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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - 8TH FLOOR - HEARING
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

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

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

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

11 Chair, we are ready to begin.

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

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

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

19 I now turn to the Clerk to call the roll.

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

24 Chair Feliz.

25 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 BOTTCHER: 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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Date February 5, 2026