

## New York City Council

### Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

**Legislative Service Number:**

LS No. 16630

**Prime Sponsor:**

Council Member Sandy Nurse

**Bill Title:**

*A Local Law in relation to a master plan for the redevelopment of Rikers Island for sustainability and resiliency purposes*

**Submitted by:**

Council Member Sandy Nurse

**Justification**

From 2019 to 2021, the City Council voted to close Rikers Island, build 4 new borough based jails, and to study the feasibility of creating resiliency and renewable energy projects on the island. The Council also required the transfer of land on the island from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Citywide Administrative Services. While these land transfers did not occur under the Adams Administration, NYC is not only required by law to decarcerate, but to put the Renewable Rikers Feasibility Study into practice (LL17 of 2021). This bill would therefore set New York City on a clear path to making Renewable Rikers a reality by creating a Master Plan with concrete goals and milestones.