

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON AGING

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February 27, 2025
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Crystal Hudson, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chris Banks
Yusef Salaam
Lynn C. Schulman
Susan Zhuang

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and
3 welcome to today's New York City vote for Aging.

4 At this time, we ask to silence all
5 electronic devices, and at no time is anyone to
6 approach the dais.

7 Chair, we are ready to begin.

8 CHAIRPERSON HUDSON: Thank you so much.
9 [GAVEL] Good morning, and welcome to today's Aging
10 Committee vote. I'm Crystal Hudson, Committee Chair.
11 My pronouns are she/her.

12 Today, we will be voting on two pieces of
13 important legislation. First, Proposed Introduction
14 Number 1092-A, sponsored by myself, is a local law to
15 amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York
16 in relation to educating older adults about elder
17 fraud, end-of-life preparation, and financial
18 literacy. More specifically, my bill would require
19 the New York City Department for the Aging, or NYC
20 Aging, in consultation with the New York City
21 Department of Information Technology and
22 Telecommunications, or DoITT, and the Department of
23 Consumer and Worker Protection, DCWP, to develop
24 printed and digital information materials to educate
25 older adults about internet scams, phone scams, and

2 phishing scams, and provide quarterly guidance to
3 older adult centers about emerging scams. The bill
4 would also require that NYC Aging post a digital
5 version of the informational materials on its
6 website, that the Aging Commissioner ensure such
7 informational materials are distributed to homebound
8 older adults, and that older adult centers distribute
9 such informational materials to older adults in their
10 facilities. Additionally, this bill would require NYC
11 Aging, in consultation with DCWP, to develop printed
12 and digital informational materials to educate older
13 adults about financial literacy and end-of-life
14 preparation. This bill is a critical step in
15 safeguarding New Yorkers from the rising threat of
16 elder fraud, which is estimated to cost up to 1.5
17 billion dollars annually in New York State. Reliable
18 access to up-to-date educational materials on
19 internet scams, phone scams, phishing, financial
20 literacy, and end-of-life planning will empower older
21 adults, many of whom are isolated, living on fixed
22 incomes, and at increased risk due to cognitive
23 decline, with the knowledge they need to recognize
24 and combat fraud. Not only will this bill help to
25 prevent financial exploitation, it will also help

2 older New Yorkers improve their financial security
3 and quality of life.

4 The second item, Resolution Number 561,
5 which I also sponsored, is a resolution calling upon
6 the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass,
7 and the Governor to sign, legislation to create a
8 statewide public guardianship system to address
9 current inequities and deficits and safeguard
10 vulnerable New Yorkers in need of protective
11 arrangements. The current guardianship system in New
12 York is fraught with critical issues. Minimal vetting
13 of guardians, overwhelming caseloads that far exceed
14 recommended rations, and inadequate oversight that
15 have resulted in prolonged neglect and abuse of
16 vulnerable adults. A unified statewide guardianship
17 system would close the critical gaps and ensure that
18 vulnerable adults receive the comprehensive,
19 accountable support they urgently need.

20 Both Intro. 1092-A and Resolution 561 are
21 important steps to provide vulnerable New Yorkers,
22 especially those who are older, with education and
23 safeguards to diminish and prevent exploitation.

24 Thank you to the Committee Staff,
25 Christopher Pepe, Chloë Rivera, and Saiyemul Hamid

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2 for their work on today's vote. I'd also like to
3 thank my Staff, Andrew Wright, Elika Ruintan, and
4 Omar Richardson.

5 And I'll now turn it over to the
6 Committee Clerk to take the vote.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
8 you. Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk.
9 Roll call vote, Committee on Aging. Proposed
10 Introduction 1092-A and Resolution 561. Chair Hudson.

11 CHAIRPERSON HUDSON: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
13 Lee. Mealy. Schulman.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Banks.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Salaam.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Zhuang.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
22 vote of five in the affirmative, zero in the
23 negative, and no abstentions, both items have been
24 adopted by the Committee.

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2 CHAIRPERSON HUDSON: Excellent. Thank you
3 all. This meeting is adjourned. [GAVEL]

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Date February 28, 2025