

# The New York City Council

*City Hall  
New York, NY 10007*



## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

12:00 PM

250 Broadway - Committee Rm, 16th Fl.

## Committee on Governmental Operations

*Ben Kallos, Chair*

*Members: David G. Greenfield, Mark Levine,  
Carlos Menchaca, Antonio Reynoso,  
Ritchie J. Torres and Joseph C. Borelli*

Roll Call

**Present:** Kallos, Greenfield, Levine, Menchaca, Reynoso, Torres and Borelli

*Other Council Members Attending: Kallos*

Int 0062-2014

**A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to requiring notice on former poll sites.**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 62-A, Int. No. 62 - 2/26/14, Committee Report 2/29/16, Hearing Testimony 2/29/16, Hearing Transcript 2/29/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting, Int. No. 62-A - FINAL, Fiscal Impact Statement

*Proposed Int. No. 62-A*

**This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 62-A, Int. No. 62 - 2/26/14, Committee Report 2/29/16, Hearing Testimony 2/29/16, Hearing Transcript 2/29/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting, Int. No. 62-A - FINAL, Fiscal Impact Statement

**This Introduction was Amendment Proposed by Comm**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 62-A, Int. No. 62 - 2/26/14, Committee Report 2/29/16, Hearing Testimony 2/29/16, Hearing Transcript 2/29/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting, Int. No. 62-A - FINAL, Fiscal Impact Statement

**This Introduction was Amended by Committee**

Int 0062-2014-A

**A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to requiring notice on former poll sites.**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 62-A, Int. No. 62 - 2/26/14, Committee Report 2/29/16, Hearing Testimony 2/29/16, Hearing Transcript 2/29/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting, Int. No. 62-A - FINAL, Fiscal Impact Statement

**A motion was made that this Introduction be Approved by Committee approved by Roll Call.**

**Affirmative:** 7 - Kallos, Greenfield, Levine, Menchaca, Reynoso, Torres and Borelli

Int 0463-2014

**A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to providing e-mail and text message notifications to New York city voters.**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 463-A, Int. No. 463 - 8/21/14, Committee Report 2/29/16, Hearing Testimony 2/29/16, Hearing Transcript 2/29/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting, Int. No. 463-A - FINAL, Fiscal Impact Statement

*Proposed Int. No. 463-A*

**This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 463-A, Int. No. 463 - 8/21/14, Committee Report 2/29/16, Hearing Testimony 2/29/16, Hearing Transcript 2/29/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting, Int. No. 463-A - FINAL, Fiscal Impact Statement

**This Introduction was Amendment Proposed by Comm**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 463-A, Int. No. 463 - 8/21/14, Committee Report 2/29/16, Hearing Testimony 2/29/16, Hearing Transcript 2/29/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting, Int. No. 463-A - FINAL, Fiscal Impact Statement

**This Introduction was Amended by Committee**

Int 0463-2014-A

**A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to providing e-mail and text message notifications to New York city voters.**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 463-A, Int. No. 463 - 8/21/14, Committee Report 2/29/16, Hearing Testimony 2/29/16, Hearing Transcript 2/29/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting, Int. No. 463-A - FINAL, Fiscal Impact Statement

**A motion was made that this Introduction be Approved by Committee approved by Roll Call.**

**Affirmative:** 7 - Kallos, Greenfield, Levine, Menchaca, Reynoso, Torres and Borelli

Int 0659-2015

**A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to creating an online voter information portal allowing absentee voters to track the status of their absentee application and ballot, allowing users to view their registration status and voting history and allowing users to access online resources related to voting**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 659-A, Summary of Int. No. 659, Int. No. 659 - 2/12/15, Committee Report 3/3/15, Hearing Testimony 3/3/15, Hearing Transcript 3/3/15, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting, Int. No. 659-A - FINAL, Fiscal Impact Statement

*Proposed Int. No. 659-A*

**This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 659-A, Summary of Int. No. 659, Int. No. 659 - 2/12/15, Committee Report 3/3/15, Hearing Testimony 3/3/15, Hearing Transcript 3/3/15, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting, Int. No. 659-A - FINAL, Fiscal Impact Statement

