



Legislation Text

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Resolution in support of the Administration's plans to extend the Job Opportunity Program and calling upon the Administration to expand the program by providing program participants 12 month positions across a range of City job titles, intensive case management services and meaningful educational and training opportunities.

By Council Members Foster, Addabbo, Comrie, Gennaro, Gerson, Jackson, Lopez, Monserrate, Rivera, Sanders and Seabrook

Whereas, The Job Opportunity Program has placed approximately 3,500 welfare workers in City Seasonal Aide positions in the Parks Department, at which they received wages of \$9.38 an hour, with benefits; and

Whereas, As a result of this program, welfare workers engaged in a range of activities essential to the maintenance of the City's parks, including cleaning beaches, picking up litter, raking leaves, repairing equipment, supervising playgrounds, patrolling parks, providing information to the public, and advising park-goers about rules and regulations; and

Whereas, The Human Resources Administration has indicated plans to continue its support for the Job Opportunity Program by providing support for 6,000 new six month positions with an average wage of between \$9.00 and \$9.38 an hour; and

Whereas, The Job Opportunity Program provides a valuable opportunity for welfare workers to gain experience in civil service jobs at union wages as a means of helping them transition to permanent, unsubsidized employment; and

Whereas, It is important to provide program participants job security for a period of 12 months, as they develop skills and confidence necessary to find permanent employment; and

Whereas, Program participants should have the opportunity to work at City agencies other than the Parks Department and access to intensive case management services and meaningful educational and training opportunities to ensure their readiness to find permanent public or private sector jobs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York supports the Administration's plans to extend the Job Opportunity Program and calls upon the Administration to expand the program by providing program participants 12 month positions across a range of City job titles, intensive case management services and meaningful educational and training opportunities.

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