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B E F O R E: Justin Brannan, Acting Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Robert F. Holden
Kristy Marmorato
Sandy Nurse
Susan Zhuang

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone
check for the Committee on Environmental Protection,
Resiliency and Waterfronts, located in the Chambers,
recorded on July 14, 2025, by Pat Kurzyna.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, good
morning. Welcome to the New York City Council vote on
the Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency
and Waterfronts.

At this time, please silence all
electronics and do not approach the dais.

Chair, you may begin.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Thank you,
Sergeant. [GAVEL] Okay, good morning. I'm Council
Member Justin Brannan. I'm filling in for Council
Member Jim Gennaro, who chairs this Committee on
Environmental Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts.

Today, we're going to vote on Resolution
926, sponsored by Speaker Adrienne Adams. Resolution
926 would declare that New York City, in order to
reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a
changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate
Smart Communities Pledge. The Committee first
considered this resolution on June 20th of this year.
The Climate Smart Communities Certification Program

is a voluntary program that supports the efforts of local governments in New York State to adopt policies that reduce emissions and foster climate resiliency in local communities. As part of the certification process, local governments must document accomplishments related to their climate mitigation and resiliency work, and they must undergo a review process to ensure that actions undertaken meet program standards. Participating governments can receive better scores on grant applications for some State funding programs. The first step a local government must take to be eligible for the program is the passing of a municipal resolution, which we are endeavoring to do today. Resolution 926 would serve as the first step in the City's application to join the program and become a climate-smart community. The resolution states that New York City pledges to undergo or engage in 10 actions related to decreasing energy usage, inventorying emissions, engaging in emissions reduction work, increasing renewable energy usage, and other climate actions.

I want to thank the Committee Staff,
Legislative Counsels Natasha Bynum, Sierra Townsend;
Policy Analysts Ricky Chawla and Andrew Bourne;

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Financial Analyst Tanveer Singh; and Jim's
Legislative Director Josh Gachette for all their hard
work. And I'd like to thank Speaker Adams for
introducing this resolution.

I also want to recognize the following
members who have joined us. We've been joined by
Council Members Holden, Marmorato, Nurse, and Zhuang,
and Menin.

I'll now ask the Clerk to call the roll.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Chair
Brannan. This is a roll call vote of the Committee on
Environmental Protection, Resiliency, and Waterfronts
on Resolution 926. We'll start with you, Chair
Brannan.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: And now Council Members
Holden.

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Nurse.

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Zhuang.

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Marmorato.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Chair Brannan, by a vote
of five in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and
zero abstentions, Resolution 926 is adopted.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Thank you,
Sergeant.

With that, this hearing is 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.



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