

# The New York City Council

*City Hall  
New York, NY 10007*



## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

10:00 AM

Jointly with the Committee on Public Safety, the Committee on Civil and Human Rights and the Committee on Justice System Council Chambers - City Hall

### Committee on Consumer Affairs and Business

#### Licensing

*Rafael L. Espinal, Jr., Chair  
Members: Margaret S. Chin, Peter A. Koo,  
Karen Koslowitz and Brad S. Lander*

Roll Call

**Present:** Espinal Jr., Koo and Lander

**Absent:** Koslowitz

**Conflict:** Chin

*Other Council Members Attending: Richards, Gibson, Cabrera, Deutsch, Lancman, Menchaca, Miller, Vallone, Williams, Powers, Rivera, Barron, Rose, Cumbo, Levin, King, Eugene, Dromm, Kallos, Rosenthal and Perkins.*

**T2019-3898                    Oversight - Marijuana Legalization: Equity and Justice for NYC.**

**Attachments:** Committee Report, Hearing Testimony, Hearing Transcript

**This Oversight was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Committee Report, Hearing Testimony, Hearing Transcript

**This Oversight was Filed, by Committee**

**Int 1427-2019                A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to drug testing not permitted by the department of probation**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1427, Int. No. 1427, February 13, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Committee Report 4/8/19, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2-13-19, Fiscal Impact Statement

**This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1427, Int. No. 1427, February 13, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Committee Report 4/8/19, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2-13-19, Fiscal Impact Statement

**This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**

**Int 1445-2019                A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibition of drug testing for pre-employment hiring procedures**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1445, Int. No. 1445, February 13, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2-13-19, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Proposed Int. No. 1445-A - 4/2/19, Committee Report 4/8/19, Fiscal Impact Statement, Int. No. 1445-A (FINAL)

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**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1445, Int. No. 1445, February 13, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2-13-19, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Proposed Int. No. 1445-A - 4/2/19, Committee Report 4/8/19, Fiscal Impact Statement, Int. No. 1445-A (FINAL)

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**Res 0075-2018**

**Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass the Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act and the Governor to sign such legislation into law, which would legalize, regulate, and tax the sale of marijuana in New York State.**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 75, January 31, 2018 - Stated Meeting Agenda, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Proposed Res. No. 75-A - 3/22/19, Committee Report 3/26/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

**This Resolution was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 75, January 31, 2018 - Stated Meeting Agenda, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Proposed Res. No. 75-A - 3/22/19, Committee Report 3/26/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

**This Resolution was Laid Over by Committee**

**Res 0296-2018**

**Resolution calling on the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) to add unlawful possession of marijuana and criminal possession of marijuana in the fourth and fifth degrees to its list of “overlooked offenses,” and stop considering these offenses as grounds for termination of tenancy.**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 296, April 11, 2018 - Stated Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 4-11-18, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Committee Report 3/26/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

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**Attachments:** Res. No. 296, April 11, 2018 - Stated Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 4-11-18, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Committee Report 3/26/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

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**Res 0641-2018**      **Resolution calling on the coordination of the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the New York State Office of Court Administration, and New York City District Attorneys to expunge the records of all city misdemeanor marijuana convictions.**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 641, November 28, 2018 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Committee Report 3/26/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

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**Attachments:** Res. No. 641, November 28, 2018 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Committee Report 3/26/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

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**Res 0734-2019**      **Resolution calling on the New York State legislature to ensure that any law passed to legalize the market for the adult use of cannabis allows the City to enact its own regulatory measures on issues unique to its location including the home delivery and cultivation of cannabis in New York City.**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 734, February 13, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Proposed Res. No. 734-A - 3/19/19, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2-13-19, Committee Report 3/27/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

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**Res 0737-2019**      **Resolution calling on the New York State legislature to pass legislation that grants New York City agencies the authority to regulate local licensing of the adult-use cannabis market in the City.**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 737, February 13, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Proposed Res. No. 737-A - 3/19/19, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2-13-19, Committee Report 3/27/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

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**Attachments:** Res. No. 737, February 13, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Proposed Res. No. 737-A - 3/19/19, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2-13-19, Committee Report 3/27/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

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**Res 0738-2019**      **Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation prohibiting vertical integration and promoting small business growth in the recreational marijuana industry.**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 738, February 13, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2-13-19, Committee Report 3/27/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

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**Attachments:** Res. No. 738, February 13, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2-13-19, Committee Report 3/27/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

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Res 0741-2019

**Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass and for the Governor to sign legislation that prioritizes individuals with prior marijuana convictions in issuing licenses to sell recreational marijuana and requires other applicants for marijuana licenses to support the hiring of such individuals.**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 741, February 13, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Proposed Res. No. 741-A - 3/20/19, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2-13-19, Committee Report 3/27/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

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Res 0742-2019

**Resolution calling upon the New York State legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation that grants localities the authority to regulate public consumption of marijuana within their jurisdictions, including the authority to determine whether to enact any penalties and how to enforce such penalties.**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 742, February 13, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2-13-19, Proposed Res. No. 742-A - 3/26/19, Committee Report 3/26/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

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**Res 0743-2019**      **Resolution calling on Congress to pass and the President to sign S.1689, known as the "Marijuana Justice Act of 2017," which would amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for a new rule regarding the application of the Act to marijuana, and for other purposes.**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 743, S. 1689, February 13, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2-13-19, Committee Report 3/26/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

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**Res 0744-2019**      **Resolution calling on the Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that remedies disparate burdens placed on people of color in the enforcement of marijuana prohibition by reinvesting tax revenue generated from legal marijuana in their communities and encouraging their participation in the legal marijuana industry.**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 744, February 13, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Committee Report 2/27/19, Hearing Testimony 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript 2/27/19, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2-13-19, Committee Report 3/27/19, March 28, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files

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Res 0745-2019

**Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation related to the reclassifying of THC and all other marijuana based products from a controlled substance to the equivalent of flower marijuana.**

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