

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

November 7, 2025

Hon. Michael McSweeney
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
141 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

Re: Disapproval of Introductory No. 1248-B

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory No. 1248-B, which would amend the New York City Charter "in relation to an office of contract services." I am also separately disapproving Introductory No. 1247-B, which would amend the New York City Charter "in relation to the disbursement of a percentage of contract awards to non-profit organizations for human services upon registration by the comptroller."

Recognizing the need for a strong executive to protect taxpayer dollars, the City Charter specifically vests the Mayor with certain procurement and contracting powers on behalf of the City. The Mayor has long delegated much of this authority to a specialized office within the mayoralty and has centralized oversight of agency procurement within the Mayor's Office of Contract Services (MOCS). Int. No. 1248-B, which purports to codify MOCS, would limit the Mayor's flexibility in structuring the office by requiring the director to also serve as the City Chief Procurement Officer.

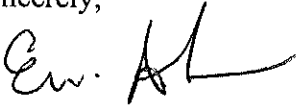
Further, the entity created by Int. No. 1248-B would lack significant power over City procurement or contracting without specific delegations of authority by the Mayor. In other words, the bill establishes a rigid structure for an office that, without further Mayoral delegation of power, has somewhat limited authority. Accordingly, this bill may result in the splitting of various contracting functions across different entities within the executive branch, sowing confusion over roles of public officers and entities involved in procurement and contracting and thereby wasting valuable government resources. No need for this entity has been identified, and New Yorkers and vendors would realize no benefit from its creation.

This Administration has taken unprecedented steps to revamp the contracting and procurement process, including establishing the Mayor's Office of Nonprofit Services and, in partnership with

the Council, recently launching the discretionary grant pilot. The Office of the Mayor, consistent with its charter authority, must be able to continue building on these reforms and nimbly respond to a rapidly-evolving procurement landscape.

Because Int. No. 1248-B will harm the City's procurement process by diminishing centralized oversight and accountability, I hereby disapprove Introductory No. 1248-B.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Adams", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric Adams
Mayor

Cc: Hon. Adrienne Adams, Speaker