

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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ROOM 1

B E F O R E: Oswald Feliz, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joann Ariola  
Alexa Avilés  
Erik D. Bottcher  
Elsie Encarnación  
Jennifer Gutiérrez  
Kamillah M. Hanks  
Sandy Nurse  
Justin E. Sanchez  
Phil Wong

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone check for the Committee on Public Safety recorded on January 29, 2026, located in Hearing Room 1 by Nazly Paytuvi.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the Committee on Public Safety.

At this time, please silence all electronic devices, and no one may approach the dais.

Chair, we are ready to begin.

CHAIRPERSON FELIZ: [GAVEL] Thank you. Good morning. I am Council Member Oswald Feliz, Chair of the Council's Committee on Public Safety. I'd like to welcome you to today's vote to override the veto of Introduction Number 125-A. I want to recognize my Colleagues who are here today including Council Members Avilés, Bottcher, Gutiérrez, Hanks, Nurse, Encarnación, Sanchez, and also Ariola who has joined us online.

Introduction Number 125-A sponsored by former Council Member Diana Ayala would prohibit the NYPD from collecting a DNA sample from a minor without the consent of the minor's parent, legal guardian, or attorney. This bill seeks to address

concerns related to police practices where officers collect DNA samples from juveniles in police custody using deceptive methods. Of note, this bill would only apply to a narrow set of circumstances and would not otherwise impact the NYPD's ability to compel collection of DNA samples from a minor pursuant to a valid search warrant or the routine investigative practice of testing genetic materials abandoned at a crime scene. This bill strikes an appropriate balance of the interest in protecting juveniles accused of crimes while still ensuring law enforcement maintains access to investigative tools and DNA testing when samples are not collected under deceptive pretexts. I want to thank former Council Member Ayala for sponsoring this bill last session. I urge my Colleagues to support overriding the former Mayor's veto of this legislation.

I now turn to the Clerk to call the roll.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you. Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote, Committee on Public Safety. Items are coupled.

Chair Feliz.

CHAIRPERSON FELIZ: Yes.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Avilés.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Bottcher.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

7 Gutiérrez.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Nurse.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

14 Encarnación.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ENCARNACIÓN: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

17 Hankerson. Justin Sanchez.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Wong.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WONG: I vote aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ariola.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote no.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a

24 vote of nine in the affirmative, one in the negative,

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2 and no abstentions, items have been adopted by the  
3 Committee.

4 CHAIRPERSON FELIZ: Thank you so much. The  
5 override passes. This vote is now closed. [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 February 5, 2026