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Of the

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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

B E F O R E: Justin E. Sanchez,
Chairperson for the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management

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

SERGEANT AT ARMS: This is a microphone check for the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management recorded on August 13th, 2026, located in Hearing Room 2 by Nazly Paytuvi. Good morning and welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management. At this time, please silence all electronic devices. Chair Sanchez, we are ready to begin.

CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Good morning everyone and welcome to today's hearing by the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management. The purpose of this hearing is to hold a vote on Introduction Number 857A sponsored by Speaker Julie Menin and Introduction Number 872A by Council Member Shahana Hanif. The committee previously heard both of these bills at a hearing on May 19th, 2026, where it received testimony from representatives of the Department of Sanitation and interested members of the public. Introduction number 857A, sponsored by Speaker Menin, would require the Department of Sanitation to install no less than 1,200 waste bag dispensers on public litter baskets across the 5 boroughs. DSNY could engage a local entity to

volunteer to refill any dog waste basket dispenser with bags no less than monthly, and where no such entity is engaged, DSNY would be required to refill any waste bag dog waste bag dispenser with bags at least once a month until June 20th— June 30th, 2030. The department would also be required by March 1st, 2030 to report to the Speaker of the Council regarding the program's impact on public complaints about dog waste and whether the program should be continued. Introduction number 872A by Councilmember Hanif would require the Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Commissioner of Sanitation, to develop and conduct an annual public education and outreach campaign for 3 years to inform the public about dog waste removal, the dangers of failing to remove dog waste, health risks associated with exposure to dog waste, and the legal obligation to remove dog waste. This bill also requires the Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene to make any materials developed for outreach and education campaign available in English and all designated citywide languages. So no one can say they didn't know. And to submit to a report to the Speaker

of the Council regarding the effectiveness of the education and outreach. So we will know if it's working. I will now turn it over to— oh, I will now turn it over to the clerk to take the vote on Intros 857A and 872A.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. William Martin, committee clerk. Roll call vote, Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management. Both items are coupled. Chair Sanchez.

CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanif.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ung.

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Zhuang.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Hankerson.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKERSON: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Maloney.

COUNCIL MEMBER MALONEY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Santosuosso.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thomas-Henry.

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS-HENRY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wilson.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vernikov.

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: With a vote of 9 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no abstentions, both items have been adopted by the committee, and the roll will be held open at request of the chair.

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call, Committee on Sanitation. Councilmember Zhuang.

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote is now 10 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, no abstentions. Chair Sanchez.

CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: And with that, today's Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management is officially closed.

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Date October 3, 2026