidiary entities, and of any entities owned or controlled by a common parent entity shall be aggregated.

- b. Prevailing wage in city development projects required. 1. Covered developers shall ensure that all covered workers performing construction work in connection with a city development project are paid no less than the prevailing wage.
- 2. Prior to commencing construction work at the city development project, and annually thereafter, every covered developer shall provide to the city economic development entity and the comptroller an annual certification executed under penalty of perjury that all covered workers employed at a city development project by the covered developer or under contract with the covered developer to perform construction work will be and/or have been paid the prevailing wage. Such certification shall include a record of the days and hours worked and the wages and benefits paid to each covered worker employed at the city development project or under contract with the covered developer. Such certification shall be certified by the chief executive or chief financial officer of the covered developer, or the designee of any such person. A violation of any provision of the certification or failure to provide such certification shall constitute a violation of this section by the party committing the violation of such provision.
- 3. Each covered developer shall maintain original payroll records for each covered worker reflecting the days and hours worked, and the wages paid and benefits provided for such hours worked, and shall retain such records for at least 6 years after the construction work is performed. The covered developer may satisfy this requirement by obtaining copies of records from the employer or employers of such covered workers. Failure to maintain such records as required shall create a rebuttable presumption that the covered workers were not paid the wages and benefits required under this section. Upon the request of the comptroller or the city, the covered developer shall provide a certified original payroll record.
- 4. No later than the day on which any construction work begins at any city development project subject to the requirements of this section, a covered developer shall post in a prominent and accessible place at every such city development project and provide each covered worker a copy of a written notice, prepared by the comptroller, detailing the wages, benefits, and other protections to which covered workers are entitled under this section. Such notice shall also provide the name, address, and telephone number of the comptroller and a statement advising covered workers that if they have been paid less that the prevailing wage they may notify the comptroller and request an investigation. Such notice shall be provided in English and Spanish. Such notice shall remain posted for the duration of the period as set forth in paragraph 6 of this subdivision and shall be adjusted periodically to reflect the current prevailing wage for covered workers. The comptroller shall provide the city with sample written notices explaining the rights of covered workers and covered developers' obligations under this section, and the city shall in turn provide those written notices to covered developers.
- 5. The comptroller, the city, or the city economic development entity may inspect the records maintained pursuant to paragraph 3 of this subdivision to verify the certifications submitted pursuant to paragraph 2 of this subdivision.
- 6. The requirements of this section shall apply for the duration of the construction, expansion, rehabilitation, or renovation of the city development project and for 1 year from the date of completion of the city development project.
- 7. The city shall maintain a list of covered developers that shall include, where a written agreement between a city agency or city economic development entity and a covered developer providing for financial assistance is targeted to particular real property, the address of each such property. Such list shall be updated and published as often as is necessary to keep it current.
- c. Enforcement. 1. No later than 120 days after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the mayor or the mayor's designee shall promulgate implementing rules and regulations as appropriate and consistent with this section and may delegate such authority to the comptroller. Beginning 12 months after the enactment of the local law that added this section, the comptroller shall submit annual reports to the mayor and the speaker of the council summarizing and assessing the implementation and enforcement of this section during the preceding year.
- 2. In addition to failure to comply with subdivision b of this section, it shall be a violation of this section for any covered developer to discriminate or retaliate against any covered worker who makes a claim that such worker is owed wages due as provided under this section or otherwise seeks information regarding, or enforcement of, this section.
- 3. The comptroller shall monitor covered employers' compliance with the requirements of this section. Whenever the comptroller has reason to believe there has been a violation of this section, or upon a verified

complaint in writing from a covered worker, a former covered worker, or a covered worker's representative claiming a violation of this section, the comptroller shall conduct an investigation to determine the facts relating thereto. At the start of such investigation, the comptroller may, in a manner consistent with the withholding procedures established by section 220-b of the labor law, request that the city or city economic development entity that executed a written agreement with the city or city economic development entity providing for financial assistance withhold any payment due to the financial assistance recipient in order to safeguard the rights of the covered workers.

