

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 1
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT

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February 27, 2025
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - 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
Sandra Ung
Inna Vernikov
Susan Zhuang

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a mic check on
3 today's vote on Sanitation and Solid Waste. This is
4 the Committee Room. Today's date is February 27,
5 2025, recorded by Walter Lewis.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and
7 welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the
8 Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste.

9 At this time, we ask you to silence all
10 electronic devices, and at no time is anyone to
11 approach the dais.

12 Chair, we are ready to begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: Good morning,
14 everyone. Welcome to today's hearing hosted by the
15 Committee on Sanitation.

16 To minimize disruption, please place
17 electronic devices on vibrate or silent mode.

18 The purpose of this hearing is to hold a
19 vote on two bills. Proposed Intro. Number 498-A,
20 sponsored by myself, in relation to requiring an
21 application from Community Gardens to request
22 collection of organic waste by the Department of
23 Sanitation, and Proposed Intro. Number 1126-A,
24 sponsored by Council Member Yusef Salaam, in relation
25 to requiring the provision of official waste

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2 containers at no cost to serve residential buildings
3 with two or fewer dwelling units, and providing for
4 the repeal of such local law upon the expiration
5 thereof. The Committee heard previous versions of
6 Proposed Intro. Number 498-A and Proposed Intro.
7 Number 1126-A at a hearing on November 20, 2024, where
8 it received testimony from representatives of the
9 Department of Sanitation, environmental advocates,
10 and other interested members of the public.

11 Proposed Intro. Number 498-A will require
12 DSNY to make available on its website an online
13 application allowing Community Gardens to request
14 curbside collection of organic waste. DSNY would be
15 required to collect organic waste from Community
16 Gardens that request such collection beginning on
17 August 15, 2025. As we work to increase our organics
18 capture rates citywide, it's imperative that we make
19 it as easy as possible to access this service.

20 Next, Proposed Intro. Number 1126-A would
21 require DSNY or other administering agency as
22 designated by the Mayor to distribute official New
23 York City waste bins to owners of eligible buildings.
24 This bill would also require DSNY or the
25 administering agency to establish and implement a

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2 program to reimburse owners of eligible buildings who
3 purchased official New York City waste bins on or
4 before August 1, 2026. Eligible buildings include
5 those with up to two dwelling units where the
6 building owners enrolled in a New York Star or
7 Enhanced Star Tax Benefit Program. DSNY or the
8 administering agency would be required to submit a
9 report on the law's implementation one month after
10 the law's expiration.

11 I would like to thank everyone on my team
12 and in the Legislative Division for their work on
13 this legislation.

14 I will now turn it over to the Clerk to
15 take the vote on Proposed Intro. 498-A.

16 Are there members on the Committee, is
17 Yusef on, who would like to speak to his bill?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I would just like
19 to do a sound check, make sure people can hear me.
20 This is Gennaro.

21 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: All right. I don't
22 think Yusef is on, so Clerk, do you want to take the
23 roll, or are you taking the roll on both?

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Yes, sir.
25 Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll

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2 call vote Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste
3 Management, Proposed Introductions 498-A and 1126-A.
4 Items are coupled. Chair Abreu.

5 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
7 Salamanca. Gennaro.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
10 you, Council Member Gennaro. Menin.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Nurse.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
17 you. Banks.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Zhuang.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vernikov.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Paladino.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
4 vote of 10 in the affirmative, zero in the negative,
5 and no abstentions, both items have been adopted by
6 the Committee.

7 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: Thank you, Clerk. I
8 would like to thank everyone for joining us. This
9 hearing is hereby adjourned. Have a good one,
10 everybody.

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Date February 28, 2025