

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, RESILIENCY
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: James F. Gennaro, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Alexa Avilés
Robert F. Holden
Kristy Marmorato
Sandy Nurse
Lincoln Restler
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sound check for the
Committee on Environmental Protection. Today's date
is April 18, 2024. Being recorded by Danny Huang in
the Chambers.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and
welcome to today's New York City Council hearing for
the Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency
and Waterfronts.

At this time, we ask that you silence
cell phones and electronic devices to minimize
disruptions throughout the hearing.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Chair, we are ready to begin.

CHAIRPERSON GENNARO: Okay, we're going to
get going. [GAVEL] Good morning. I am Council Member
Jim Gennaro, Chair of the Committee on Environmental
Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts.

Today, we'll vote on Proposed Intro 129-A
sponsored by Council Member Brannan. We first
considered this bill on March 1st of this year.
Intro. 129-A would establish a pilot program to
install solar canopies on at least one City-
controlled parking lot in each borough where such a
canopy would be cost-effective. In addition, for each

1 City-controlled parking lot at which a solar energy
2 canopy is installed, the Department of Citywide
3 Administrative Services would be required to install
4 at least five EV chargers that are capable of
5 providing a full charge in three to eight hours.
6 Following the pilot program, this Local Law would
7 require a report on the total number and locations of
8 the City-controlled parking lots where solar canopies
9 were installed and where they would be cost-effective
10 and recommendations for making the program permanent.
11 The program will take advantage of real estate the
12 City already controls. Utilizing City-controlled
13 parking lots for solar installations will assist the
14 City with increasing local renewable energy
15 generation, support grid reliability by increasing
16 distributed generation resources and expand access to
17 local electric vehicle charging infrastructure. It
18 will be a visible demonstration of the City's
19 commitment to finding creating solutions to confront
20 the climate crisis.

22 I would like to thank the terrific Staff
23 of the Committee, Committee Counsel Claire
24 MacLachlan, Policy Analysts Ricky Chawla and Andrew
25 Bourne, Financial Analyst Tanveer Singh and, finally,

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my great Legislative Director Nabby Kaur for all
their hard work.

I want to thank the following Council
Members for being here today. We have Council Members
Marmorato, Nurse, Restler, Avilés. On Zoom, we have
Holden and Salamanca.

Without further ado, I'll ask the Clerk
to call the roll.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
afternoon. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
vote Committee on Environmental Protection,
Resiliency and Waterfronts. Proposed Introduction
129-A. Chair Gennaro.

CHAIRPERSON GENNARO: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
Salamanca.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
you. Brannan. Holden.

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
you. Avilés.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Nurse.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Zhuang.

Marmorato.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
vote of seven in the affirmative, zero in the
negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted
by the Committee.

CHAIRPERSON GENNARO: Thank you, Billy.

I'm just curious if there are other Members who have
indicated their intent to come by and vote, whether I
should leave the record open and/or perhaps another
Committee needs this room.

Okay, we're going to close the vote. This
vote is adjourned. [GAVEL]

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date May 15, 2024