**This Introduction was Amendment Proposed by Comm**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 659-A, Summary of Int. No. 659, Int. No. 659 - 2/12/15, Committee Report 3/3/15, Hearing Testimony 3/3/15, Hearing Transcript 3/3/15, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting, Int. No. 659-A - FINAL, Fiscal Impact Statement

**This Introduction was Amended by Committee**

Int 0659-2015-A

**A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to creating an online voter information portal allowing absentee voters to track the status of their absentee application and ballot, allowing users to view their registration status and voting history and allowing users to access online resources related to voting**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 659-A, Summary of Int. No. 659, Int. No. 659 - 2/12/15, Committee Report 3/3/15, Hearing Testimony 3/3/15, Hearing Transcript 3/3/15, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting, Int. No. 659-A - FINAL, Fiscal Impact Statement

**A motion was made that this Introduction be Approved by Committee approved by Roll Call.**

**Affirmative:** 7 - Kallos, Greenfield, Levine, Menchaca, Reynoso, Torres and Borelli

**Res 0553-2015**      **Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A.8582-A and S.3813-B, which would allow early voting in New York State.**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 533 - 1/22/15, Committee Report 2/29/16, Hearing Testimony 2/29/16, Hearing Transcript 2/29/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting

*Proposed Res. No. 553-A*

**This Resolution was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 533 - 1/22/15, Committee Report 2/29/16, Hearing Testimony 2/29/16, Hearing Transcript 2/29/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting

**This Resolution was Amendment Proposed by Comm**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 533 - 1/22/15, Committee Report 2/29/16, Hearing Testimony 2/29/16, Hearing Transcript 2/29/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting

**This Resolution was Amended by Committee**

**Res 0553-2015-A**      **Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A.8582-A and S.3813-B, which would allow early voting in New York State.**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 533 - 1/22/15, Committee Report 2/29/16, Hearing Testimony 2/29/16, Hearing Transcript 2/29/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Approved by Committee approved by Roll Call.**

**Affirmative:** 7 - Kallos, Greenfield, Levine, Menchaca, Reynoso, Torres and Borelli

**Res 0848-2015**      **Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature and the People of the State of New York to amend the State Constitution, and the New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign legislation amending the Election Law to establish same-day and online voter registration.**

**Attachments:** September 17, 2015 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 10/1/15, Hearing Testimony 10/1/15, Hearing Transcript 10/1/15, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting

**This Resolution was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** September 17, 2015 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 10/1/15, Hearing Testimony 10/1/15, Hearing Transcript 10/1/15, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Approved by Committee approved by Roll Call.**

**Affirmative:** 6 - Kallos, Greenfield, Levine, Menchaca, Reynoso and Torres

**Negative:** 1 - Borelli

Res 1061-2016

**Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A.2644, and the electors of the State of New York to approve and ratify the resulting constitutional amendment, to establish no-excuse absentee voting.**

**Attachments:** Assembly Bill, Committee Report 5/2/16, Hearing Transcript 5/2/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting

**This Resolution was Hearing on P-C Item by Comm**

**Attachments:** Assembly Bill, Committee Report 5/2/16, Hearing Transcript 5/2/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16, May 5, 2016 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report - Stated Meeting

**A motion was made that this Resolution be P-C Item Approved by Comm approved by Roll Call.**

**Affirmative:** 6 - Kallos, Greenfield, Levine, Menchaca, Reynoso and Torres

**Negative:** 1 - Borelli

Res 1060-2016

**Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, the Voter Empowerment Act of New York (A.5972 and S.2538-B), to streamline the voter registration process.**

**Attachments:** Assembly Bill, Senate Bill, Committee Report 5/2/16, Hearing Transcript 5/2/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16

**This Resolution was Hearing on P-C Item by Comm**

**Attachments:** Assembly Bill, Senate Bill, Committee Report 5/2/16, Hearing Transcript 5/2/16, Committee Report 5/4/16, Hearing Transcript 5/4/16

**This Resolution was P-C Item Laid Over by Comm**