- 4. The comptroller shall report the results of such investigation to the mayor or the mayor's designee, who shall, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of this subdivision and after providing the covered developer an opportunity to cure any violations, where appropriate issue an order, determination, or other disposition, including, but not limited to, a stipulation of settlement. Such order, determination, or disposition may at the discretion of the mayor, or the mayor's designee, impose the following on a covered developer committing the applicable violations: (i) direct payment of wages and/or the monetary equivalent of benefits wrongly denied, including interest from the date of the underpayment to the covered worker, based on the interest rate then in effect as prescribed by the superintendent of banks pursuant to section 14-a of the banking law, but in any event at a rate no less than 6 percent per year; (ii) direct payment of a further sum as a civil penalty in an amount not exceeding 25 percent of the total amount found to be due in violation of this section, except that in cases where a final disposition has been entered against a person in two instances within any consecutive 6year period determining that such person has willfully failed to pay or to ensure the payment of the prevailing wages in accordance with the provisions of this section or to comply with the anti-retaliation, recordkeeping, notice, or reporting requirements of this section, the mayor, or the mayor's designee, may impose a civil penalty in an amount not exceeding 50 percent of the total amount found to be due in violation of this section; (iii) direct the maintenance or disclosure of any records that were not maintained or disclosed as required by this section; (iv) direct the reinstatement of, or other appropriate relief for, any person found to have been subject to retaliation or discrimination in violation of this section; or (v) direct payment of the sums withheld at the commencement of the investigation and the interest that has accrued thereon to the covered developer. In assessing an appropriate remedy, due consideration shall be given to the gravity of the violation, the history of previous violations, the good faith of the covered developer, and the failure to comply with record-keeping, notice, reporting, or other non-wage requirements. Any civil penalty shall be deposited in the general fund.
- 5. In addition to the provisions provided in paragraph 4 of this subdivision, based upon the investigation provided in this subdivision, the comptroller shall also report the results of such investigation to the city economic development entity, which may impose a remedy as such entity deems appropriate as within its statutorily prescribed authority, including rescindment of the award of financial assistance.
- 6. Before issuing an order, determination, or any other disposition, the mayor or the mayor's designee, as applicable, shall give notice thereof, together with a copy of the complaint, which notice shall be served personally or by mail on any person affected thereby. The mayor or the mayor's designee, as applicable, may negotiate an agreed upon stipulation of settlement or refer the matter to the office of administrative trials and hearings for a hearing and disposition. Such person or covered developer shall be notified of a hearing date by the office of administrative trials and hearings and shall have the opportunity to be heard in respect to such matters.
- 7. When a final disposition has been made in favor of a covered worker and the person found violating this section has failed to comply with the payment or other terms of the remedial order of the mayor, or the mayor's designee, as applicable, and provided that no proceeding for judicial review shall then be pending and the time for initiation of such proceeding has expired, the mayor, or the mayor's designee, as applicable, shall file a copy of such order containing the amount found to be due with the clerk of the county of residence or place of business of the person found to have violated this section, or of any principal or officer thereof who knowingly participated in the violation of this section. The filing of such order shall have the full force and effect of a judgment duly docketed in the office of such clerk. The order may be enforced by and in the name of the mayor, or the mayor's designee, as applicable, in the same manner and with like effect as that prescribed by the civil practice law and rules for the enforcement of a money judgment.
- 8. In an investigation conducted under the provisions of this section, the inquiry of the comptroller or mayor, or the mayor's designee, as applicable, shall not extend to work performed more than 3 years prior to the filing of the complaint, or the commencement of such investigation, whichever is earlier.

