

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 1
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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Of the

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

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January 23, 2025
Start: 9:50 a.m.
Recess: 9:53 a.m.

HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Selvena Brooks-Powers, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joann Ariola
Chris Banks
Carmen N. De La Rosa
Amanda Farías
Farrah N. Louis
Mercedes Narcisse
Julie Won

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Settle down, settle
3 down. Good morning. Welcome to the New York City
4 Council vote on the Committee on Transportation and
5 Infrastructure.

6 At this time, please silence all
7 electronics and do not approach the dais. I repeat,
8 please do not approach the dais.

9 Any additional assistance, please contact
10 the Sergeant.

11 Chair, you may begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: [GAVEL] Good
13 morning, and welcome to this hearing of the Committee
14 on Transportation and Infrastructure. I am Selvena
15 Brooks-Powers, the Chair of the Committee.

16 Today, we will be voting on Intro. 100,
17 sponsored by Council Member Julie Won, a local law in
18 relation to the suspension of alternate side parking
19 regulations on Losar. Losar is the most important
20 celebration in the Tibetan calendar and is celebrated
21 by 61,000 New Yorkers. Each year on the first day of
22 the first month of the Tibetan calendar, Losar
23 observers from the city's Himalayan community gather
24 with families to welcome the arrival of the new year.

2 Moreover, passage of this bill will ease parking
3 stress for communities that respect this day.

4 I will now allow Council Member Won to
5 speak on her bill.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Good morning,
7 everyone. We're really excited. Thank you so much to
8 Chair Brooks-Powers for the support.

9 We are happy to introduce the first
10 Buddhist celebration for Tibetan Buddhists and other
11 Himalayan folks in the whole city, which represents
12 about 61,000 people who celebrate this holiday, who
13 can now focus on observance and cultural awareness so
14 thank you so much.

15 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you. I
16 will now ask the Committee Clerk to conduct a roll
17 call vote on this legislation.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
19 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
20 vote, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,
21 Resolution 100. Chair Brooks-Powers.

22 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.
23 Congratulations, Council Member Won.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.
25 Louis.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

3 Congratulations.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: De La

5 Rosa.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye. Congrats.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

8 Narcisse.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye.

10 Thanks.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Banks.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye, and

15 congratulations to Council Member Won on this

16 meaningful piece of legislation.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ariola.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye, and

19 congratulations.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a

23 vote of eight in the affirmative, zero in the

24 negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted

25 by the Committee.

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2 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you. And
3 with that, this hearing is now adjourned. Thank you.

4 [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 January 26, 2025