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Res. No. 1195

Resolution calling upon the New York City Department of Transportation to reserve parking near private schools for private school employees

By Council Member Greenfield

Whereas, Finding a parking spot in New York City is often very difficult and time-consuming; and

Whereas, According to the New York Times, in some neighborhoods parking is so scarce that 28 to 45 percent of drivers on the street are looking for a parking spot at any given time; and

Whereas, According to the New York University Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, approximately 27.4 percent of New Yorkers commute to work by car; and

Whereas, According to the New York City Charter, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has the power to enforce laws, rules and regulations concerning the parking of vehicles and the movement and conduct of vehicular and pedestrian traffic; and

Whereas, According to the New York City Charter, the DOT has the power to establish, determine, control, install and maintain signs for guiding, directing or otherwise regulating and controlling vehicular traffic in the streets; and

Whereas, Some school employees must travel to work by car because they live in a neighborhood that is underserved by public transportation or would face a commute that would take several hours; and

Whereas, Many Department of Education (DOE) schools have signage that restricts parking so that

DOE employees may have a place to park near the school at which they are employed; and

Whereas, Private school employees who commute to work by car face the same difficulties in finding parking as their public school counterparts but do not have similar signage that limits parking so that they may find parking near the school at which they work; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York City Department of Transportation to reserve parking near private schools for private school employees.

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