- d. Civil action. 1. Except as otherwise provided by law, any person claiming to be aggrieved by a violation of this section shall have a cause of action in any court of competent jurisdiction for damages, including punitive damages, and for injunctive relief and such other remedies as may be appropriate, unless such person has filed a complaint with the comptroller or the mayor with respect to such claim. In an action brought by a covered worker, if the court finds in favor of the covered worker, it shall award the covered worker, in addition to other relief, such covered worker's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.
- 2. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of paragraph 1 of this subdivision, where a complaint filed with the comptroller or the mayor is dismissed an aggrieved person shall maintain all rights to commence a civil action pursuant to this chapter as if no such complaint had been filed.
- 3. A civil action commenced under this section shall be commenced in accordance with subdivision 2 of section 214 of the civil practice law and rules.
- 4. No procedure or remedy set forth in this section is intended to be exclusive or a prerequisite for asserting a claim for relief to enforce any rights hereunder in a court of law. This section shall not be construed to limit a covered worker's right to bring a common law cause of action for wrongful termination.
- 5. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this section or of any other general, special, or local law, ordinance, city charter or administrative code, a covered worker affected by this law shall not be barred from the right to recover the difference between the amount paid to the covered worker and the amount which should have been paid to the covered worker under the provisions of this section because of the prior receipt by the covered worker without protest of wages or benefits paid, or on account of the covered worker's failure to state orally or in writing upon any payroll or receipt which the covered worker is required to sign that the wages or benefits received by the covered worker are received under protest, or on account of the covered worker's failure to indicate a protest against the amount, or that the amount so paid does not constitute payment in full of wages or benefits due the covered worker for the period covered by such payment.
- e. Application to existing city development projects. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any written agreement between a city agency or city economic development entity and a covered developer providing for financial assistance executed prior to the enactment of the local law that added this section, except that extension, renewal, amendment, or modification of such written agreement, occurring on or after the enactment of the local law that added this section that results in the grant of any additional financial assistance to the financial assistance recipient shall make the covered developer subject to the conditions specified in this section.
- f. Severability. In the event that any requirement or provision of this section, or its application to any person or circumstance, should be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other requirements or provisions of this section, or the application of the requirement or provision held unenforceable to any other person or circumstance.
- g. Competing laws. This section shall be liberally construed in favor of its purposes. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting or conflicting with any other obligation or law, including any collective bargaining agreement, that mandates the provision of higher or superior wages, benefits, or protections to covered workers. No requirement or provision of this section shall be construed as applying to any person or circumstance where such coverage would be preempted by federal or state law. However, in such circumstances, only those specific applications or provisions of this section for which coverage would be preempted shall be construed as not applying.
  - § 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on Civil Service and Labor.

Res. No. 696

Resolution recognizing the Friday before Mother's Day as Community-Based Organization Day in the City of New York.

By Council Members Riley, Williams and Stevens.

Whereas, Nonprofit Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) are a cornerstone of New York City (NYC) providing critical services like childcare, social work, caseworker services, and much more to New Yorkers; and

Whereas, Nonprofits fill critical gaps that the government cannot address—creating more equity and fairness in NYC; and

Whereas, According to a 2020 New York City Comptroller report based on 2017 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data, before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, over 660,000 New Yorkers were employed by nonprofit agencies; and

Whereas, Nearly 5 percent of all NYC businesses are nonprofits: contributing approximately 9 percent of the city's total economic output; and

Whereas, More than one-third of Bronx private sector workers are employed by nonprofits; and

**Whereas**, In which, 64 percent of nonprofit workers are women and 56 percent of the total workers are Hispanic, Black, Asian, or other; and

Whereas, The Council of Nonprofits claims that 75 percent of nonprofits suffer from job vacancies nationwide; and

**Whereas**, Nonprofit HR found that by 2025, 45 percent of nonprofit employees will be looking for a career change; and

Whereas, According to the Society of Human Resource Management, nonprofits experienced a record 19 percent turnover compared to 12 percent for other industries; and

Whereas, Zip Recruiter lists the average non-profit organization salary in NYC at \$19.12 an hour compared to the \$16 an hour NYC minimum wage as of July 1, 2024; and

Whereas, Factors like low pay and job stress result in fewer New Yorkers working for CBOs; and

Whereas, Of the more than 660,000 total nonprofit workers, 22 percent are in the education industry; and

**Whereas**, According to the Day Care Council of New York's report on the early childcare workforce, more than 93 percent of employed childcare workers are women, of which, the majority are Hispanic, Black, or Asian; and

Whereas, Before the pandemic, 25 percent of childcare workers in NYC lived in poverty; and

Whereas, Black, Latina, and Asian women are a marginalized group that faces unique challenges due to systemic racism and limited opportunities for growth; and

**Whereas**, A day of significance to honor CBOs would present a new opportunity for these workers to meet with elected officials to share their experiences and the plights that the nonprofit industry bears; and

**Whereas**, For too long, nonprofit workers have been valuable members of the community with the general public lacking proper cognizance of CBO workers' voices and overall importance; now, therefore be it

**Resolved**, That the Council of the City of New York recognizes the Friday before Mother's Day as Community-Based Organization Day in the City of New York.

Referred to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup Relations.

