

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY

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June 30, 2025

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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Farrah N. Louis, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Tiffany Cabán
Jennifer Gutiérrez
Kevin C. Riley
Inna Vernikov

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Mic check, mic check,
3 mic check. This is a mic check on the Committee on
4 Women and Gender Equity. Today's date is June 30,
5 2025, in the Chambers, recorded by Walter Lewis.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, good
7 morning.

8 Welcome to the Committee Vote on Women
9 and Gender Equity.

10 At this time, we ask that you please
11 silence all electronics and at no point, please do
12 not approach the dais.

13 Chair, you may begin.

14 CHAIRPERSON LOUIS: [GAVEL] Good morning,
15 everyone. My name is Farrah Louis. I am the Chair of
16 the Committee on Women and Gender Equity.

17 Today, the Committee will vote on a piece
18 of legislation that I am proud to co-sponsor,
19 Proposed Resolution 0817-2025, sponsored by Council
20 Member Cabán, a resolution calling upon the New York
21 State Legislature to provide the necessary funds to
22 ensure hospital and healthcare provider services for
23 gender-affirming care remain accessible for all
24 people in New York City.

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First, I would like to acknowledge my Colleagues who are present today, Council Member Cabán and Council Member Gutiérrez.

Now, I would like to invite the sponsor of the legislation, Council Member Cabán, to provide remarks.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you, Chair Louis, Members of the Committee. I'm proud that today, during Pride, the Council is ready to pass Resolution 817, legislation I'm honored to co-sponsor, along with the LGBTQIA Plus Caucus and Chair Louis. This resolution calls on the New York State Legislature to fund and protect gender-affirming care, medical care that is essential, evidence-based, and lifesaving. At a time when the federal government is launching an all-out assault on the rights, safety, and bodily autonomy of transgender and gender-nonconforming folks, this Council is standing firm in our values. The Trump Administration's executive orders and its campaign to strip access to medical care is not just anti-science. It is cruel, discriminatory, and dangerous. With the passage of this resolution, we're sending a clear message. We won't allow our transgender neighbors to be targeted

and scapegoated, and we're not going to stand by as care is denied and their safety is threatened. We will fight for a world where everyone has access to the healthcare that they need. To our trans and gender-nonconforming communities, we see you, we support you, and we will never stop fighting for you.

Thank you to Chair Louis, members of the Committee, the Speaker, and most of all the advocates who have worked and fought tirelessly to protect trans lives. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON LOUIS: Thank you, Council Member Cabán.

We've also been joined by Council Member Vernikov.

Finally, I would like to thank my own Staff and the Members of the Women and Gender Equity Committee Staff, Senior Committee Counsel Julia Goldsmith-Pinckham, and Senior Legislative Policy Analyst Kristi Dwyer, who worked to prepare for this hearing today.

Clerk, we are ready to begin the vote.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call

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vote Committee on Women and Gender Equity on
Resolution 817. Chair Louis.

CHAIRPERSON LOUIS: Aye on all.

Congratulations, Council Member Cabán.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Riley.

Cabán.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

Gutiérrez.

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vernikov.

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: I vote no.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
vote of three in the affirmative, one in the
negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted
by the Committee.

CHAIRPERSON LOUIS: Thank you so much, and
we're going to hold the vote open.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

Continuation Roll Call, Committee on Women and Gender
Equity. Resolution 817. Council Member Riley.

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final
3 vote is now four in the affirmative, one in the
4 negative, and no abstentions.

5 CHAIRPERSON LOUIS: Thank you, everyone.

6 [GAVEL]

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Date August 4, 2025