

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 1
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Of the

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WASTE MANAGEMENT

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February 11, 2026

Start: 1:22 p.m.

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HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - 8TH FLOOR - HEARING
ROOM 3

B E F O R E: Justin E. Sanchez, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shahana Hanif
Ty Hankerson
Kayla Santosuosso
Shanel Thomas-Henry
Sandra Ung
Inna Vernikov
Susan Zhuang

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Mic check, mic check.

3 It's a mic check for the vote on Sanitation and Solid
4 Waste Management. Today's date is February 11th,
5 2026, in Hearing Room HR3, recorded by Walter Lewis.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good afternoon, and
7 welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the
8 Committee on Sanitation and Waste Management.

9 At this time, I would like to remind
10 everyone to silence all electronic devices.

11 Also at this point, going forward, no one
12 is to approach the dais.

13 Chair, we're ready to begin.

14 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: [GAVEL] Good
15 afternoon, everyone, and welcome to today's hearing
16 hosted by the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste
17 Management.

18 The purpose of this hearing is to hold a
19 vote on Introduction Number 18-A, sponsored by
20 Majority Leader Sean Abreu. The Committee previously
21 heard Introduction Number 18 at a hearing on January
22 30th, 2026, where it received testimony from
23 representatives of the Department of Sanitation and
24 was open for testimony from interested members of the
25 public. Introduction Number 18-A would require that

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2 by April 1st, 2027, the New York City Department of
3 Sanitation implement a pilot program for the use of
4 power washing machines to clean and remove odors and
5 spills from sidewalk surfaces and commercial
6 corridors. DSNY would be required to select a pilot
7 program location in each borough for a five-block
8 distance on streets with access to mass transit and
9 high pedestrian traffic. The bill would also require
10 DSNY to report on such pilot program by December 1st
11 of 2027.

12 I will now turn it over to the Clerk to
13 take the vote on Intro. Number 18-A.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
15 you. Good afternoon. William Martin, Committee Clerk.
16 Roll call vote, Committee on Sanitation and Solid
17 Waste Management.

18 Chair Sanchez.

19 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanif.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
25 you.

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2 Zhuang.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

5 Hankerson.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKERSON: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Maloney.

8 Santosuosso.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thomas-

11 Henry.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS-HENRY: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

14 you.

15 Vernikov.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a

18 vote of eight in the affirmative, zero in the

19 negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted

20 by the Committee.

21 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Thank you,

22 everyone, and this Committee is now closed. [GAVEL]

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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 February 17, 2026