### Int. No. 1157

By Council Members Rivera, Ayala, Stevens, Krishnan, Hudson and Williams.

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring child protective specialists to orally disseminate information to parents or caretakers about their rights during initial contact at the start of an ACS investigation

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 9 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-922 to read as follows:

- § 21-922 Information regarding the rights of parents and guardians. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term "office of advocacy" means the office within ACS which provides information and responds to the concerns of parents, youth, foster parents, and others affected by the child welfare system, juvenile justice system, and other ACS services.
- b. At the initial point of contact with a parent or caretaker during a child protective investigation, ACS shall orally disseminate to the parent or caretaker information regarding their rights during the investigation. Such information shall include, but need not be limited to:
- 1. Information regarding the right to appeal a case, request a copy of records in a case and request that such records be expunged;
  - 2. Resources which may be available to parents and caretakers during a child protective investigation;
  - 3. The telephone number of ACS' office of advocacy; and
  - 4. Any other information ACS deems appropriate.
  - § 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Youth.

### Int. No. 1158

- By Council Members Salaam, Avilés, Williams, Farías, Gutiérrez, Riley, Krishnan, Stevens, Abreu, Brooks-Powers, Ayala and Restler.
- A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing procedures for blood alcohol level testing of a uniformed member of the police department whose discharge of a firearm results in physical injury to or death of an individual

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

- Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-198 to read as follows:
- § 14-198 Blood alcohol level testing. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term "blood alcohol level testing" means administering a chemical test to measure the level of alcohol in an individual's blood by testing such individual's breath, blood, urine, or saliva.
- b. The commissioner shall establish procedures under which the commissioner shall conduct blood alcohol level testing of each uniformed member of the department who, whether on or off duty, discharges a firearm within the city in a manner resulting in physical injury to or death of an individual.
  - c. At a minimum, the commissioner shall set forth in such procedures:
  - 1. The time period in which such testing shall be conducted;
- 2. Exceptions to the applicability of such procedures when such uniformed member of the department or the individual who suffered injury as a result of such discharge needs time-sensitive medical care or hospitalization; and
  - 3. Next steps pertaining to such uniformed member of the department after such testing.
- d. The commissioner shall include the procedures established under subdivisions b and c of this section in the department's patrol guide.
- § 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law, except that the police commissioner shall take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

# Res. No. 697

Resolution calling on Congress to pass, and the President to sign, legislation that creates targeted and means-tested guaranteed income programs for low-income individuals, young adults, and foster youth.

By Council Members Williams, Ossé and Brooks-Powers.

Whereas, Policy proposals that support individuals to build wealth and economic security in order to eliminate poverty have been around for over 200 years, and have included options such as national dividends, negative income tax, and minimum incomes; and

Whereas, Most recently, Universal Basic Income (UBI), or periodic, universal, individual, and unconditional cash payments, has been the proposed as the best policy for alleviating poverty; and

Whereas, UBI-type programs, including Guaranteed Income (GI) programs, which are means-tested and targeted at specific groups, have been successfully piloted across the United States; and

Whereas, Some examples of successful GI programs include The Stockton Economic Empowerment Demonstration (SEED), which provided 125 Stockton residents living in low-income neighborhoods with \$500 per month for 24 months; the Baltimore Young Families Success Fund (BYFSF) which provided cash directly to young parents; Young Adult Louisville Income for Transformation (YALift), which provides 151 18-24 year olds \$500 monthly for one year; and Richmond Resilience Initiative (RRI) which gives \$500 monthly to 94 low-income residents otherwise not eligible for public benefits; and

Whereas, Results from the first year of SEED found that participants reported less income volatility and psychological distress and greater freedom to take risks such as applying for better jobs or leaving unsafe living situations and early BYFSF data shoes improved housing stability, labor force participation, and mental health; and

Whereas, YALift participants were 32% more likely to report working full time than non-participants, and 70% less likely to be evicted and RRI participants saw their monthly savings increase more than 100% while also being able to invest more time into education or seeking more fulfilling and well-paid employment; and

Whereas, The Standford Basic Income Lab and Center for Guaranteed Income Research's examination of data from BYFSF, SEED, YALift, and RRI, along with 26 other pilots has found that GI projects have generally positive outcomes on the wellbeing, livelihoods, and financial stability of participants; and

