

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AND WORKER PROTECTION  
CITY COUNCIL  
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Of the

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AND WORKER  
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September 10, 2025

Start: 11:25 a.m.

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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Julie Menin, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu

Gale A. Brewer

Amanda Farías

Shekar Krishnan

Chi A. Ossé

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, good  
3 morning. This is the Committee on Consumer and Worker  
4 Protection. Today's date is September 10, 2025. The  
5 location is the Committee Room recorded by Ginelle  
6 Yearwood.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, good  
8 morning. Welcome to the New York City Council vote on  
9 the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protections.

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

12 Chair, you may begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON MENIN: [GAVEL] Good morning.  
14 I'm Julie Menin, Chair of the Committee on Consumer  
15 and Worker Protection.

16 At today's hearing, the Committee will  
17 hold a vote on Proposed Intro. Number 20-A in  
18 relation to the bicycle safety course required for  
19 bicycle operators and suspension and revocation of a  
20 license issued to third-party food delivery services.

21 The Committee will also consider whether  
22 to recommend the override of Mayor's veto of Intro  
23 Number 47-B in relation to repealing the misdemeanor  
24 criminal penalties for general vendors and mobile  
25 food vendors, Intro. Number 1133-A in relation to

2 protections for contracted delivery workers, and  
3 Intro. 1135-A in relation to minimum payments to  
4 grocery delivery workers, as well as whether to  
5 recommend that the Mayor's veto messages be filed.

6 I first of all want to recognize my  
7 fellow Committee Members, Council Member Abreu,  
8 Council Member Krishnan, Majority Leader Farías,  
9 Council Member Brewer, Council Member Ossé, and I'll  
10 recognize additional Colleagues as they join.

11 The bills we're considering today all  
12 address important economic security and safety issues  
13 for some of the most vulnerable working people in the  
14 city, street vendors and delivery workers. Proposed  
15 Intro. Number 20-A, sponsored by Council Member  
16 Brewer, would amend the commercial bicycle safety  
17 laws and make compliance with the commercial bicycle  
18 safety laws a condition for maintaining a third-party  
19 food delivery service license.

20 Intro. 47-B, sponsored by Council Member  
21 Krishnan, would remove all misdemeanor criminal  
22 penalties for general vendors and mobile food  
23 vendors. Vendors who operate without a license could  
24 be subject to a violation and a fine or a civil  
25 penalty. Vendors who violate any other street vending

2 laws would be subject to a civil penalty. This bill  
3 follows through on a recommendation from the Street  
4 Vendor Advisory Board, a multi-stakeholder body  
5 tasked with evaluating the City's vending laws and  
6 making recommendations to the Mayor and to the City  
7 Council to address duplicity, inefficiency, and  
8 burdensome regulations. The bill was carefully  
9 negotiated with the Administration, including the  
10 Police Department, before passage, and the Mayor's  
11 veto disregards the hard work and advisement both of  
12 the Street Vendor Advisory Board and his own Staff.

13 Intro. 1133-A, sponsored by Council  
14 Member Gutiérrez, and Intro. 1135-A, sponsored by  
15 Council Member Nurse, would expand the minimum pay  
16 and worker protections extended to third-party food  
17 delivery workers to all grocery and other contracted  
18 delivery workers. These two bills were also amended  
19 in close collaboration with the Administration. In  
20 fact, when we heard those bills in December 2024, the  
21 Department of Consumer and Worker Protections stated  
22 that they "enthusiastically commend the Council for  
23 recognizing that there are many more New York City  
24 delivery workers in need of DCWP protections."

I'm now going to give the sponsors of each of these pieces of legislation an opportunity to give their remarks, starting with Council Member Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

As you suggested, Intro. 20-A is a straightforward traffic and pedestrian safety bill related to commercial bicycle deliveries. I feel strongly that third-party delivery services, such as DoorDash, Uber Eats, and others, should be accountable for street and pedestrian safety. This is a big victory to pass this bill. It's hard to regulate this industry. Their business model diminishes all of our efforts often. App officials and lobbyists use dirty tricks to thwart our work to hold them accountable. I'm proud to stand up to them, and I thank my co-sponsors for doing the same. The Administrative Code, Section 10-157, already imposes a number of safety regulations on businesses and workers that use bicycles for delivery, such as mandating a commercial cyclist safety course for all workers. The trouble is, third-party delivery services claim they are exempt because their workers

are independent contractors. I disagree strongly.

This bill does four things. One, makes simple updates to Section 10-157 to clarify that all businesses and workers using bicycles for commercial purposes must follow existing safety regulations, and DOT will devise a course for them to take. Add safe and lawful operation of powered bicycles and lithium-ion batteries to the commercial bicycle safety course administered by DOT, as I mentioned above. Eliminates existing language in Section 10-157 that allows a Police Department to access bicycle delivery workers' personal information. None of that information will be available to anybody. Creates a mechanism for enforcement through stronger penalties for repeat violations of current and, importantly, future regulations.

I want to thank Sam Goldsmith from my office, Sarah Swain from the Legislative Division, and everyone who helped, the Agency, Department of Consumer and Worker Protection, the Department of Transportation, the fabulous Workers Justice Project, New York Immigration and Transportation Alternatives. I urge everybody to support this bill. Thank you very much.

2 CHAIRPERSON MENIN: Thank you so much, and  
3 I now call on Council Member Krishnan.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Thank you so  
5 much, Chair Menin, for your leadership to move these  
6 pieces of legislation forward.

7 I'll just simply say we passed these  
8 bills because we in the City Council stand up for  
9 street vendors, we stand up for workers, we stand up  
10 for immigrants in this city. We will override these  
11 vetoes today and defend our values as New Yorkers,  
12 especially in such a perilous moment where so many,  
13 whether it's workers against corporate greed and  
14 profits to immigrants, with the stories we are  
15 hearing coming out of 26th Federal Plaza, what the  
16 Trump Administration is doing, both with 10,000 new  
17 ICE agents as well as the National Guard. We will  
18 stand together to end the criminalization of street  
19 vendors and to make sure our grocery store workers  
20 are paid well. Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON MENIN: Thank you very much.

22 So as a matter of procedure, I will now  
23 ask two questions. First, shall we accept and file  
24 the Mayor's veto message? Second, shall the bill pass  
25 the objection of the Mayor notwithstanding?

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2 Will the Clerk please call the roll?

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
4 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
5 vote, Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection.  
6 All items are coupled.

7 Chair Menin.

8 CHAIRPERSON MENIN: Aye on all. I want to  
9 congratulate my Colleagues on these bills and their  
10 leadership. Thank you.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye on all.  
13 Congratulations to the, particularly that guy from  
14 Queens.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Abreu.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.  
19 Congratulations.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Krishnan.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Thank you,  
22 everyone. Proudly, yes and yes.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ossé.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won.



2 With a vote of six in the affirmative,  
3 zero in the negative, and no abstentions, all items  
4 have been passed by the Committee as described by the  
5 Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON MENIN: [GAVEL]

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Date September 12, 2025