

## **New York City Council**

### **Memorandum in Support of Legislation**

*This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.*

#### **Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 1167-2025

#### **Prime Sponsors:**

Council Member Amanda Farías

#### **Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the resignation of members of boards of directors of business improvement district management associations

#### **Submitted by:**

Council Member Amanda Farías

#### **Justification:**

New York City's Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) are not only economic drivers in their communities but are also crucial in ensuring essential services are brought to the areas in which they are located. They are important partners of NYC government in each borough, and aid in supplementing the work of city agencies like DSNY, SBS, and NYPD through sanitation, public safety, beautification, and local business support actions. However, the ability of BID board members to resign immediately, abruptly, and without notice poses a serious risk to the communities they serve, local government, and the BID. This issue became a reality in my district in 2024, when the entire executive board of the Westchester Square Business Improvement District abruptly resigned, leaving the BID temporarily leaderless. To address this issue, this bill will require any member of a BID's Board of Directors to provide no fewer than 30 days' notice prior to resignation. It is a simple, straightforward, and important measure to ensure the stability and continuity of BID leadership and services.