

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT

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Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Start: 12:35 p.m.

Recess: 12:39 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - 8th Floor -
Hearing Room 2

B E F O R E: Hon. Justin E. Sanchez, Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shahana K. Hanif
Ty Hankerson
Virginia Maloney
Kayla Santosuosso
Shanel Thomas-Henry
Sandra Ung
Inna Vernikov
Susan Zhuang

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3 SERGEANT LEVY: Testing, testing, this is
4 a microphone test for the New York City Council vote
5 for the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste
6 Management. Today's date is January 28, 2026. We are
7 located in Hearing Room 2 - 250 Broadway, and this is
8 being recorded by Sergeant Ben Levy.

9 (PAUSE)

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good afternoon, good
11 afternoon, welcome to the New York City Council vote
12 for the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste
13 Management. At this time, please silence all
14 electronic devices and do not approach the dais.
15 Thank you for your cooperation.

16 Chair, you may begin.

17 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN E. SANCHEZ: [GAVEL]

18 Good morning, everyone, and welcome to
19 today's hearing. I am Council Member Justin Sanchez,
20 and I am here today as the new Chair of the New York
21 City Council Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste
22 Management.

23 Thank you to all of the members for
24 joining us. I would like to recognize and acknowledge
25 some of my fellow committee members, starting with
Council Member Ung, Council Member Shanel Thomas-

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3 Henry, Council Member Santosuosso, got it right,
4 Council Member Maloney, Council Member Hanif,
5 virtually, Council Member Zhuang, and I think I have
6 everyone present. Great.

7 The purpose of this hearing is to
8 consider whether to recommend the override of the
9 Mayor's veto on Introduction Number 1279-B, sponsored
10 by former Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala, in relation to
11 a department of sanitation rule regarding
12 supplemental sanitation service providers placing out
13 refuse or recycling.

14 In some parts of the city, the Department
15 of Sanitation and the Department of Transportation
16 street cleaning operations are supplemented by trash
17 collection programs administered by a local
18 neighborhood association or a Business Improvement
19 District, aka BIDS, which organizes local businesses
20 to financially supplement existing street cleaning
21 efforts. As of August 1, 2025, these supplemental
22 sanitation service providers are prohibited from
23 placing bags of collected waste at the curb, and are
24 required to use rigid, lidded containers that do not
25 exceed 55 gallons in size when placing trash at the
curb for collection by DSNY, unless DSNY permits the

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3 provider to transport waste directly to a DSNY garage
4 or to place waste in large containers.

5 Enforcement of containerization
6 requirements for these supplemental sanitation
7 providers was scheduled to begin, or has begun, on
8 January 2, 2026. During the Council's prior
9 legislative session, the Committee heard Introduction
10 Number 1279 at a hearing on September 18, 2025. The
11 Committee received testimony from representatives of
12 DSNY and interested members of the public.

13 Introduction 1279-B was carefully
14 negotiated with the Administration, including the
15 Sanitation and Law Departments. On December 18, 2025,
16 the Council passed Introduction 1279-B with 47 voting
17 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 3
18 abstentions.

19 On December 31, 2025, former Mayor Eric
20 Adams vetoed this bill. The prior mayor's veto
21 disregards the hard work of his own staff and of this
22 council.

23 We will now be voting on whether to pass
24 Introduction Number 1279-B, the former mayor's Veto
25 Message notwithstanding.

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2 Before I ask the Clerk to call the roll,
3 I would like to recognize Council Member Vernikov for
4 joining us.
5 I now ask the Clerk to call the roll.
6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good afternoon, William
7 Martin, Committee Clerk; roll call vote Committee on
8 Sanitation and Solid Waste Management. Items are
9 coupled.
10 Chair Sanchez?
11 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN E. SANCHEZ: Aye.
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hanif?
13 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.
15 Council Member Ung?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.
19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
20 Hankerson?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKERSON: (NO RESPONSE)
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Maloney?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER MALONEY: Aye.
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
25 Santosuosso?

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3 COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Aye.
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Thomas-
5 Henry?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS-HENRY: Aye.
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: With a vote of 8 in the
10 affirmative and 0 in the negative, both items have
11 been approved by the Committee.
12 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN E. SANCHEZ: Can we
13 hold the vote open?
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: And the roll will be
15 held open at the request of the Chair.
16 (PAUSE 00:04:38-00:05:08)
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Continuation
18 roll call Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste
19 Management, items are coupled.
20 Council Member Hankerson?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKERSON: I vote aye.
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote:
23 Both items have been approved by the
24 Committee with 9 in the affirmative, 0 in the
25 negative, and no abstentions.
Mr. Chair, that is a full Committee.

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3 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN E. SANCHEZ: Thank you.
4 And with that, the Committee is now closed.
5 [GAVEL]
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Date February 6, 2026