

COMMITTEE ON AGING

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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Crystal Hudson, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chris Banks  
Linda Lee  
Darlene Mealy  
Yusef Salaam  
Lynn C. Schulman

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Morning. This is a  
3 microphone check for the Committee on Aging and the  
4 City Council Chambers. Date is November 21, 2024.  
5 Recorded by Sergeant Ben Levy.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and  
7 welcome to the New York City Council vote of the  
8 Committee on Aging.

9 At this time, please silence all  
10 electronic devices.

11 At this time going forward, no one is to  
12 approach the dais. I repeat, no one is to approach  
13 the dais.

14 Chair, we are ready to begin.

15 CHAIRPERSON HUDSON: Thank you. [GAVEL]  
16 Good morning, everyone. I'm Council Member Crystal  
17 Hudson, Chair of the Committee on Aging, and my  
18 pronouns are she/her.

19 Today, the Committee is voting on the  
20 following legislation, which I've sponsored, Proposed  
21 Introduction Number 1025-A in relation to the  
22 provision of information regarding employment,  
23 discrimination, and older adult workforce programs;  
24 and Proposed Introduction Number 1053-A in relation

2 to a study and report on the feasibility of creating  
3 older adult information points.

4 We are joined today by Council Members  
5 Banks, Lee, Mealy, and Schulman.

6 Last week, I was proud to announce Age in  
7 Place 2.0. After working with groups like AARP, Live  
8 On New York, the Asian American Federation, members  
9 of the New York City Council, and other key  
10 stakeholders to identify issues facing older adults  
11 and brainstorm solutions, we advanced the Age in  
12 Place legislative package last session. We  
13 successfully passed seven of ten bills in that  
14 package, including laws to expand right to counsel to  
15 all older adults, require universal design in all  
16 City-funded housing, expand access to telemedicine  
17 and telehealth devices, and expand culturally  
18 appropriate programming at older adult centers.

19 With Age in Place 2.0, we're fighting for  
20 even more. Stronger interagency coordination to  
21 support older adults across issue areas, greater meal  
22 options, more tech support to adapt to technological  
23 developments, and policies to lay the groundwork for  
24 universal elder care across the five boroughs. The  
25 bills we are voting on today, Introductions 1025 and

2 1053, are critical components of Age in Place 2.0.  
3 Intro 1025 would ensure that older adults receive  
4 information and resources regarding employment and  
5 volunteer opportunities as well as workforce program  
6 opportunities through NYC Aging. When older New  
7 Yorkers want or need to work or when they simply want  
8 to give back to their communities, we should provide  
9 them with the information and resources necessary to  
10 achieve their goals. Meanwhile, Intro. 1053 would  
11 require NYC Aging to conduct a feasibility study  
12 regarding the creation of older adult information  
13 points. Older adult information points would serve as  
14 physical locations where older adults can receive  
15 information concerning NYC Aging services and  
16 programming. We should strive to meet our older  
17 adults where they are in the community, but we should  
18 also think creatively about integrating the vital  
19 services the City provides into everyday routines.  
20 Older adult information points would allow older  
21 adults in their surrounding circles to, for example,  
22 learn about benefits administered through NYC Aging  
23 on their way to the grocery store or coming home from  
24 a medical appointment. This legislation is an  
25 exciting step towards expanding NYC Aging's footprint

2 and reaching folks beyond the current network of  
3 older adult centers and naturally occurring  
4 retirement communities. I will keep fighting to  
5 ensure that every older adult can age in place with  
6 dignity, and the bills we are voting today as part of  
7 the Age in Place 2.0 package will help move our city  
8 in that direction.

9           A huge thank you to the advocates for  
10 their thought partnership on these initiatives. Thank  
11 you to the Members of the Aging Committee who have  
12 joined us today, and I'd also like to thank my Staff,  
13 Casie Addison and Andrew Wright, and Aging Committee  
14 Staff, Christopher Pepe, Chloë Rivera, Julia Haramis,  
15 and Saiyemul Hameed.

16           I will now turn it over to the Clerk to  
17 call the roll.

18           COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
19 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
20 vote Committee on Aging. Proposed Introduction 1025-  
21 A. Chair Hudson.

22           CHAIRPERSON HUDSON: Aye.

23           COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Lee.

24           COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
3 you. Mealy.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Schulman.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: I'm an aye. Can  
7 I explain my vote for a sec?

8 CHAIRPERSON HUDSON: Absolutely.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: So as an older  
10 adult, I'm very proud to vote for this package, and I  
11 want to thank Council Member Hudson, who's been an  
12 extraordinary Chair of the Aging Committee.

13 CHAIRPERSON HUDSON: Thank you.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Banks.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye, and  
16 congratulations to the Prime.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Salaam.  
18 Zhuang.

19 With a vote of five in the affirmative..  
20 oh, excuse me.

21 Council Member Salaam.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a  
24 vote of six in the affirmative, zero in the negative,

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2 and no abstentions, item has been adopted by the  
3 Committee.

4 CHAIRPERSON HUDSON: Thank you so much,  
5 everyone, for your support. This meeting is now  
6 adjourned. [GAVEL]

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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 November 22, 2024