Whereas, Studies have shown that GI programs also help participants pay all of their bills and handle unexpected emergency payments without going into debt; and

Whereas, The United States House of Representatives is considering a number of GI bills which do not yet have companion bills in the Senate, that target specific populations, including young adults and foster youth; and

Whereas, Poverty in New York City is almost twice as high as the national poverty rate; and according to data from Robin Hood and the Center on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University, in 2022 nearly 500,000 more New Yorkers lived in Poverty than in 2021, with 56% of New Yorkers living with incomes below 200% of the poverty line; and

Whereas, The GI programs proposed in the pending House bills will thus greatly benefit many New Yorkers; and

Whereas, H.R. 5776, The Guaranteed Income Pilot Program Act of 2023, sponsored by U.S. Representative Bonnie Coleman, and pending in the U.S. House of Representatives, would establish a three-year nationwide pilot program that gives a monthly support payment to individual taxpayers implemented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); and

**Whereas**, This pilot program would enroll 20,000 participants nationally, of which 10,000 participants would receive a cash payment equal to the fair market rent for a 2-bedroom home in the ZIP Code in which the participant lives; and

Whereas, Data from H.R. 5776 would be used to evaluate the feasibility of expanding this program to more U.S. citizens, which would include New Yorkers; and

**Whereas**, H.R. 7547, The Young Adult Tax Credit Act, sponsored by U.S. Representative Morgan McGarvey, and pending in the U.S. House of Representatives, would provide a universal \$500 monthly payment as an advanced refundable tax credit to all 18- to 24-year-olds in the United States; and

Whereas, in June 2024 Robin Hood, in association with Columbia University, published a report on economic experiences of young adults in New York City and found that the poverty rate for young adults added 18-30 was higher than the average adult in city and young adults working full time are more likely to earn less than \$30,000 annually than adults working full time; and

Whereas, H.R.7038, The Guaranteed Income for Foster Youth Act, sponsored by U.S. Representative Robert Garcia, and pending in the U.S. House of Representatives, would authorize States to provide \$1,000 per month to all foster youth, including youth with disabilities, who were in foster care after 14 years of age, who exited foster care after 16 years of age, and who have not yet turned 27 years of age; and

Whereas, In New York City, as of September 2024, there was a monthly average of 6,465 children in foster care with another 1,763 on average existing foster care each month and research from the University of Columbia has found that children in foster care are more likely to face poverty and much more likely to face deep poverty than children living with parents; and

Whereas, studies on foster care outcomes for New York City Youth, from the New York City Office of the Mayor concluded that in New York City, only 25% of youth who experienced foster care graduated within 4 years, compared to 77% of all New York City students, which is associated with underemployment and poverty; and

Whereas, GI for this population could help overcome barriers to economic mobility and provide better outcomes for youth who experienced foster care; and

Whereas, GI programs are 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**, These bills would together create an additional safety net for some of the most disadvantaged Americans, including a large number of New Yorkers; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the Council of the City of New York calls on Congress to pass, and the President to sign, legislation that creates targeted and means-tested guaranteed income programs for low-income individuals, young adults, and foster youth.

Referred to the Committee on Children and Youth.

## Res. No. 698

Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S. 5035/A. 2665, which establishes the Malcom X Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act.

By Council Members Williams, Stevens, Louis and Riley.

Whereas, Malcom X was a civil rights leader who dedicated much of his life to advocating for racial justice; and

Whereas, After many years of activism, Malcom X was assassinated on February 21, 1965; and

Whereas, Muhammed A. Aziz, Khalil Islam, and Mujahid Abdul Halim were charged and convicted of murdering Malcom X; and

Whereas, Aziz, Islam, and Halim were given indeterminate life sentences; and

**Whereas**, In February 2020, then-Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance, Jr. announced the reopening of the case of Malcom X's murder; and

Whereas, After a nearly 2 year-long investigation, the district attorney's office, jointly with the lawyers representing Aziz and Islam, found that key evidence from the initial investigation was withheld by the prosecution, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the New York City Police Department;

Whereas, It was found that the aforementioned key evidence would have likely exonerated Aziz and Islam; and

Whereas, Both men had their convictions vacated in November 2021; and

Whereas, The assassination of Malcom X currently remains unsolved; and

**Whereas**, In January 2023, Assemblymember Clyde Vanel, introduced A. 2665 in the New York State Assembly, which establishes the Malcom X Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act (UCRCA); and

