

# **The New York City Council**

*City Hall  
New York, NY 10007*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**Jointly with the Committee on Economic Development and the  
Committee on Education  
Council Chambers - City Hall**

### **Committee on General Welfare**

*Stephen T. Levin, Chair*

*Members: Vanessa L. Gibson, Barry S. Grodenchik,  
Brad S. Lander, Antonio Reynoso,  
Rafael Salamanca, Jr., Ritchie J. Torres and Mark Treyger*

## Roll Call

**Present:** Levin, Gibson, Grodenchik, Lander, Reynoso, Salamanca Jr., Torres and Treyger

*Other Council Members Attending: Vallone, Louis, Ampy-Samuel, Rose, Borelli, Gjonaj, Eugene, Powers, Brannan, Koo, Kallos, Rosenthal, Ulrich, Levine, Cohen, Cornegy, Menchaca, Barron, Rodriguez and Maisel.*

Int 1650-2019

**A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the provision of information regarding the health bucks program and farmers markets**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1650, Int. No. 1650, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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Int 1652-2019

**A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to ensuring that community gardens are not classified as vacant land by the department of city planning**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1652, Int. No. 1652, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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**Int 1653-2019      A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of parks and recreation to collect and report data regarding community gardens reporting and permitting the sale of agriculture within community gardens**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1653, Int. No. 1653, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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**Int 1654-2019      A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to neighborhood awareness campaigns regarding farm-to-city projects**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1654, Int. No. 1654, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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**Int 1659-2019      A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a plan to identify and enroll seniors eligible for supplemental nutrition assistance benefits**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1659, Int. No. 1659, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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**Int 1660-2019      A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to creating a good food purchasing program**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1660, Int. No. 1660, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1660, Int. No. 1660, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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**Int 1663-2019      A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to establishing an office of urban agriculture and an urban agriculture advisory board**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1663, Int. No. 1663, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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**Int 1664-2019      A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to requiring the office of food policy to formulate a 10-year food policy plan**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1664, Int. No. 1664, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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Int 1666-2019

**A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to the establishment of an office of food policy**

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Int 1673-2019

**A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to city agency food waste prevention plans**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1673, Int. No. 1673, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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Int 1675-2019

**A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the distribution of information regarding summer meals**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1675, Int. No. 1675, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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**Int 1676-2019      A Local Law in relation to requiring the department of education to report on implementing scratch-cooked school food service**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1676, Int. No. 1676, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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**Int 1680-2019      A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting requirements regarding the production, processing, distribution and consumption of food in the city required by Local Law 52 of 2011**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1680, Int. No. 1680, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1680, Int. No. 1680, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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**Int 1681-2019      A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to school food waste prevention plans**

**Attachments:** Summary of Int. No. 1681, Int. No. 1681, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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**This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**

**Res 1024-2019**      **Resolution calling upon the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to expand eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to public college students.**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 1024, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

**This Resolution was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 1024, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

**This Resolution was Laid Over by Committee**

**Res 1025-2019**      **Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation to opt into the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Restaurant Meals Program to allow disabled, elderly and homeless SNAP recipients to use their benefits on hot meals and other prepared foods at participating grocery stores, delis and restaurants.**

**Attachments:** Res. No. 1025, August 14, 2019 - Stated Meeting Agenda with Links to Files, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8-14-19, Committee Report 9/18/19, Report - Growing Food Equity in New York City, Hearing Testimony 9/18/19, Hearing Transcript 9/18/19

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