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Of the

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - 8th Floor - Hearing Room 3

B E F O R E: Ty Hankerson,
Chairperson for the Committee on
Parks and Recreation

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Shekar Krishnan
Linda Lee
Christopher Marte
Frank Morano
Mercedes Narcisse
Sandy Nurse
Yusef Salaam
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Kayla Santosuosso
Sandra Ung

SERGEANT AT ARMS: This is a microphone check for the Committee on Parks and Recreation. Today is August 13th, 2026, being recorded by Tavell King in Hand Room 3. Good morning and welcome to today's New York City Council vote on the Committee of Parks and Recreation. At this time during today's vote, no one may approach the dais. Please silence all electronic devices. Chair, you may begin.

CHAIRPERSON HANKERSON: Thank you. Good morning. I'm Ty Hankerson, Chair of the Committee on Parks and Rec, and I'd like to welcome all of you to this hearing of the Committee on Parks and Recreation, where we will vote on 2 bills, proposed intros 864A and 880A, which we— I'm sorry, which were both considered by this committee on June 16th, 2026. Proposed Intro 864A, sponsored by Councilmember Epstein, would require the Parks Department to establish a pilot program that would designate volunteer-led dog run groups that have experience maintaining dog runs to collect dog waste from dog runs under parks jurisdiction for composting. These designated groups, with aid from the Parks Department when requested, would install dog feces collection bins and provide compostable dog feces bags for the

purposes of composting such waste. This bill would also require the Parks Department to report to the mayor and the speaker of the council and post online details regarding the pilot's implementation. Proposed Intro 880A, sponsored by Councilmember Narcisse, would require DPR to post signs at the entrances and exits of parks and at certain park facilities summarizing the rule prohibiting a person from leaving dog waste on the ground and the associated penalties for a violation. I'd like to congratulate my colleagues who have proposed these pieces of legislation. I urge all of my colleagues on the committee to vote in favor of the legislation before us. Thank you again and welcome. I'd like to turn it over to Councilmember Narcisse for remarks on her bill.

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, Chair, and thank you to the committee. Thank you, my colleagues, for waiting for me a little bit. Intro 880A is straightforward. It requires the Parks Department to post signs at park entrances and exits. And at certain park facilities, telling people in plain language that they have to pick up after their dog and what, um, and what the penalty is if they

don't. Anyone who walks through a park in my district knows the problem. Kids sit down in the grass, parents push strollers over it. Park staff deal with it every morning. Every day, every single hour before most of us are awake. They have to do their job. So most dog owners do the right thing already. The ones who don't are usually counting on nobody to notice it. But we are noticing them. Yes, signs alone won't fix this, but they set a clear expectation at the door. And give enforcement something to point to. I urge my colleagues to support this bill. It is very important for quality of life issue. Thank you. To address—

CHAIRPERSON HANKERSON: Thank you, Council Member. Um, seeing that Council Member Epstein is not here, uh, I'll turn it over to the clerk to call the roll.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Good morning. William Martin, committee clerk. Roll call vote, Committee on Parks and Recreation. Both items are coupled. Chair Hankerson.

CHAIRPERSON HANKERSON: I vote Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Krishnan.

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lee.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Marte.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Narcisse.

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Nurse.

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanchez.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ung.

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Salaam.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Santosuosso:

COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Morano.

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: No on 864A, Aye on the rest.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Following vote, both items have been adopted by the committee with Introduction 864 adopted with a vote of 9 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, no abstentions, and

880A Approved by the committee with 10 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON HANKERSON: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Congratulations to my colleagues. This vote is adjourned.

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you.

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Date October 3, 2026