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B E F O R E: Lincoln Restler, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sound check for the
Committee on Governmental Operations. Today's date is
May 28, 2025, being recorded by Danny Huang in the
Council Chambers.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good afternoon. Welcome
to the New York City Council Committee on
Governmental Operations.

Please place your phone on silent or
vibrate mode.

At any time, do not approach the dais.

Chair, we are ready to begin.

CHAIRPERSON RESTLER: [GAVEL] Good
afternoon. No longer good morning. My name is Lincoln
Restler, and I have the privilege of serving as the
Chair of the Committee on Governmental Operations
State and Federal Legislation.

I would like to start off by thanking my
Colleagues who have joined us today, Brooklyn's own
David Carr, Queens' Jim Gennaro and Lynn Schulman,
and the Upper West Side's Gale Brewer. Online, we
have Council Members Ina Vernikov, Jennifer
Gutiérrez, and Shahana Hanif. Thank you all for being
with us.

Today, we'll be voting on four State Legislative Resolutions, also known as Home Rules or SLRs, in support of various State legislation. One of these SLRs deals with an issue that many of my Colleagues hear about from our constituents on a constant basis - dirty streets. This legislation would allow New York City to equip street sweepers with cameras to enforce illegal parking during alternate side parking periods. Under this State legislation proposed by Assemblymember Brian Cunningham and State Senator Robert Jackson, violators would be fined when captured on camera by Department of Sanitation street sweepers similar to existing bus lane camera enforcement that fines vehicles parked in bus lanes through cameras on MTA buses. Each street sweeper or broom picks up a literal ton of debris per shift. It's really quite extraordinary. But these street sweepers can't get the garbage in our communities if they can't access the curb. This policy will make our streets demonstrably cleaner and reduce the presence of rats in New York City. And I want to recognize Council Member Brewer for introducing a resolution here in the Council in support of this legislation as well.

We are also voting on an SLR to ensure that traffic enforcement agents receive pension credit for their service as TEAs if they later become police officers. Traffic enforcement agents have one of the hardest jobs in City government. They work long hours in all seasons to keep pedestrians safe and keep traffic moving, and they deserve credit for their years of service.

The other SLRs we will vote on today cover additional requirements and death benefits for various City employees that I am pleased to be supporting.

I'd like to wrap up by saying thank you to the Council Staff who work on our Home Rules, Santa Soriano-Vasquez (phonetic) and Rick Arbelo (phonetic) for their terrific work this season on Home Rules. Really appreciate it. And I want to thank our Committee Staff, Jayasri Ganapathy and Erica Cohen for their hard work. And lastly, my Chief of Staff, Molly Haley and Communications Director Nieve Mooney, who are superb.

With that, I'll now ask the Clerk to call the roll.

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COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
afternoon.

CHAIRPERSON RESTLER: Oh, and I apologize,
Mr. Clerk. Council Member Vicki Paladino has joined
us.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
afternoon. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
vote Committee on Governmental Operations, State and
Federal Legislation. Items are coupled. Chair
Restler.

CHAIRPERSON RESTLER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Gennaro.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
Gutiérrez.

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
you. Hanif.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
you. Schulman.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: No on SLR 2 as
pertains to alternate side street parking camera
enforcement and aye on the rest.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vernikov.

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all
except no on SLR 2. Sorry, Lincoln.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
you. Paladino.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye on all
except SLR 2.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
you.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Hi, Lincoln.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Following
results. All SLRs have been adopted by the Committee
with nine in the affirmative, zero in the negative,
and no abstentions with the exception of SLR 2 being
adopted by the Committee with six in the affirmative,
three in the negative, and zero abstentions.

Mr. Chair, that is a full Committee.

CHAIRPERSON RESTLER: Thank you so much.

We will now adjourn. [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 July 10, 2025