

Annual Report to the City Council

The Nuclear Disarmament and Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone Advisory Committee

Local Law 7 of 2022 established a five-year advisory committee focused on nuclear disarmament and reinforcing New York City's commitment to being a Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone (NWFZ).

The committee, chaired by Commissioner Zach Iscol of New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM), is comprised of seven members appointed by the Mayor and the Speaker of the City Council. All members of the Committee were appointed as of November 2023. In May 2025, Irwin Redlener vacated his seat, leaving a position open.

The committee is tasked with conducting a thorough review of the City's stance on nuclear weapons. Its responsibilities include drafting a resolution supporting the City's status as a nuclear weapons-free zone, defining the parameters of such a zone, and proposing mechanisms to educate communities about the impacts of nuclear weapons.

This annual report summarizes the activities and progress of this committee for 2025.

Meeting Schedule

The Committee met five times in 2025: February, May, October, November and December.

Committee Progress

Throughout 2025, the Committee has worked together to build upon progress from the previous year. The Committee focused on finalizing the draft resolution, promoting the work of the Committee at an event at Poster House and working on the White Paper. The Committee also continued to discuss priorities for the development of a public education campaign.

The following outlines the agreed upon goals and progress made this year.

Reaffirming New York City's Support for a Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone

The Committee has finalized a draft resolution to uphold New York City's status as a nuclear weapons free zone and provide updated context to affirm this designation.

In addition to the draft resolution, the Committee has been developing a White Paper to accompany and expand on the resolution.

Public Education Campaign

The committee continues to work to design the framework for a robust public education campaign to inform communities about the impacts of nuclear weapons and the need for nuclear disarmament. This campaign will utilize various channels, including social media, community events, and educational workshops.

Promote Awareness of Committee Activities

On August 6, 2025, the Committee partnered with Poster House for a panel event to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Against the backdrop of the Fallout: Atoms for War and Peace exhibit, the panel was moderated by Commissioner Zach Iscol and featured the Committee members as panelists. The attendees were also guided through the exhibit by Chief Curator & Executive Director Angelina Lippert.

Conclusion

The Nuclear Disarmament and Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone Advisory Committee has made great progress in 2025. As we look toward 2026, we will focus on developing a White Paper to accompany the draft resolution, identify opportunities to promote the work of the Committee, and continue to work with community groups and advocates to ensure their voices are heard and included in the work.