

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - 8TH FLOOR - HEARING  
ROOM 3

B E F O R E: Yusef Salaam, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Diana Ayala  
Tiffany Cabán  
Carmen N. De La Rosa  
Robert F. Holden  
Rita C. Joseph  
Christopher Marte  
Chi A. Ossé  
Althea V. Stevens

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Gale A. Brewer

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
3 check on the Committee of Public Safety recorded by  
4 James Marino on 12-18-2025 in Hearing Room 3.

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, good  
6 morning. Welcome to the New York City Council hearing  
7 on the Committee on Public Safety.

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

10 Thank you very much.

11 Chair, you may begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON SALAAM: [GAVEL] Good morning.  
13 I'm Council Member Yusef Salaam, Chair to the  
14 Committee on Public Safety. Today, the Committee will  
15 be voting on four pieces of legislation. Proposed  
16 Introduction Number 125-A, sponsored by Deputy  
17 Speaker Diana Ayala; Proposed Introduction 1237-A,  
18 sponsored by Council Member Oswald Feliz; Proposed  
19 Introduction Number 1451-A, sponsored by the Speaker,  
20 Council Member Adrienne Adams; and Proposed  
21 Introduction Number 1460-A, sponsored by Council  
22 Member Gale Brewer.

23 Proposed Introduction Number 125-A will  
24 require that, in most circumstances, the NYPD  
25 obtained consent of a parent, legal guardian, or

attorney before collecting DNA samples from a minor without obtaining a warrant or a court order.

Notably, this bill includes exceptions such as when DNA samples are collected from a minor who is alleged to be the victim of a crime or criminal offense and permits collection of a minor's DNA when abandoned on an item recovered at the scene of a crime or otherwise gathered in circumstances where the sample was not recovered through interaction with law enforcement.

Proposed Introduction Number 1460-A will require the NYPD to adopt a written policy regarding access to encrypted radio channels. While such policy will permit the NYPD to shield confidential information, it will ensure that professional journalists are granted real-time access to certain encrypted radio channels vital to their work and that the public is provided time-delayed access to certain other channels.

Proposed Introduction Number 1451-A will require the NYPD to grant the Civilian Complete Review Board with direct access to footage recorded by officer body-worn cameras. This access will provide designated CCRB employees with real-time

connectivity to network servers hosting digital files of body-worn camera footage and permit such employees to search, view, and to use files for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting allegations of police misconduct. The NYPD will have two years to develop and implement a system to enable such digital access.

And finally, Proposed Introduction Number 1237-A will require the NYPD to report on all criminal complaints and arrests. Such data would include a listing of all criminal complaints reported to the NYPD and information regarding each such complaint, including an indication of whether an arrest for the underlying complaint has occurred. Providing this data will enable independent analysis of criminal activity and enforcement trends and assist in evaluating the Police Department's investigative outcomes.

I believe these measures will enable increased transparency and oversight of the NYPD operations, and I urge my Colleagues to support their enactment.

And I'll turn to Council Member Brewer for her remarks.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much. I am here to talk about Intro. 1460, and I want to point out, and I think many know, that beginning in 2023, the Police Department began transitioning all Department radio communications to encrypted channels, removing all public access to the frequencies. Members of the press objected as I think they should, arguing that access is vital to the public interest. And when we had our hearing on this topic, thanks to the Chair, it was particularly the photojournalists who complained because it's necessary for them to be at a case that has to have a photograph. A late photograph does not count as journalistic integrity. So Intro. 1460 restores access for credentialed journalists, and I want to make credentialed underlined. The Police Department is concerned about this bill, even though we're going forward with it because they feel that some journalists may not take the job as seriously as they should. And I point out that when you're credentialed, you are a journalist, and that's up to the City to make sure that you are a legitimate journalist. I want to thank Jeremy Whiteman and Josh

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2 Kingsley for this effort, and Sam Goldsmith for my  
3 office. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON SALAAM: Thank you.

5 I now ask the Clerk to conduct the vote.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
7 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
8 vote, Committee on Public Safety. All items are  
9 coupled.

10 Chair Salaam.

11 CHAIRPERSON SALAAM: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Holden.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all except  
16 for 1451-A, of which I vote no.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Cabán.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER Cabán: Permission to  
19 explain my vote, Chair?

20 CHAIRPERSON SALAAM: Permission granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you so much.  
22 I am going to be voting aye on all of the bills  
23 today. I just wanted to state for the record that I  
24 did have some concerns around Intro. 1237. Is that  
25 the right number, 1237? But they have been addressed.

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2 I was concerned about how some of the language would  
3 be interpreted in terms of how some of the data would  
4 be reported. And my understanding is that the NYPD  
5 has made a commitment to keep the way that they  
6 report location consistent using the same geolocation  
7 data and alleviating some of the concerns around  
8 privacy. So for those reasons, I'm voting yes on all.  
9 Thank you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: De La  
11 Rosa.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Joseph.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Marte.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ossé.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I vote aye on

21 all, and I abstain from 1237-A. Thank you.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
23 you.

24 With a vote of nine in the affirmative,  
25 zero on the negative, and no abstentions, we have

Proposed Introductions 125-A and 1460-A adopted by the Council. With a vote of eight in the affirmative, one in the negative, and no abstentions, Proposed Introduction 1451-A is also adopted by the Committee. And finally with a vote of eight in the affirmative, zero on the negative, and one abstention, we have Proposed Introduction 1237-A is also adopted by the Committee. All bills have been adopted by the Committee.

Mr. Chair, that is a full Committee.

CHAIRPERSON SALAAM: Thank you.

That concludes today's business. [GAVEL]



C E R T I F I C A T E

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 December 29, 2025