

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 1

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT

VOTE*

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Thursday, April 16, 2026

Start: 10:17 A.M.

Recess: 10:22 A.M.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - 8th Floor -
Hearing Room 1

B E F O R E: Hon. Justin E. Sanchez, Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shahana K. Hanif

Ty Hankerson

Virginia Maloney

Kayla Santosuosso

Shanel Thomas-Henry

Sandra Ung

Inna Vernikov

Susan Zhuang

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2 SERGEANT KUSNER: Mic check, mic check.

3 This is a microphone check for the Committee on
4 Sanitation & Solid Waste Management, located in
5 Hearing Room 1, on April 16th, 2026, by Pat Kurzyna.

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good morning, good
7 morning. Welcome to the New York City Council
8 Committee vote on the Committee on Sanitation and
9 Solid Waste Management.

10 At this time, please silence all electronics and do
11 not approach the dais.

12 Chair, you may begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Good morning,
14 everyone, and welcome to today's hearing hosted by
15 the Committee on Sanitation & Solid Waste
16 Management.

17 The purpose of this hearing is to hold a
18 vote on Introduction Number 355-A, sponsored by
19 Council Member Sandy Nurse. The Committee previously
20 heard Introduction Number 355 at a hearing on April
21 6th, 2026, where it received testimony from
representatives of the Department of Sanitation and
interested members of the public.

Introduction Number 355-A would designate
organic waste as a recyclable material for city

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2 agencies and would require the Department of
3 Sanitation to establish rules governing the source
4 separation of organic waste that is generated by city
agencies in the preparation and service of meals.

5 I will now turn it over to the Clerk to
6 take the vote on Intro. Number 355-A.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Good morning.
William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote;
8 Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management.
9 Proposed Introduction 355-A.

10 Chair Sanchez?

11 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ung?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: (NO RESPONSE)

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
19 Hankerson?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKERSON: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Maloney?

COUNCIL MEMBER MALONEY: (NO RESPONSE)

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
3 Santosuosso?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council
6 Member.

7 Council Member Thomas-Henry?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS-HENRY: (NO
9 RESPONSE)

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.

12 With a vote of 6 in the affirmative, 0 in
13 the negative, and no abstentions, the item has been
14 adopted by the Committee, and the roll will be held
15 open at the request of the Chair.

16 (PAUSE)

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Maloney?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MALONEY: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote is currently at 7
20 in the affirmative.

21 (PAUSE)

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,
23 Committee on Sanitation. Council Member Thomas-Henry?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS-HENRY: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. The vote is
3 now at 8 in the affirmative.

4 (PAUSE)

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

8 Final vote is now 9 in the affirmative, 0
9 in the negative, no abstentions.

10 Mr. Chair, that is a full committee.

11 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Thank you.
12 And with that, the Committee on Sanitation and Solid
13 Waste Management is closed. [GAVEL]
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7 transcript is a true and accurate record of the
8 proceedings. We further certify that there is no
9 relation to any of the parties to this action by blood
10 or marriage, and that there is no interest in the
11 outcome of this matter.



17 Date August 13, 2026
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