**Whereas**, In February 2023, its companion bill, S. 5035, was introduced in the New York State Senate by Senator James Sanders, Jr.; and

Whereas, Inspired both by the unsolved murder of Malcom X, and similar unsolved crimes of civil rights leaders, UCRCA aims to seek justice for the victims of these long unsolved crimes; and

Whereas, UCRCA would require the New York State Attorney General to annually conduct a study of unsolved civil rights cases of crimes committed not later than December 31, 1979 and provide funds for local and state law enforcement to pursue investigations of civil rights crimes committed not later than December 31, 1979; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S. 5035/A. 2665, which establishes the Malcom X Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act.

Referred to the Committee on Civil and Human Rights.

### Res. No. 699

# Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.8147-B/A.9636-A, to create a banking development district working group.

By Council Members Williams, Riley and Stevens.

**Whereas**, According to 2021 data from the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection, 305,700 households in New York City have no bank account, or are "unbanked"; and

Whereas, The 9.4 percent unbanked rate among New York City households exceeds the 4.5 percent nationwide rate; and

Whereas, Since 2015, eight of the nine New York City neighborhoods with the highest unbanked rates have been consistently predominantly Black or Hispanic neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Since 2015, eight of the nine New York City neighborhoods with the highest unbanked rates have been among those with the highest poverty rates and lowest median household incomes; and

**Whereas**, In 1997, the New York state legislature created the Banking Development District (BDD) program to incentivize the establishment of banking branches in areas of the state where there is a demonstrated need for banking services; and

**Whereas**, A bank branch opened in a BDD is eligible to receive a partial exemption on municipal property taxes, as well as municipal and state deposits at reduced rates; and

Whereas, Since the establishment of the BDD program, New York state has periodically reviewed the program for opportunities to enhance its work; and

Whereas, In 2004, a convened BDD working group was able to identify eleven communities in New York City that lacked banking services and develop a slate of additional state and city incentives to encourage establishment of bank branches there; and

Whereas, The New York State Department of Financial Services last reviewed the BDD program in 2009; and

Whereas, New York State Senator James Sanders Jr. has introduced S.8174-B, now pending in the New York State Senate, and New York State Assembly Member Khaleel Anderson has introduced companion bill A.9636-A, now pending in the New York State Assembly, which would establish a temporary banking development district working group to assess the BDD program and provide recommendations and future goals for the program; and

Whereas, A detailed review of this program would yield valuable insights into where the program can improve and further its mission to expand banking services to underserved areas, 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.8147-B/A.9636-A, to create a banking development district working group.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Preconsidered L.U. No. 200

By Council Member Brannan:

45th Street Partners, Block 1036, Lot 5, Manhattan, Community District No. 4, Council District No. 3.

Adopted by the Council (preconsidered and approved by the Committee on Finance).

Preconsidered L.U. No. 201

By Council Member Brannan:

The Perennial, Block 2248, Lot 228, Queens, Community District No. 6, Council District No. 29.

Adopted by the Council (preconsidered and approved by the Committee on Finance).

Preconsidered L.U. No. 202

By Council Member Brannan:

3044 Albany Crescent, Block 3266, Lot 90, Bronx, Community District No. 8, Council District No. 14.

Adopted by the Council (preconsidered and approved by the Committee on Finance).

Preconsidered L.U. No. 203

By Council Member Brannan:

Crotona VII, Block 2990, Lot 1, Bronx, Community District No. 3, Council District No. 17.

Adopted by the Council (preconsidered and approved by the Committee on Finance).

Preconsidered L.U. No. 204

By Council Member Brannan:

73 Loisaida HDFC, Block 387, Lot 141, Manhattan, Community District No. 3, Council District No. 2.

Adopted by the Council (preconsidered and approved by the Committee on Finance).

# Preconsidered L.U. No. 205

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number G 240065 GAX (Kingsbridge Armory ESDC Grant Application) submitted by the City of New York by and through the New York City Economic Development Corporation requesting from the New York City Council a favorable resolution in support of the City's application for funding from the New York State Empire State Development Corporation, pursuant to Section 16-n of the ESDC Act, under the Restore New York Communities Initiative, in connection with the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory (Block 3247, Lot 10), Borough of the Bronx, Community District 7, Council District 14.

