

## 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.

Legislative Service Number:

- LS No. 22878

Prime Sponsor:

- Council Member Darlene Mealy

Bill Title:

- A local law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to making available training and operational support to staff of food pantries.

Submitted by:

- Council Member Darlene Mealy

#### Justification

Food pantries are essential to addressing food insecurity in New York City, yet many operate with limited resources and minimal access to formal training or operational support.

As the need for pantry services increases, staffers are challenged with more complex responsibilities, including inventory management and equitable service delivery.

Providing streamline training and operational support will strengthen pantry operations, improve service quality, and ensure consistent, safe and dignified access to food.

This legislation is necessary to support food pantry providers and to improve the effectiveness and reliability of the City's response to hunger/food insecurities.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.