

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 1  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID  
WASTE MANAGEMENT

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January 23, 2025  
Start: 11:12 a.m.  
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Shaun Abreu, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chris Banks  
David M. Carr  
James F. Gennaro  
Julie Menin  
Sandy Nurse  
Vickie Paladino  
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.  
Sandra Ung  
Inna Vernikov  
Susan Zhuang

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, good  
3 morning. This is the Committee on Sanitation and  
4 Solid Waste Management on January 23rd, 2025.

5 Recording done by Ginelle Yearwood.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet please, shh,  
7 thank you. Good morning, and welcome to the New York  
8 City hybrid hearing on the Committee on Sanitation  
9 and Solid Waste and Management.

10 At this time, please silent all  
11 electronic devices.

12 If you have any questions, please raise  
13 your hand and one of us, the Sergeant-at-Arms, will  
14 kindly assist you.

15 Please do not approach the dais at any  
16 time.

17 Chair, we're ready to begin.

18 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: [GAVEL] Good morning,  
19 everyone. Welcome to today's hearing hosted by the  
20 Committee on Sanitation.

21 To minimize disruption, please place  
22 electronic devices on vibrate or silent mode.

23 The purpose of this hearing is to hold a  
24 vote on Introduction Number 697 sponsored by Council  
25 Member Sandy Nurse. The Committee previously heard

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2 Intro. Number 697 at a hearing on September 25, 2024  
3 where it received testimony from representatives of  
4 the Department of Sanitation and interested members  
5 of the public. Intro. 697 would require the  
6 Department of Sanitation to conduct and submit  
7 reports on two waste characterization studies. The  
8 first of which would examine DSNY managed residential  
9 and institutional waste streams and be due by January  
10 31, 2028, and the second of which would examine  
11 available information regarding New York City's  
12 commercial waste stream and be due by January 31,  
13 2032. I'd like to thank everyone on my team and the  
14 Legislative Division for their work on this  
15 legislation.

16 I will now turn it over to the Clerk to  
17 take a vote on Intro. Number 697.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
19 you. Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk.  
20 Roll call vote Committee on Sanitation and Solid  
21 Waste Management, Introduction 697-A. Chair Abreu.

22 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:  
24 Salamanca. Gennaro.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

3 This is Salamanca. Aye on all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: I'm  
5 sorry. Council Member Salamanca. Council Member  
6 Salamanca, if you're still there, could you repeat,  
7 please? Thank you, he did say yes, I was just looking  
8 for confirmation. Council Member Gennaro.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
11 you, sir. Menin.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Nurse.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Banks.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye, and

19 congratulations to Council Member Nurse.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Zhuang.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vernikov.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Paladino.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a  
5 vote of 11 in the affirmative, zero in the negative,  
6 and no abstention, Introduction has been adopted by  
7 the Committee. Mr. Chair, that is a full Committee.

8 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: Thank you. This  
9 hearing is adjourned. [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 January 26, 2025