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OF THE

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL
OPERATIONS, STATE &
FEDERAL LEGISLATION
VOTE*

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Thursday, April 10, 2025

Start: 11:49 a.m.

Recess: 11:52 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: Hon. Lincoln Restler, Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Gale A. Brewer
David M. Carr
James F. Gennaro
Jennifer Gutiérrez
Shahana K. Hanif
Vickie Paladino
Lynn C. Schulman
Inna Vernikov

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SERGEANT LEWIS: Mic check, this is a mic check,
this is a mic check on the Committee on Governmental
Operations, State & Federal Legislation. Today's date
is April 10, 2025 – recorded by Walter Lewis in the
Committee Room.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good morning, and welcome to
the New York City Council Vote of the Committee on
Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation.
At this time, can everybody please silence your cell
phones?

Chair, we are ready to begin.

CHAIRPERSON RESTLER: [GAVEL] Good afternoon; my
name is Lincoln Restler, I chair the Committee on
Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation.

I would like to start off by thanking my
colleagues for joining us today, and everyone who is
here – Council Member Schulman, Council Member Carr,
Council Member Paladino, Council Member Gutiérrez,
Council Member Brewer, and Council Member Gennaro. We
greatly appreciate you all being here. Do we have
anyone on Zoom? No, great.

We will be voting on Introduction 694-A,
sponsored by Council Member Sandy Nurse, this bill
will require the City to create a strategic plan for

a citywide bathroom network, including a
comprehensive online map of all public bathrooms in
the city.

Bathroom access, I think we would all agree, is
critically important — as an accessibility issue; a
disability justice issue; a quality of life issue for
every single New Yorker; for folks with small
bladders; for folks who need a changing table; and
for everybody in between.

(LAUGHTER)

CHAIRPERSON RESTLER: Moms, everybody. All of us.
Pregnant, weak bladders, whatever, you know, all of
us. I think it's a unifying issue that we all gotta
pee.

Bathroom access is something that when we don't
have it, we see the ramifications and the quality of
life around our neighborhood. We see people peeing
and pooping on our streets. In response to that in
Downtown Brooklyn, I helped create a map of all of
the public bathrooms in the neighborhood, and we
started putting them up in the LinkNYC kiosks as a
way to try to get the word out about where the
bathrooms are. But that's not enough, and we should
be doing so much more. This legislation is very much

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a step in the right direction. So we do not have
Council Member Nurse here with us today, unless
anyone else wants to give, no? I think we are just
going to vote — answering nature's call.

(LAUGHTER)

COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning, William Martin,
Committee Clerk; roll call vote Committee on
Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation,
Proposed Introduction Number 694-A.

Chair Restler?

CHAIRPERSON RESTLER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: (MEDICAL)

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Carr?

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Vernikov

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COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (ABSENT)

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: With a vote of 7 in the
affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no abstentions, I
item has been adopted by the Committee.

CHAIRPERSON RESTLER: Hope everyone has a nice
day. We are now going to wrap it up. [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 9, 2025