Adopted by the Council (preconsidered and approved by the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises).

L.U. No. 206

By Council Member Salamanca:

Application number C 240363 ZMQ (Gleason Funeral Home Commercial Overlay) submitted by Martin A. Gleason Funeral Home, LLC, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment of the Zoning Map, Section No. 7d, by establishing within an existing R2A District a C2-2 District, Borough of Queens, Community District 7, Council District 19.

Referred to the Committee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises.

# NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

# **Charter Meeting**

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 deaths of several New Yorkers who had died during the course of their employment: restaurant worker Frankley Duran who was fatally shot during his shift in Council Member Nurse's district; and construction worker Jose Ramirez who was killed in an equipment accident in Council Member Power's district. The Speaker (Council Member Adams) also acknowledged the deaths of five New Yorkers in fatal fires which included incidents in the respective districts of Council Members Lee, Brewer, Banks, Moya, and Bottcher.

On the behalf of the Council, the Speaker (Council Member Adams) offered her thoughts and condolences to the families and loved ones of the deceased mentioned above during this very difficult time.

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The Speaker (Council Member Adams) announced that since the last Stated Meeting, Council Members Sanchez and Gutiérrez had both given birth to healthy babies. Those assembled in the Chambers applauded and cheered in appreciation of the news.

The Speaker (Council Member Adams) asked those assembled to join her in saying farewell to Council Member Yeger who was leaving the Council to assume a seat in the New York State Assembly. Throughout the proceedings, a number of Council Members had praised and commended the departing Council Member Yeger. On behalf of the Council, the Speaker (Council Member Adams) expressed her gratitude and thanks for his contributions to the city. She congratulated Council Member Yeger and wished him well as those assembled applauded and cheered in appreciation.

The Speaker (Council Member Adams) acknowledged the presence of former Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer and his family in the Chambers. The Speaker (Council Member Adams) also acknowledged the presence of a family member of Council Member Salaam.

The Speaker (Council Member Adams) wished everyone a Happy Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and all other holidays which were celebrated with family and loved ones as well. She also wished a Happy and Healthy New Year to all assembled.

Shortly before the adjournment of this meeting, the Majority Leader (Council Member Farías), thanked Council Members Riley and Williams for acknowledging the birthday of the Speaker (Council Member Adams) on the floor. She also thanked departing Council Member Yeger and wished him good luck in the New York State Assembly.

Whereupon on motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Farías) adjourned these proceedings to meet again for the Charter Meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk Clerk of the Council

<u>Editor's Local Law Notes</u>: The **Mayoral 2024 Charter Revision referendum proposals** were adopted by the voters at the General Election of Tuesday, November 5, 2024. These Charter Revision proposals were assigned subsequently as Local Law No. 117 of 2024 and duly filed with the New York State Secretary of State in Albany, N.Y.

Int. Nos. 130-A, 360-A, 663-A, and 1088-A, all adopted at the November 13, 2024 Stated Meeting, were returned unsigned by the Mayor on December 16, 2024. These items had become law on December 13, 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. 118 to 121 of 2024, respectively.

Int. Nos. 654-A, 814-A, 815-A, 850-A, 1127-A, and 1128-A, all adopted by the Council at the December 5, 2024 Stated Meeting, were **signed into law by the Mayor** on December 18, 2024 as, respectively, Local Law Nos. 122 to 127 of 2024.

Int. Nos. 436-A, 515-A, 557-B, 981-A, 1018-A, 1025-A, 1053-A, 1070-A, and 1071-A, all adopted at the November 21, 2024 Stated Meeting, were **returned unsigned by the Mayor** on December 23, 2024. These items had become law on December 21, 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. 128 to 136 of 2024, respectively.

<u>Editor's Notes</u>: These proceedings mark the last Stated Meeting for Council Member Kalman Yeger who resigned his Council office as of December 31, 2024 in order to assume a seat in the New York State Assembly (please see M-87 of 2025). His name was duly removed as sponsor from any pending Council legislation where listed.

For the transcript of these proceedings, please refer to the respective attachment section of items introduced or adopted at this Stated Meeting of December 19, 2024 on the New York City Council website at <a href="https://council.nyc.gov">https://council.nyc.gov</a>.